

TIE UP YOUR CAMEL by Sudha Bhuchar, written for the *Covid and Me – Vaccine Monologues* – Urdhu Version (Theatre of Debate/NIHR/Leeds University).

Asif, aged 42 Bradford British Pakistani. Lost his father to covid and nearly lost his younger brother, Saif who ended up on a ventilator in an induced coma. Saif was on the RECOVERY trail and is hailed as a research hero- now donating his plasma.

ASIF

Jab ghar ka phone baja to mein computer pay tha. Lesley nai meray excel table pay rows badha kay sab kuch ulta sidha kar diya tha. Mujhay maluum tha ki ammi hi hongy.

Main mobile silent pay rakhta hun, par unko maluum hai main ghar par hi hun. Remote working se meray document "Shared access" hotay hain aur ab meray formulas kaam nahin kar rahay thay. Hum kaam pe mazaak kartay hain ki hamen 'Leslish' seekhni parray gi uss ki dakhil andaazi ko sort out karnay ke ke liay. Ammi ko intizar karna paray ga.

Mujhay bura laga. Dad Ko chand maheenay pehlay covid ke hathon khonay ke baad aur chootay bhai Saif ke saath bhi takreeban aisa honay ke baad se Ammi pareshaan rahti hain. Hamari global family ka jo whatsapp group hai wahan kuch tasalee milti thee. Jab dad ka funeral hua toh sirf hum mein se dus log ja sakay thay. Usswaqt bohat see duwayain milee Dad ke liay magar ab jo messages aa rahay hain wo toh Ammi kaa dukh barha rahen hain.

Ammi ke bhai, Koki Mamoo sab se baray mujrim hain. Unhon ne fake news share karni shoro kar di "Covid 19" ke baray mein ke **"Yeh sab Hakoomat dhoka de rahi hai"** aur **'yeh sab 5G se linked hai kyunke ye ittifaq nahin ho sakta ke 5G ke khambay tabhi lagna shoro hoay jab covid shoro ho'**- Aur **'bari Pharmaceutical companies iskay peechay hai'**, aur **'Trump ne Kung Flu invent kiya aur ussay Wuhan bheja taa ke China super Power na ban jayay.'**

Maynay unhain toka **"Aur unhoon ne "RETURN TO SENDER" Likh kar Trump ko package vapis lota diya!"**

Meine kabhi Mamoo say itni badtameezi nahin kee thi

Ammi ro rahi thee, toh mey nain unnhay kaha ke **"aap notifications ko mute kyun nahin kar deti?, ya chat ko delete kar dein, ya group chhor dein"** magar wo family gup shup aur shami Kebab ki recipes ko miss out nahin karna chah rahin thee.

Mamoo ne iss dafa had par kar di thee. Unhoon ne kaha ke Saif ke poori recovery is liyay nahin hui kyon ki **"Unhon"** ne ussay induced coma main daalkay ussay koi experimental drugs ka teeka laga dia jokay ghair mahfooz tha. Unhon ne ammi ko yeh bhi kaha ke wo apna flu jab na lagwain kyunke **"doctor tumhain teeka laga kar Corona dein gay aur tumhain pata bhi nahin chalay ga. Unhain guinea pigs chahiay"**

Mamoo ammi se umar mein baray hain iss liay Ammi ne sunn lia. Saif ko pata chala toh usnay Mamu pai bahut gussa kiya aur ab Ammi hamaray peechay paree hoee hain ke hum ne unn ke bhai ki beizzati kyun ki?

Mein ne unhain dalail denain ki koshish ki **'Saif Ventilator pe gaya aur Research Hero ban ke wapas aayaaap yeh kyun nahin likhtee apnay whatsapp group par?'**

Wo kehney lagee **" Mera beta Mount Snowdon ko sar kar leta tha aur ab wo seerhian nahin charh sakta saans phoolay bagher'**

Dad ke jaanay ke baad mein ne Ammi ko kaha ke wo hamaray paas aa jayein. Hamray 'Bubble" mein. Bajay isske wo apne ghar mein Dad ki yaadoon meay ghiree rahen. Ye nahin ke hum Dad ko bhoolna chaahatay hain. Ammi ne wahin rehna pasand kia.

