

UNBEARABLE
A 90-second monologue
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Drama

PHILIPPA, 60s, tells her daughter, Lisa, 36, why she doesn't want to be a grandmother.

I've always wanted to be a grandmother.

To have another chance to get it right...the way I didn't with you.

To be present, and playful, not to be worried all the time about doing the right thing – or not having enough money...

Not to be tired...and scared.

I was looking forward to...a second chance! But not like this. Not this!

The child of two strangers – people you haven't even met! It's not the same as adoption. It's not!

You can pretend. But I can't.

The child given up for adoption wasn't CREATED to be given away! This child will NOT thank you for a truth that hurts.

I see your pain. It hurts me too.

But the truth is we can't always have what we want. Even if the pain of not having it is unbearable.

The truth is that this child won't have what everyone else takes for granted

- and the pain will be unbearable.

You're creating a new stolen generation.

Beat.

I've always wanted to be a grandmother.

Desperately.

But not like this.

177 words

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