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Omar bounces with excitement, surrounded by twinkling fairy lights and colorful lanterns decorating his home. He holds a shiny new crescent moon ornament, his face beaming as he anticipates the start of Ramadan.



Grandma sits in her favorite armchair, a warm smile on her face, holding an old, faded photo album. Omar snuggles beside her, eager to hear stories about Ramadan from 'the olden days.'



A flashback scene shows a young Grandma, a little girl with a mischievous grin, gently woken by her mother for Suhoor. The room is dimly lit by a soft oil lamp, and the aroma of simple, wholesome food fills the air.



Young Grandma helps her mother prepare Iftar, grinding spices with a mortar and pestle in a rustic kitchen. They share quiet laughter as she carefully arranges dates and fresh bread on a woven mat.



After Iftar, young Grandma and her friends play traditional games under the starry sky. Their laughter echoes through the quiet village as they chase each other, illuminated by the glow of the moon and a few scattered lanterns.



Back in the present, Omar wakes up to the gentle chime of his digital alarm for Suhoor. The kitchen is bright and modern, filled with the delicious smells of pancakes and fruit, prepared with ease.



Omar enthusiastically helps his mom set the table for Iftar, arranging vibrant dishes from around the world. The kitchen is bustling with modern appliances, making meal preparation a fun, quick activity.



After Iftar, Omar and his friends gather to play, but instead of traditional games, they're engrossed in a vibrant video game on a big screen. Yet, their shared joy and camaraderie are just as strong.



Omar sits with Grandma, looking at the old photos again, a thoughtful expression on his face. He realizes that while the tools and activities have changed, the heart of Ramadan – family, sharing, and gratitude – remains the same.



Omar and Grandma share a joyful Iftar, a blend of old and new traditions. Grandma beams as Omar hands her a date, both of them grateful for the beautiful memories and the enduring spirit of Ramadan connecting their generations.