

## Life UNWANTED!

Swaminathan is getting ready. He is a man of seventy, with salt and peppered hair. His hairs were neatly combed backward. He packed all his clothes. Today something bad occurred in his life. He wore his new dothi and shirt but his eyes were burning with tears. He couldn't bear suffer the sorrow anymore.....

Today Swaminathan's son Arnav, a civil officer, is taking Swaminathan to the old age home. Lights in Swaminathan's life were shed off. He had become a burden to his family. Even his son ~~don't~~ <sup>can't</sup> understand him. Ah! How selfish the world is! Swaminathan went near his grandchildren and said them, "Sweeties, your grandpa is leaving you". Tears rolled from his eyes. His lips shivered. His grandchildren were busy with their mobile phones and they didn't <sup>even</sup> noticed the presence of their grandpa. Swaminathan's heart shattered ~~to~~ was broken to



thousands of pieces. Why this world hate us? What did we do? Whole our life was wasted by thinking about our children... We didn't have any happiness or rest... I am unhealthy right now because a good part of my life was spend for my son, I worked hard. I didn't even sleep for days.... Arnav!! Why can't he understand me? am I a burden to him? Don't they need our knowledge about the freedom fights? ~~but~~ How will they face their life without the advice of elders? What are they supposed to do?..... Many ~~thought~~ thoughts filled in Swaminathan's mind.

Swaminathan replied with a painful smile, "Are you ready?" "Ya son let's go". They got into the car. Their sweet pet dog Jacky also got into the car. Their mind were filled with old memories... memories filled his eyes and rolled off through his cheeks. Ah... Why did I waste my life? What did I gain? "

They reached the old age home. Many people were there from different family backgrounds. Swaminathan became one among them. Now, he understood that it was not a problem faced by him alone. It was a problem of thousands. This new generation are idiots. They will never reach to success. They will definitely regret for this, said the <sup>grandpa's</sup> old people there. Firstly Swaminathan felt too lonely. Later he accepted the truth and mingled with all.

Arnav reached back home. Everyone were too much happy. 'Oh! Thank God, that ugly old fellow will not be <sup>here</sup> any more' said his wife. Sudo Suddenly Arnav's daughter asked him, 'Where is our pet dog, Jack?'. Everyone started to search. Jack, was missing... His children cried... Arnav was tired on searching him.

After three days Arnav had a call from the old age home. 'Hello is this Arnav' asked the voice from the phone. 'Yes, who is there?' 'I can't get you asked Arnav. I am Simon from the old age home. I called you to say that a dog is here with

your father. He is not going from here. Will you please come?" asked Simon. "Oh, sure! We were all so sad on thinking about the pet. He was missing. I reported about it even in the newspaper. Thank you so much. We were really tensed and sad on thinking of him. I will be there right now."

After an hour Arnav reached old age home to go with his pet. But Jack was not ready to go with Arnav. Arnav pulled Jack and took him home. Simon asked his colleagues, "Does a dog have more value than a dad?"

Swaminathan thought himself,

Oh! my son wasn't brave as much as Jack. At least Jack understood me! This new generation is insane. At least saw they can think that 'What is a tree without its roots?' Why all are cutting their roots. Are roots unwanted? Can a tree survive without roots... Impossible! My son will learn one day. How innocent he was!

Arnav bought a robot to look after his children. Before this job was done by his father. Arnav is too busy, earning money! Robot- fed the children on time. Packed their school bags and did everything. Arnav said his children, 'This robot is better than your grandpa, isn't he?' His children too loved the robot. One day Arnav when Arnav came from office he saw his young child dead!! He cried out loud his elder daughter said in a sad voice,

'Dad, this robot applied high voltage electric shock on her when she disturbed him!' Annav understood his fault. How could a robot understand the value of life? How could a robot know that every daughter was a little princess of their father?... He felt guilty... He screamed out, "Oh, father I am sorry, forgive me" He cried a lot. His eyes turned red, ... His younger daughters face filled his heart. He destroyed the robot.

Annav went to old age home after few days and fell to his fathers legs and cried, 'Father, I am sorry,....' and cried still he felt a little comfort. Swaminathan said him "Son, I knew that even the devil was once an angel" and that angel became a devil because of the situations. The angel in you came out because of the robot. But understand my son we old people are your asset. We have learned what life is.... We aren't waste.... We instructs and you build and that's what makes a new generation with good thoughts and blessings."

Annav learned a great lesson. His heart didn't allow him to rise his head in front of his father. He kept his head down. He was ashamed of himself.... When Swaminathan entered the car.... another car parked in front of the old age home.....!