

Mother Knows Best

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'We're engaged.'

'If you say so.'

'Please be happy for me, Mum. He's a good man.'

'Well, at least he's a pureblood.'

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'Ronald—'

'Ron, Mother.'

'What sort of financial contribution can your family make to the wedding?'

'Mother.'

'I'm just asking because I care, Pansy. You know that, don't you, Ronald?'

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'You look beautiful.'

'Thanks, Mum.'

'I can hardly believe you're getting married today. I love you very much, dear.'

'I love you, too.'

'Just remember, you always have a home with me.'

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'It's just Christmas dinner, Ron.'

'The last time we had dinner at their house, she put you in tears.'

'She's my mother.'

'She doesn't have the right to interrogate you about every decision we make. And she never misses the chance to twist the knife, to remind me that I don't deserve you.'

'I don't deserve you. But you don't deserve me, either.'

'It's one thing when *you* say it, but we've been married for almost two years. You'd think she'd have got used to me by now.'

'I know.'

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'Happy Anniversary, Pansy... and Ronald.'

'Thanks, Mum. I—we—have some news—um...'

'You're getting divorced?'

'We're expecting a baby!'

'... Oh.'

'A little girl!'

'Well, as long as she doesn't have red hair. No offense, Ronald.'

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'You must let me in! I'm her *mother*!'

'I'm sorry, Mrs. Parkinson. You're not on the visitor list.'

'How dare you refuse me! That no-good husband of hers—'

'—did not submit the list. Your *daughter* did.'

'There must be some mistake.'

'You have to leave, ma'am.'

'I will *not*!'

'Molly Weasley to see Pansy Weasley.'

'Yes, *you're* on the list. Go on in.'

'Molly, please, this is my first grandchild—'

'You should have thought about that before, Violet.'

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Prompt: Inability to let go of a grudge costs one family dearly.