

# Rest in Peas

Although just about every dumb adult in this tiny town has hurled a thousand stones in my pretty face, they all know that what I did was very funny.

First of all, Mrs Grabowsky was horrible, second she was mean and third she was old. Ask any kid that wanted mulberries from her tree that she never picked, or kumquats, ask any adult that wanted to win a Coastal Tidy Town Prize or tried to trim a shrub that put leaves in her pool. She'd yell at you, she'd be rude in Russian or Polish or whatever language it was, and she'd poke her gun at you, which was very dangerous.

And she killed cats. Every time the birds made a racket in her jungle she blamed cats and if she saw one she shot it. You'd hear bangs all the time and hope it wasn't yours. She must have killed hundreds.

She was always moaning, always complaining, always saying how everything was terrible and everyone was an idiot and how she hoped she'd die and "Rest in peas."

Our cat was old and hardly moved so we didn't worry about him until one day we found him blown to bits in the gutter near her house. He was just passing by. He was called Spike and we'd had him for years and I loved him.

I let down her tyres and put sugar in her tank but it didn't make me feel better. So I cut the brakes on her Combi and I was sorry when she crashed through the Surf Club and put Mark, Kerro and Mrs Donovan in the hospital. But I wasn't sorry that she died.

But then, all of a sudden, every said How Sad. Such A Loss. What A Lovely lady. She Did So Much. She Helped So Many. On and on.

So I went to Franklins and I spent every cent I'd got saved on 64 tins of garden peas, 31 tins of mushy peas and 47 tins of pea soup. then I walked straight in to Dignified Funerals (the door was not locked whatever Mr Grimsby says) and I poured them all into Mrs Grabowsky's coffin.

I would have got away with it if Mr Tanaka hadn't dobbed me in. But even after all the trouble I got in to when I think back to her lying in a green pond with green mush all over her clothes and her smashed-up face, I know it was worth it.