

“Yo Estoy Cansada”
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When I was 14, I interviewed my godmother while she was watching television and sitting at the dining table talking about how challenging it was for her to get ahead with her dad being an alcoholic. My godfather, my godmother, and my mom were watching a show on the television. After my godmother told me that it was a challenge growing up with an alcoholic dad, I was wondering how much her dad would buy alcohol often but I was truly shocked when she told me about her dad.

After she was done saying that it was difficult getting ahead with an alcoholic dad, I asked my godmother shockingly, “Was it really the most challenging...” not finishing my sentence because I was really curious on what she was going to reply with. My godmother replied, “Yes, it was the most challenging thing because my dad would always buy cigarettes and alcohol for himself.”

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My godmother is the oldest in her family. She was the 1st out of 6(7 including her dead brother). She spent her years as a child helping her family in San Jose, Hurbide oiGuanajuanto.

My godmother would want for her dad to stop drinking. She would want her dad to stop drinking because she would feel embarrassed.
My godmother left Mexico with my mom at a young age.

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During the interview when my godmother said it was difficult to get ahead with an alcoholic dad, I was somewhat in shock because when her dad would come visit my godmother, I would see my godmother’s dad smoke a cigarette outside in front of a car.

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I often visit my godmother for at least 2 days every week. I would visit her either on friday and sunday or when my mom would get the chance to take me and my brother to take us to my godmother's house. My mom would take me and my brother to my madrina’s house in my mom’s car driving in the streets. I would sometimes keep my godmother company when she would go run some errands. I would mostly go to my godmother’s house because my brother likes to play with my cousin on his ps5. My godmother’s dad would stay at my godmother’s house for at least between 1 and 2 months so, when I would visit my godmother, I would see my godmother’s dad smoking a cigarette no matter what time it is of the day. The smell of food would remind me of my godmother because my godmother loves to cook.

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Out of everything I could remember of my godmother, I would remember the times I would go to her house to give her the present I got her which would be flowers and ferrero rocher chocolates. She would put the flowers I gave

her on top of the chimney and with the chocolates, she would either put them away for herself or she would eat one and put the rest away. When I would go visit her, I would see that she would still have the flowers I would give her on her birthday on top of the chimney.

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When I was 11, my godmother had gotten covid. I was very sad because I couldn’t visit her for a couple of weeks. One time, my mom’s friend was giving away kittens and my mom had told my godmother about the kittens and so she wanted one, so we got her the kitten but, we had to put the kitten in a box and we had dropped off the kitten in the box in front of her door. Before we had dropped off the kitten, I was so mesmerized because the kitten ws really cute and it had brown and a type of cream colored fur but, during the ride, the kitten was cold so she was crying, so I tried the best that I could to keep her warm. We called my godmother to let her know that the cat was outside her front door. After my godmother didn’t have covid anymore, I went to visit her.

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When my godmother got better and didn’t have covid, I was glad to see her again because it had been a while since the last time that I had seen her. When I saw her, I gave her a big hug because I missed her and I also missed my godfather and my little cousins.

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Before my godmother got covid, the movie “Onward” came out. At that time I was 11 years old and I had just noticed that Tom Holland was one of the voice actors. I remember I would watch

Onward on Disney Plus and I would watch it at my godmother's house with my little brother and my little cousins.

In the movie Onward, it was Ian's birthday, which Ian is the most likely to be the main character. Ian's mother had a gift for him and his brother Barley, which their dad had left for them before he died and they were only allowed to open it until Ian turned 16. The gift contained a staff and stone which could bring back Ian and Barley's father but unfortunately something went wrong and they only had their dad's legs. Ian and Barley went on a quest to look for another gem to bring their dad back. They went through many adventures looking for the gem and they managed to get the gem. There was a twist, as soon as they got the gem, a dragon summoned using its surroundings. Ian fought the dragon so that Barley could bring back his dad. When Barley brought back their dad, Ian was stuck in the dragon because they defeated it and so Ian peeked through a small hole and saw his dad but on the other hand, Barley had the chance to see his face to face and gave him a hug. His dad had disappeared, Barley helped Ian get out and Barley gave Ian a hug because his dad had told Barley to give Ian a hug and to tell Ian that it was from his dad.

