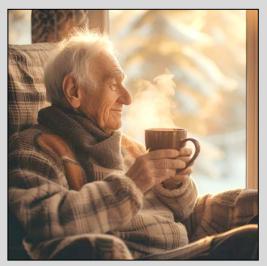
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My Father Came to Stay



I welcomed my father into my home without warning. One afternoon, he arrived with a small suitcase—inside, a few pairs of socks, a wellworn flannel shirt, a sweater, and a beloved blanket.

Nestled among them were a pair of slippers that read "Proud Grandpa"—a cherished gift from my children.

For the past month, this gentle man, now 90, has shared my space. His silver hair is always neatly combed, and he moves slowly, shuffling through the house in his woolen socks and slippers. At every doorway, he hesitates, as if crossing an invisible threshold only he can see.

He chuckles at the cat, murmurs softly to ghosts of the past, and shares their stories with me. His voice is quiet, his movements careful, his need for rest more frequent. He enjoys the candies I place on his nightstand, sips coffee with trembling hands, and often glances at his weathered fingers—reassuring himself that his old watch is still there.

The man who once stood tall and unwavering, the father I grew up admiring for his strength and independence, has now placed (Continued on Page 2)

Someone...

Someone is taking their last breath in a hospital bed today, and you're frustrated sitting in traffic.

Someone is burying their baby that they carried for nine months, and you're upset your child spilled milk on the carpet.

Someone is spending their first night alone after years of love, and you're annoyed your spouse left dishes in the sink.

Someone is laying to rest their mother who created them, and you're tired of your mom calling twice every day.



Someone is wishing for just one more conversation with their dad, and you rolled your eyes the last time he offered his advice.

Perspective is everything. Appreciate the little things, because one day they'll be big things when they're gone.





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The doctor was quite impressed. "Well. You are certainly a dedicated outdoor enthusiast."



The man replied, "Not really, doc. I'm just a really bad golfer."

(My Father Came to Stay—Continued from Page 1)

his trust fully in me. His greatest comfort is my presence, and when I walk through the door, his relief is unmistakable.



So, I bake bread again, like I did when my children were small, and keep a jar of honey on the counter. At first, the shift unsettled me—he had spent five years living alone after Mom passed, fiercely guarding his autonomy. But time has softened him.

Now, I feel only love, warmth, and the weight of this journey we walk together. My priority is his comfort—cozy blankets, hearty meals, laughter, and love. His presence is my gift, and nothing else matters.

I have gained a son who is 90 years old, and I am deeply grateful for the chance to make his final years peaceful.

Dad, thank you for being mine.

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He doesn't need millions in the bank, but he needs the kind of character that makes you feel safe, emotionally and mentally. The kind of man who steps up for you and keeps his word. A man who carries a sense of responsibility for the woman he loves.



Because a man who truly provides doesn't just pay bills. He brings you peace. He protects your heart. He respects your mind. He considers your emotions. He listens, he values, he stays consistent. You never have to second guess where you stand with him, because his actions are loud, even when his words are few.

Emotional maturity is far more valuable than wealth. A man who is emotionally grounded will create a space where you can breathe, where you feel heard and understood. Where love isn't a battlefield, but a sanctuary.

You deserve a man who takes care of your soul, not just your lifestyle. One who gives you effort, not excuses. Time, not silence. Consistency, not confusion.

The right man won't just provide you with things. He'll provide you with peace, presence, and protection. And that's worth everything.



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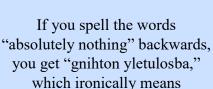
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Dave Knows Everybody

Dave was bragging to his boss one day, "I'm telling you, I know everyone there is to know. Just name someone, anyone, and I know them."

His boss was tired of hearing him boast and decides to call his bluff.

"OK, Dave, how about Elon Musk?"

"Oh, Elon and me go way back, and I can prove it."

So Dave and his boss fly out to D.C. and knock on Elon Musk's door, and Elon shouts, "Dave! What's happening? Great to see you! Come on in – let's get caught

Although impressed, Dave's boss is still skeptical. After they leave Musk's house, he tells Dave that he thinks him knowing Elon was just lucky.

"No, no, just name anyone else," Dave says.

"Bill Gates," his boss quickly retorts.

