

# GRANDMA KNOWS BEST



**A family sitcom  
Created by Jordan Imiola**

Every family has a black sheep. For The Wyatt Family, it's Grandma. She's a badass old lady who just got out of the big house. Her only daughter, Jeannie, was hoping Grandma would be in prison forever, but now Grandma is back home and ready to rock her family's world!

She meets her grandkids, who didn't even know she existed because their Mom said she was dead, but she quickly becomes their favorite family member.

Grandma is trying to be a better person since she got out of the joint, but bad habits are hard to break, especially when her grandkids keep pressuring her to break the law. And Grandma loves breaking the law!

## **MEET THE WYATT FAMILY**



### **GRANDMA**

Grandma has been a criminal mastermind since the Vietnam war. She's done everything from smuggling Cuban cigars to blackmailing a state governor. She loved the excitement of being a robber. It was her favorite hobby.

She's robbed banks, restaurants, Pier 1 Imports, etc. You name it, she's probably robbed it. But her favorite place to stick up was Boston Market!



She held up 159 Boston Markets in 22 states and become known as the "Boston Market Bandit."

She finally got caught because Boston Market told their employees that if an old lady orders a 3-piece dark chicken meal with spinach and mac and cheese, they should call the police immediately. Grandma has been in slammer ever since.

The pilot takes place 12 years later when Grandma is released. Still wearing her ankle bracelet, she shows up on Jeannie's doorstep unexpectedly in hopes of reconnecting with her daughter and getting to know the grandchildren she never met. Even though she throws a wrench in the works, she needs her family now more than ever, and we'll find out that they need her too.



## JEANNIE



Jeannie is a single mom who will do anything for her children. She kicked out their father because he was a deadbeat alcoholic. She's often juggling her home and work life and should win a "Mom of the Year" award every year.

When Jeannie's dad died when she was 5, Grandma started to use Jeannie as an accomplice in her criminal schemes. Jeannie learned how to be a con-artist before she even knew what a con-artist was. When Jeannie was a teen, she started to think for herself and refused to be Grandma's sidekick. They've been fighting ever since.

After growing up with a mother like Grandma, Jeannie wants to be the opposite of her. That's why today, Jeannie became a cop for the Dunbar P.D. and is always there for her kids.

Jeannie's integrity is off the charts, and she's trying to pass that on to her 3 children. She wants them to lead normal, productive lives and doesn't want Grandma's bad influence to affect her kids.

Jeannie's social life has taken a dive since becoming a single mom, and she hopes to fall in love again someday. Late at night, when the kids are asleep, she scrolls through *West VirGinder*, a dating app like Tinder, but exclusively for West Virginia.

## SOPHIE

Sophie is a 14-year-old sharp-tongued, athletic, high school freshman. She's the oldest of the three kids and becomes the family mediator breaking up any fight around the dinner table between Jeannie and Grandma. She's responsible and reliable but often has a teenage attitude. Jeannie doesn't always appreciate her snarkiness, but it makes for great jokes.



She used to be sporty and played hockey, softball, and basketball, but she hasn't played anything since her dad left last year. Despite her sarcasm, she's often her mom's right-hand woman and will do anything to protect her two younger siblings.

Sophie competes every year in the Dunbar Commodore Bowl. A football game held every Thanksgiving between the Hillside Rams and the River Rats to benefit the Dunbar Food Pantry. This is a real thing! Sophie plays for the River Rats.

## **LOUIE**



Louie is an 11-year-old middle schooler who suffers from middle child syndrome. He is the only male in his immediate family and was named after Jeannie's father. He regularly gets taunted and teased by his two sisters, but Grandma has a sweet spot for him.

He craves attention, and he's always getting in trouble without thinking about the consequences. Imagine if Lucille Ball was a teenage boy. He has a good heart, but a bad reputation. He likes to hang out with the wrong crowd and is often peer pressured into misdemeanors. Internally, Louie just wants to fit in and be cool, but nobody thinks he's cool. Except for Grandma.

In an episode titled "Grandmas and Gangsters," Louie forms a pretend gang with middle school kids. Grandma proves a point by forming a gang with the Grandmas of those middle school kids. They start a turf war.

## **KAYLA**

Kayla is an adorable, impressionable, genius who's only 6-years-old, but has a higher I.Q. than anyone else in her family. Kayla often picks on her older brother because he's dumber than she is. She's usually right about everything, but nobody takes her seriously because she's the youngest.

She's often the voice of reason when her two older siblings want to get into hijinks. She's going to attend Yale in 12 years and change the world for the better, but for now, she's an angelic smart little kid with a heart of gold.



In an episode titled "Kayla's Rehab Center," Kayla catches Sophie and Louie vaping and tells Grandma. They build a rehab center in the treehouse and handcuff Sophie and Louie to the tree. Kayla will only feed them cold turkey.

## SUPPORTING CHARACTERS

**NANCY** is Jeannie's best friend, next-door neighbor, and another single mother. She likes to party hard and is way more rebellious than Jeannie, which Jeannie needs sometimes. Nancy has 1 daughter who she named after herself, Nancy Jr.

**NANCY JR.** is only 13, but she can kick your ass. She has a girl crush on Sophie and is one of Louie's best friends. For now, she lives in the shadow of her mother, but wait until she gets a driver's license. She is the center for the Dunbar Disaster, a hockey team that has won the state title two years in a row. Nancy Jr. is the best player in the league and a future star for the NWHL.



## SETTING

Beautiful Dunbar, West Virginia. Okay, it may not be beautiful, but it's a comedic slice of real America. The Wyatt Family has lived in the same house there for decades. It's usually a quiet city, but that won't last long now that Grandma is back!



## **ABOUT THE CREATOR : JORDAN IMIOLA**

Jordan Imiola is a screenwriter from the city of good neighbors, Buffalo, NY. He currently works at MarVista Entertainment. Last year, he was the head writer for "Sports TV" starring Erik Griffin. He was the first Buffalo State College student to be nominated for the WGA Michael Collyer Fellowship. His screenplay, "Ray and Sunny" (A feel-good comedy about a boy trying to kill himself) was sold to ASA Pictures. He sold his mother and son feature comedy, "Brat," and has other screenplays optioned. Jordan is the creator and showrunner of the popular web series, "Romantically Hopeless," and "Monster Therapy." Every week, Jordan runs Deadline Junkies Wednesday, a professional writers and actors group. Like the characters in this show, his grandma was a huge part of his childhood.



Jordan and his grandma