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That movie taught me that when you see someone and even if it's a small amount of time, it has a huge impact on someone's life especially if you haven't seen them in a very long time or if you haven't seen someone at all. Embracing bright lights and a small screen in a living room with my godmother, embracing

since the day I was born, has turned into a strong friendship.

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My godmother has been a housewife ever since she got married and had kids. My godmother is still a housewife till this day. My godmother gets my little cousins ready for school, makes food for my little cousins when they come home from school and also makes food for my godfather when he comes home from work, does the laundry, etc. After my cousins are done eating, she helps one of my little cousins with their homework.

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An orchid is a flower that blooms very beautiful flowers. Orchids grow in air instead of soil in which their roots are layered with white cells called velamen which is like a sponge that absorbs water. An orchid usually stays in bloom for about 6-10 weeks.

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I would give my godmother an award for being the best cook because she makes the most delicious food. My godmother had always loved cooking which explains why she's always in the kitchen. My godmother's cooking is the best in my opinion and especially when she makes me my favorite food for my birthday, which is Armenian food, and it is so delicious.

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Last year during March, I went to go visit my cousin in Palmdale with my

godmother, my 2 little cousins, and my older cousin. We would go visit her in March because her birthday is on St. Patrick's Day. At that time, my cousin turned 12 years old. When I went to go visit her, over at Palmdale, it's really cold even during March. When we went to go see my cousin, we met up at a park because that's where we always meet. We only stayed there for a few minutes because it was really cold which would've caused for my little cousins to get sick but they didn't. It got so cold to the point where my clothes weren't thick enough to cover me up from the cold.

There is a picture that my cousin has that she took from her new camera that my older cousin gave her for her birthday. I'm pretty sure that she took 2 pictures but she kept one and I'm guessing that my older cousin kept the other.

14(16)
My godmother is a talented cook. She has cooked some of the best food ever, to the point where I ask her if she can cook my favorite food, which is Armenian food, on the day of my birthday. The food that she cooks is Armenian food, chicken, meat, mole, and much more.

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I remember my godmother always wearing those types of loose blouse with flowers or any other types of designs. She would also wear those types of shoes you would wear when you wear a dress to a party.

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My godmother was given the talent of being a really good cook. She learned that talent by her mom and other relatives

teaching her how to cook. Every year on my birthday, my godmother would make Armenian food because it's my favorite. Every time I go visit my godmother, I would see her cooking something very delicious.

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I picture my godmother wearing a blouse with small designs on them with blue jeans and shoes where you can just slide your foot in. Memories come back from when I was a little girl and when I was living at my godmother's house with my mom.

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We celebrate "Los Reyes Magos" which is on the 6th of January. On that day, we have a bread called a rosca, in which there would be family members or friends that take turns cutting their piece of bread and if someone finds baby Jesus in the bread, they have to prepare a small food at their house. We would also have a cup of coffee, milk, or champurrado to eat with the bread. A lot of people also celebrate this tradition with their relatives or friends. When this happens every year, for me it's like a celebration where friends and family could get together.

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My godmother is a very strong woman. She saw beauty in flowers. She waited weeks on a balcony watching and waiting for her flowers to bloom a beautiful flower with a very sweet smell.

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This is a story in which where my bond with my godmother grew. I'm hoping to learn more about my godmother's past and her experience as a child, a teen, and just herself growing up. The story

is about my godmother's experiences of being a little girl and also the relationship between me and my godmother.

Though this story might have many more stories along with it, I enjoyed learning about this one especially if it grew the relationship between me and my godmother. I hope our bond keeps growing and growing along the way.

