

The Peacock Players
Present
“Let’s Play”

Cast of Characters:

At the table (in all scenes):

Mary (grandma) Cindy
Bill (grandpa) Pam
Joyce Sarah
Julie Carol

Flashback #1:

Young Mary
Young Bill
Young Clara
Other young children

Flashback #2:

Young Joyce
Young Julie
Mother (Mary)
Father (Bill)

Flashback #3:

Young Carol
Karen
Some friends

Flashback #4:

Children #1, #2, #3, and #4 in the future (50 years from now)

“Let’s Play”

The scene opens with Grandma Mary, Grandpa Bill, Joyce, Julie, Carol and three young children ages 8-10 - Cindy, Pam, and Sarah.

Grandpa Bill is getting tea for everybody.

Grandpa Bill : Who wants a cup of tea?

All adults: [*answer in some form of yes*]

Grandpa prepares and serves tea to adults at table.

Grandpa Bill: [*talking to young children*] Do you young ones want any tea?

Cindy: No grandpa, we don’t drink tea but we’ll have some hot chocolate.

Grandpa prepares hot chocolate and serves children.

Pam: I won! I won!

Grandpa Bill: Won What? You’re not playing anything are you?

Sarah: Yes, we’re playing baseball.

Grandpa Bill: Baseball? Where’s the bases, where’s the ball, where’s the field?

Grandma Mary: You know you have to move to play baseball.

Cindy: But not on the iPad?

Grandpa Bill: The what?

Pam: The iPad.

Grandpa Bill: What’s an iPad?

Sarah: It’s like a computer but you can touch it with your fingers. Look, see grandpa.

The child shows grandpa how an iPad works.

Grandpa Bill: [*shaking his head*] Oh my, what will they think up next?

Grandma Mary: I can remember when we played baseball outdoors. We’d meet down at Piper’s field and Peter would bring the bat.

Grandpa Bill: *[looking off in the distance, like he is remembering]* Yes, we'd run bases until mother called us for supper.

Flashback to the old days when Grandpa was young.

FLASHBACK #1

Cut to scene of when grandparents were young, playing baseball.

*Enter a group of young children. One child has a baseball glove and another has a baseball.
Nobody has a bat.*

Young Grandpa Bill: Where's Peter with his bat?

Young Grandma Mary: He's gone out in boat with his father. Let's use this picket from this old fence for our bat.

Young Clara: Good idea, I got the ball.

Young Grandma and young Grandpa choose teams and decide who goes up first. The game begins. Young Clara pitches the ball and young Grandpa tries to hit it but misses.

Young Grandma Mary: Strike one!

Young Harry pitches the ball again and Young Grandpa hits it clear out of the field and into the water.

Young Grandpa Bill: Well the ball's gone again. It's out in the harbour.

Young Grandma Mary: We'd better go and get the row boat and row out and get it. Come on.

They all leave and light fades out on this scene and comes up on the kitchen scene again.

KITCHEN SCENE

Julie: Dad.... Dad.....DAD! *[Grandpa shakes himself back to the present conversation]*

Grandpa Bill: Aw, those were the good old days!

Joyce: Yes dad, but we had the most fun. We had board games. My favourite was Monopoly.

Julie: I loved playing checkers!

Joyce: I loved Saturday evening. We had family game night. I would buy all the Railroads.

Julie: When we would play checkers and I'd always win.

Fade to Mother and Aunt's memory.

BOARD GAME FLASHBACK #2

The scene opens with Mother, Father, and two children sitting around a table playing games.

Young Julie: [makes a move on the board] King Me!

Young Joyce: You won again. That's four games in a row!

Young Julie: Let's play Monopoly now.

Young Joyce: I'll be the banker.

Young Julie: No fair, you always get to be the banker.

Young Joyce: I can count the money. You can't!

Mother: Well, how about we teach Julie to count money this time?

Father: Good idea!

Young Joyce: OK, but I'm gonna keep a close eye on her.

Young Julie: Saturday nights, my favourite time. I hope I get a Snakes and Ladder Game for Christmas.

Young Joyce: I hope I get that new game called Operation. Where you have to operate on a pretend person and if you're not careful the game goes BUZZZ!! Imagine a game making a sound.

Young Julie: Well, we won't get two games Joyce, but we will get one – Mine!

Scene fades out and lights come up on Kitchen again.

Grandma Mary: Joyce....Julie... GIRLS! [Both girls shake themselves to come back to the present conversation]

Julie: Aw, the good old days! I became a bank manager because of that game.

Joyce: And I sell houses now and I am very good at it.

Carol: Well. I think I had the best games of all - pinball machines and the first Atari ever!

Cindy: Atari? What's that?

Carol: Well, it was one of the first video games ever!

Carol looks off into the distance as if remembering.

FLASHBACK #3 - ATARI

Scene opens in a living room of a house with kids gathered around a television with an Atari hooked up.

Young Carol: I just got this new game. It's called Atari.

Karen: Cool! How do you play it?

Young Carol: You hook it up to your TV and it's like having a pinball game in your TV!

Karen: Let's play! *[the girls play, all having a turn]* Wow! This is great!

[General comments from girls around the game]

Young Carol: This is the way of the future, Karen!

Karen: Yeah, I'll bet everybody will have one of these.

Fade back to Kitchen.

Joyce: Carol...Carol... CAROL! *[Carol shakes herself to bring herself back to the present conversation]*

Carol: Aw, the good old days!

Pam: Wow, sounds like fun but I wouldn't trade my iPad for anything.

Sarah: I wonder what kids will be playing 50 years from now?

Cindy: I bet there will be invisible iPads. All you have to do is tap your head. You wouldn't have to worry about losing it.

Pam: Maybe there'll be glasses you can put on and you'd be in the game for real,

Sarah: That would be cool!

[Cindy, Pam, and Sarah look off in the distance dreaming of the future.]

FLASH FORWARD TO THE FUTURE.

A group of young children enter.

Child #1: What will we do today?

Child #2: I'm going to play soccer.

Child #3: I'm going to play baseball.

Child #4: I'm going to play hockey.

Child #1: I guess I'll play football.

*All the children reach in their pockets and take out glasses in the shape of their chosen sports.
They put them on but do but move.*

Child #2: Are you having fun?

Child #3: This is the best baseball game I ever played. I just hit a home run!

Fade back to kitchen. Grandpa Bill is now playing with the iPad.

Cindy: I can't wait for games of the future.

Grandpa Bill is now playing with the iPad.

Grandpa Bill: *[throws his arms in the air, shouting]* I won! I won!

Pam: Won what, Grandpa?

Grandpa Bill: The baseball game of course and the ball never went in the water!

Everyone laughs and there are some comments from the group gathered in the kitchen.