

# Mother's Day

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# GIST

- Annie Pearson was a mother and a wife and she had a ruined family.
  - She saw that her children and husband considered her like a slave at home, supposed to make food for them and iron their clothes and all the rest of the household chores.
  - She longed for a change but was not prepared to make this change.
  - One day the impossible happened; Annie Pearson became Mrs. Fitzgerald and gave her family an unforgettable shiver. How did this happen and here lies the drama.
- One fine day, Annie was paid a visit by her neighbour Mrs. Fitzgerald. One thing you should know about Mrs. Fitzgerald is that she was a very strong character, a symbol of feminism or at least, a person who was much ahead of her time.
  - Having found Annie in such a mess, Mrs. Fitzgerald felt sorry for her so she decided to do something for the hapless. She exchanged her character with Annie's and Annie's with hers. Call it magic and for the time being, don't raise questions.
  - Hereafter the play catches everyone's attention and you start laughing loudly.

When Doris Pearson returned from work, she was shocked to see her mother (Hey, that was Mrs. Fitzgerald in Annie Pearson's body! Hope you keep that in mind)

Then came Cyril entered, the matters had worsened. Son and daughter had never seen their mother drinking liquor and smoking cigarettes after cigarettes!

Finally came the HEAD of the family – George Pearson. When he saw what his children had seen and heard more than what the children had heard, George found no tongue in his mouth. His wife had never been like this. She called him a name that his friends teased him at the club and laughed at him.

# CLIMAX

- She declared that she had decided not to cook for them, iron their clothes and wait for them to have food. She made it very clear that she was not willing to work in the house unless she were paid due respect and be thanked for every favor.
- The family learnt a great lesson that day. Mrs. Fitzgerald –... Annie! – returned by this time. Later, the two friends returned their characters and the play ends happily, Annie Pearson duly accepted and respected.