Larkon kay school shuru hotay hi hamara bubble to jaiseburst hogaya. Hamaray chhotay betay, Zain, ki class mein kissi bachay ko symptoms develop ho gayay tu poori class ko chutti de dee gae....ke ghar ja kar isolate karen. Zain asymptomatic tha Alhamdulillah, to hum ussay test nahin karwa sakay. Ab Bechara apnay kamray mein band hai, tablet pay hai aur hum sab social distance rakh rahain hain. Ammi aana chah rahin thee uss kay nakhray uthanay kay liyay, lekin bagher flu jab kay, mein risk nahin lay sakta. Garden mein bhi nahin.

Meri wife kahti hai kay wo full lockdown ko miss karti hai, kyonki kamas kam sab ghar pay thay aur mahfoos thay.

Uss sham jab mein nein Zain ke kamray mein jhanka, wo facetime par Ammi ke samnay ro raha tha.

"What's the point of School work Dado if we can't beat Coronavirus?"

Dad ko khonay ka ehsas bachon ko shidat se mehsoos hota hai, aur ab wo apni pyaari Dado ko bhi na mil saktay hain na galay laga saktay hain . Phir mein ne suna Ammi Zain ko wo kahaani suna rahin thi, jo hamesha hamain sunati thi. Oont wali.

Mein iss se pehlay Masjid mein humaray Interfaith group se ho kar aayya tha. Hamaray ilaqay mein Vaccine ke trials shoro ho rahain hain aur kai saw volunteers ki zaroorat hai. Ab tak jitney log milain hain wo 93% Angrez hain aur hamari communities iss baray mein qail nahin hoeen . Task force ke logon ne sabr ke saath sab ke sawaloon kay jawab diyey. Jaisayke **'Yeh Vaccine Live nahin hai aur issmay koi animal products nahin hai, aur yeh**

"Halal" hai, aur iss se Insurance pe koi farak nahin paray ga. Aur iss ke bawajood ke aik race lagi hoi hai aisi vaccine bananay ki jo sab ke liay kaam karay, protocols par koi compromise nahin kiya gaya. Hum ne sab information suni. Dad ko pata hota ke kia mashwara dena hai magar ab sab meri taraf dekh rahay thay.

Apnay bachay ko pareshan dekh kar meray liay baat clear thee.

Government kehti rehti hai ke **'Cavalry aa rahi hai'** lekin cheezain tab badlain gi jab hamaray paas vaccine ho gi. Uss waqt tak hum iss Corona ya "New Normal" ke jhoolay pe jhoolte rahein ge.

Aglay din mein ne Ammi ko kaha ke mein volunteer kar raha hon. Mein ne apna naam National Vaccine Registry mein likhwa diya hai.

“Tumnay uss aadmi kay baaray main nahin suna? Jiss ne Trial kiya tha aur wo kaafi beemar ho gaya tha?”

Mein yeh aap ke liay kar raha hon Ammi. Logon ne trials kiay ta kay aapko flu jab se protection milay. Aur aap wo bhi nahin lagwati. Dad ko hum kho chukay hain. mein ab aap ko nahin khona chahta’

Phir mey ne unhain wohi baat sunaee jo unhon nein Zain ko sunaee thi.

Aik din Prophet Mohammed, Salallahu elaihi wasalam safar kar rahay thay apnay kissi Badouin saathi ke saath, tu unhon ne dekha ke manzil pe pohanch kar, un kay saathi nein apnay oont ko bandha nahin . Prophet (Peace be upon him) ne pocha ke, **‘aapnay apna oont kyun nahin bandha?’**

‘Mujhay Allah pe bharosa hai ke wo bhagay ga nahin aur nahin chori hoga’.

Unn ke saathi ne jawab diya.

Tu phir humaray Nabih (Sallahu elahi wasalm) ne Farmaya – **“ Apnay Ont pehlay bandho , phir Allah pe bharosa rakho “**

Iman ka matlab yeh nahin hai ke aap qismat ke aagay jhuk jayein aur apna hissa na dalen. Ilm hi mustaqbil hai.

Jab vaccine ka pahla tika laga, mein ne aik selfie li aur ammi ne group pe post kar di. Bohat saray messages aayay vaccine ki khilaaf aur Ammi jawaab main unhain wohi Hadees sunati rahin.

‘Apna Ont pehlay bandho phir Allah Pe bharosa rakho’

Chat pe khamoshi ho gae kuch der ke liay, phir kuch logon ne mujhay Direct messages kiay, pata karnay ke wo kaisay hissa lay saktay hain.

Hum yeh doosri wave ikathay guzaar rahay hain. Ammi ne flu jab lagwa lia hai aur ab hum precautions kay saath aapas main mil rahay hain. Inshallah wo Christmas par aayayein gi . Unka Halal turkey zabardast hota hai.