

CBM 13/Grade 3

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Instructions

You are going to read this story titled Grandpa's Face out loud. This story is about when Tamike saw her Grandpa practicing for a play (place the reading passage in front of the student, face down). Try to read each word. You can use your finger to keep your place. If you come to a word you don't know, I'll tell it to you. You will read for one minute. Be sure to do your best reading. Do you have any questions? (Turn the passage right side up). Put your finger on the first word. Begin.

Grandpa's Face

In the summer, Grandpa was an actor, and some Saturday afternoons he and his friend, 14
Ms. Gladys, would take Tamika to the theater to watch him act on the stage, if Mama and Daddy 31
said the play wasn't too grown-up. 38

The theater was Tamika's favorite place to go. Make-believe things happened there. She 51
would sit in the front row and watch Grandpa turn into another person, changing his face and the 69
way he walked and talked and sang. And even when he turned into somebody else's grandpa, 85
Tamika didn't mind. It looked true and it felt true, but she knew it was just a play, and when it 105
was over and all the actors came out to bow, and bow, and wave, she would clap so hard her 125
hands hurt. 127

One day, Tamika went to Grandpa's room to ask for a story. She stopped at the door 143
because Grandpa was rehearsing. He had his book in his hand and he was reading his lines 160
aloud. Then he stopped reading and looked into the mirror, slowly changing his face into a 176
face that Tamika had never seen before. It was a hard face. It had a tight mouth and cold, cold eyes. 196
It was a face that could never love her or anyone. 207

Tamika stood watching, as Grandpa changed his face back and read some more lines 220
from his book. Then she went to her room and sat on the bed. Her stomach was filled with 239
scared places that made her cry. She had not known that Grandpa could look like that, and now 257
that she did know she couldn't be sure he might not someday look at her with that face that could 277
not love. 279

She got her jigsaw puzzle and played with it quietly until Mama and Daddy had finished 295
cooking dinner. 297