

Pressure Point

There is some tension here, Mr. Sharma. Something bothering you?

I am moving to Delhi to stay with my daughter. But my flight got cancelled.

Cancelled flights can be stressful.

Papa! What are you doing here?

There she is. Anusha, we were just talking about you.

Papa, you told me you would be resting.

What is more relaxing than this?

You should not be doing such things in your condition.

I am sorry. He has a condition?

He didn't tell you?

It is nothing serious. My doctor recently diagnosed me with a terminal illness. But I still have many good years left. I am not going to drop dead on your massage table.

I am telling you there is no risk. You unnecessarily worry.

What about other massages? South Indian, Thai... or this Pre-naa-tall?

Prenatal. It is for pregnant women.

Alright, what about a foot massage? Can I at least have that?

Perfect. I will have a foot massage.

Anusha, can you please fetch my wallet from the pocket in my jacket?

Happy Heavens Retirement Colony, Noida! Why would you printout details... You are not planning to stay with me.

I had asked you to fetch my wallet.

Anusha, I was going to tell you when we reached Delhi.

I don't believe this...

I had been planning this for years. I know people there. Shirish. Alka Aunty. They are also there. Look, I will have my own cottage, a golf course. There's an Activity Centre for housie but they use it for poker on the sly.

You have grandsons that barely know you, but you chose to stay at some posh place with fun toys. Like you got excited with this stupid spa.

You live with your husband and two boys. It's already a full house. I don't want to be a burden.

But Papa, this place is like a resort. What if they don't have the staff or facilities to take care of you?

I don't care. I have decided.

I was going to retire in a year. But that doctor... he didn't want to say when the symptoms would come, as if he would ruin the surprise for me.

He couldn't, Dad. He doesn't know.

But what happens when I lose control of my body, Anusha? Do you want your children around me at that time? What about happen when I lose my mind?

You're my father. I want to take care of you for as long as I can.

Look, I've been a mess since you gave me the news. So maybe I've been a little overbearing. But you still have your health for a few years. There's no reason why you shouldn't enjoy them.

But just as you planned and saved for your retirement, I planned for a day when you would come to live with us. I know it may not be as fancy as the retirement home, but I have done up the bedroom perfectly for you. I wanted to be able to take care of you for as long as I can ... and then pay the right people to take over after that. And there are plenty of things for you to do in Delhi.

Papa please...

I am sorry, I upset you.

That was the most uplifting thing I've ever seen. And since the two of you are prepared to deal with the bad times together, then you should also share the good times.

How would the two of you like a top of the line facial treatment followed by a soothing foot massage. I'll offer you a 25% 'father-daughter discount'.

Done... at 40%.

40%? (mumbles)

Vinay, I think old age comes very naturally to you.

Yes. The same way how housekeeping comes naturally to you. I don't want to be grumpy at that age. I want to retire happy.

And banking comes naturally to me. Talking about banking and planning, life expectancy is increasing for everyone so planning becomes a bit different. Also the current generation is planning not just for their parents but also for the next generation as well.

Also the medical costs keep going up and that's the reason, I think nobody plans for their retirement properly.

It's important to plan and not just for yourself but plan in such a way that you set an example for the next generation. So they know how important planning is.