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MY GRANDMOTHER (1929)

- 1 My Grandmother
- 2 Written by Georgy Mdivani and Kote Mikabaridze
- 3 Directed by Kote Mikabaridze
- 4 Photography: A. Polikevich, V. Poznan
- 5 Art direction: Irakli Gamrekeli
- 6 Starring: A. Takayshvili, E. Chernova, E. Ovanov, Ak. Khorava, G. Abesadze
- 7 A production of Goskinprom, Georgia, 1929
- 8 We decided to restore this film not only because of its artistic merit
- 9 We are convinced that even today it will be able to combat certain shameful practices still present in our society
- 10 Film restoration directed by Leyla Gordeladze
- 11 Intertitles: G. Mdivani, L. Gordeladze
- 12 Music: ?
- 13 Sound Engineer: N. Shoshitayshvili, Montage: O. Gevorkyan
- 14 Special Effects Photography: K. Sarishvili
- 15 Edited by A. Dzhugeli
- 16 Production Manager: S. Sikharulidze
- 17 This film was restored at the Order of Lenin-winning Gruziafilm Studios, 1976
- 18 [sign] The TORK Trust
- 19 [door sign] 1. Registrar
- 20 [door sign] 2. Clerk
- 21 [door sign] 3. Business Manager. Conserve Paper!
- 22 [door sign] 4. Office Manager
- 23 [door sign] 5. Comptroller
- 24 [door sign] 6. Accounting
- 25 [door sign] 7. Cashier
- 26 [door sign] 8. Chief Accountant. No Handshaking!

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27	[door sign] 9. General Counsel
28	[door sign] 10. Secretary
29	[door sign] 11. Board Member
30	[door sign] 12. Vice Chair of the Board. When your business is finished, leave
31	[door sign] 13. Chairman of the Board
32	The early bird
33	Already working away
34	[book title] Political education primer
35	As for the senior executives
36	[door sign] Chairman of the Board. No admittance. Meeting in progress
37	No fair! You've got a car, and I've got nothing!
38	Hush! I don't need a deputy for this!
39	[sign] Office Manager. Nothing aggravates a busy man more than a loafer.
40	She loves me! - She loves me not! She loves me! - She loves me not!
41	She loves me!
42	[sign] Business Manager. Conserve Paper.
43	[writing] I love you. I love you. I love you.
44	[sign] Typists. No admittance under any circumstances.
45	Fighting for a promotion
46	The man with the briefcase
47	Acted rationally
48	[sign] Business Manager. Conserve Paper.
49	My position!
50	No, mine!
51	[writing on letters] To the Director of the Trust. Confidential. Personal.
	To the Director of the Supreme Economic Council.
	To comrade Zagulyayev. Personal.
52	Wow! With such connections he could be the director!

53	[writing] A Petition to the TORK Trest from the worker A. Khorava. Please allocate 50 rubles for the needs of our
	production team. Work is being held up. Khorava.
54	[door sign] Registrar
55	[calendar] March second - third - fourth - fifth - sixth - seventh - eighth
56	[writing] No 78903. A petition from a worker.
57	[writing] To be circulated
58	[writing] Expedite!
59	[writing] For discussion.
60	[door sign] Chairman of the Board. No admittance. Meeting in progress
61	Bureaucrats!
62	[sign] No spitting. No SPITTING!
63	[door sign] Business Manager. By appointment only.
64	[sign] Quiet: busy man at work.
65	The busy man was working
66	No Smoking
67	- Soon? - No, the plan is still being developed.
68	When nothing happens, even time stops.
69	But the Youth Communist League, our "Junior Cavalry," is not caught napping.
70	[title of the "newspaper"] The Iron Broom
71	[a slogan in the "newspaper"] Do less, if you do it well.
72	The new business manager.
73	[caption of the cartoon in the "newspaper"] Fired for bureaucratic excess.
74	About Time! At long last by order of the Worker's and Peasant's Inspection business manager Delyagin has been fired
	for being a notorious idler and bureaucrat. About time!
	Worker's Reporter "Wingnut."
75	And the fired manager doesn't know what to do with himself
76	Everything she's ever dreamed of she got on the black market.
77	Is there another husband like mine?!

78	What are you doing up there, Daddy?
79	Working out
80	See how funny our papa looks there
81	You never introduced me to Worker's Reporter "Wingnut." You're so possessive!
82	Fired! Then no more car! No perks! No free tickets!
83	A divorce!
84	A divorce! Or a job!
85	The bastard has already found a set-up. Maybe he'll help me.
86	Be a pal, teach me how to set myself up.
87	No job, and no family!
88	You idiot. All you need is a "grandmother"!
89	[writing] 1. Find a grandmother. 2. Be a pest. 3. Be pushy. Sum total: a job!
90	No cigarette butts on the floor.
91	Business Manager. Secretary. Registrar.
92	No cigarette butts on the floor.
93	[writing] 1. Find a grandmother. 2. Be a pest. 3. Be pushy. Sum total: a job!
94	I'm a great employee. Could you write a note to the director of the trust?
95	[writing] Dear comrade Sasha, This letter will be brought to you by a certain
96	[writing] To the Director of the Trust. Personal. Urgent. Confidential
97	Thank you my friend! Thank you my dearest!
98	You are now like a father and a mother to me! You are my dear grandmother!
99	[sign] Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages
100	- Oh, come back to me What about the divorce? Didn't you ask for one
101	An Invoice for the Future: Powder - 10 boxes, stockings for Vika, Dress fabric - 30 meters, garters - 40 pairs, patent
	leather shoes - 4 pairs
102	[door sign] Director of the Trust. By appointment only.
103	At his destination
104	I'm an ex-executive

105	And I'm the wife of a future executive
106	I have a letter of recommendation
107	[sign] No loitering please.
108	I'm an experienced administrator, here's a recommendation.
109	I'm an experienced administrator, here's a recommen
110	I'm an experienced administrator, here's
111	Directors are changed, the jobs remain
112	I'm an experienced administrator
113	I'm an ad
114	I'm an ad Wait, where the hell are you going?
115	Shhhhhh Quiet He'll fly away
116	Here you are. An impressive recommendation
117	[writing] Dear comrade Sasha, This letter will be brought to you by a certain
	[writing] Dear comrade Sasha, This letter will be brought to you by a certain scoundrel who pushed me over the edge
	with his endless pestering. Kick him the hell out of there. With communist regards,
118	To red tape
119	To sloppiness
120	To bureaucrats
121	Death!
122	Death to red tape, to sloppiness, and to bureaucrats!
123	The End

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