"Yup," Dave says, "Bill and I are old buddies. Let's fly out to Seattle," and off

At the Microsoft offices, Bill Gates spots Dave and motions him and his boss over, saying, "Dave, what a surprise, I was just on my way to a meeting, but come on in with your friend, let's catch up."

Well, the boss is very shaken by now but still not totally convinced. After they leave the Microsoft offices, he expresses his doubts to Dave, who again asks him to name anyone else.

"Pope Leo," his boss replies.

"Sure!" says Dave. "I've known him for years before he became the Pope." So off they fly to Rome.

Dave and his boss are assembled with the masses at the Vatican's St. Peter's Square when Dave says, "This will never work. I can't catch the Pope's eye among all these people. Tell you what, I know all the guards, so let me just go upstairs and I'll prove I know the Pope."

He disappears into the crowd, headed towards the main entrance.



Sure enough, half an hour later Dave emerges with the new Pope on the balcony! But by the time Dave returns, he finds that his boss has passed out and is surrounded by

Making his way to his boss' side, Dave asks him, "What happened?" His boss looks up and says, "It was the final

straw... you and the Pope came out on to the balcony and the man next to me said, 'Who in the world is that old guy on the balcony with Dave?'"



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A guy was driving around and he saw a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog For Sale."

He rang the bell, and the owner told him the dog is in the backyard. The guy went into the backyard and saw a Labrador Retriever sitting there.



"You talk?" he asked the dog.

"Yep," the Lab replies. "So, what's your story?"

The Lab looked up and said, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I

was pretty young, and I wanted to help the government; so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years."

"But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I wanted to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy was amazed. He went back in and asked the owner what he wanted for the dog.

"Twenty dollars," the owner replied. The guy was shocked, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

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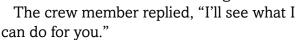


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The Love Boat

Margaret, a retired well-to-do lady, was enjoying a cruise.

While on deck she noticed a handsome, distinguished-looking older gentleman. She approached a senior member of the crew and said, "You see that gentleman walking on the deck, would you please seat him next to me for dinner this evening."



Later on, Margaret was sitting down to dinner and sure enough, the gentleman came over and sat down beside her.

He turned to her and said, "I'm curious madam, I heard from one of the waiters that you wanted me seated next to you for dinner. May I ask why?"

Margaret replied, "I'm so glad you asked, it's because you remind me of my second husband."

The gentleman is a bit surprised, and said to Margaret, "Really, may I ask how many times you've been married?"

Margaret looked at him with a smile and replied, "Only once."



Over 100 years ago, two brothers thought they could fly. Turns out they were Wright.

Missing Person

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping and never returned!

Police: Height?

Husband: I never checked.

Police: Build?

Husband: Not slim. Not fat.

Police: Eye color?

Husband: Never noticed.

Police: Hair color?

Husband: It changes often. **Police:** What was she wearing?

Husband: Not sure if it was a dress

or pants.

Police: What was she driving?
Husband: A black 2024 BMW with supercharged 3.0 liter V6 engine, 333 horsepower teamed with an 8-speed automatic transmission with manual mode. It has LED headlights, with interior light-emitting diodes. Leather seats, carpeted floor mats, driver assist warning system, auto retracting mirrors, top-of-the-line speaker system, built-in GPS guidance, heated seats, panoramic sun roof—oh, and brand-new all-weather

(Husband starts crying)

Police: Don't worry, sir. We'll find

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When You're a Father

by Denise Rodgers



They say if you're a father You've got eyes behind your head,

And lots of fine-tuned radar When your kids are off to bed.

They say when you're a father
That your arms are wide
for hugging,
And also wide enough to stop
Your children from
wild slugging.

They say when you're a father
That your kids think
you're not "fair."
But when they are in trouble,
Well, they know
you'll soon be there.

They say when you're a father
You must mix your work
with play.
And when your kids
grow older,
They'll say,

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Caught 'em Red-Handed

George, an elderly man, was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?" and he said no.

Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available.

George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello. I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot every last one of them!" Then he hung up.



Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up at the George's residence. Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"



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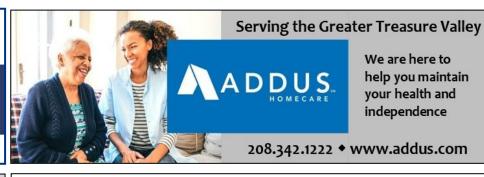
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June

By Edgar Albert Guest June is here, the month of roses, month of brides and month of bees, Weaving garlands for our lassies, whispering love songs in the trees,

Painting scenes of gorgeous splendor, canvases no man could brush,

Changing scenes from early morning till the sunset's crimson flush.

June is here, the month of blossoms, month of roses white and red.

Wet with dew and perfumeladen, nodding wheresoe'er we

Come the bees to gather honey, all the lazy afternoon;

Flowers and lassies, men and meadows, love alike the month of June.

Month of love and month of sunshine, month of happiness and song,

Month that cheers the sad wayfarer as he plods

Father

by Edgar Allen Guest

My father knows the proper way The nation should be run; He tells us children every day Just what should now be done. He knows the way to fix the

He has a simple plan; But if the furnace needs repairs, We have to hire a man.

My father, in a day or two Could land big thieves in jail; There's nothing that he cannot do.

He knows no word like "fail." "Our confidence" he would restore,

Of that there is no doubt: But if there is a chair to mend, We have to send it out.

All public questions that arise, He settles on the spot; He waits not till the tumult dies, But grabs it while it's hot.

In matters of finance he can Tell Congress what to do; But, O, he finds it hard to meet His bills as they fall due.

It almost makes him sick to read The things law-makers say: Why, father's just the man they need.

He never goes astray. All wars he'd very quickly end, As fast as I can write it; But when a neighbor starts a fuss,

Tis mother has to fight it.

In conversation father can Do many wondrous things; He's built upon a wiser plan Than presidents or kings. He knows the ins and outs of each

And every deep transaction; We look to him for theories, But look to ma for action.

You Know You're Getting Old When ◆ Your back goes out but you stay

- ♦ You and your teeth don't sleep together.
- ♦ You try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover you aren't wearing any.
- ♦ At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop and you're not eating cereal.
- ♦ You wake up looking like your driver's license picture.
- It takes two tries to get up from the couch.
- ♦ Your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio.
- When happy hour is a nap.





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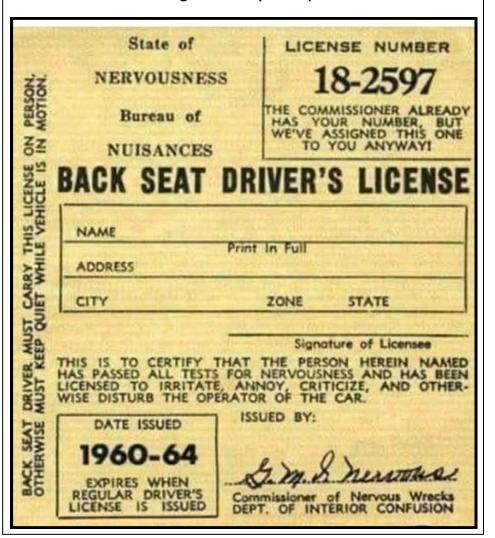
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When I was a teen, my dad gave me money to go downtown and pay the electric bill. But on the way I passed the new car dealership, and on a youthful whim, I used the money to buy raffle tickets for a chance to win a new truck.



I confessed to my dad when I got home and he took his belt to me.

But in the morning in the driveway sat a brand new truck!

We all held each other and cried—especially me because it was the truck from the electric company there to turn off the lights.

Dad took his belt to me again.

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A Texan and an Irishman met at an international farming convention in Dublin. The American owned a huge ranch while the Irishman had no more than a couple of acres outside Kilkenny.

"Tell me about your farm," said the Irishman.

"It's enormous," began the American, "the biggest farm you ever did see in your life. It stretches halfway across the county. Do you know I can get in my truck first thing in the morning, drive across my land and still not cover it all by sundown?"



"To be sure," said the Irishman, "I used to have a truck like that."

ODE TO A SPELL CHECKER by Jerrold H Zar

Eye halve a spelling check her, It came with my pea sea. It plane lee marks four my revue Miss steaks aye kin knot sea.

Eye ran this poem threw it, Your sure reel glad two no. Its vary polished in it's weigh, My checker tolled me sew.

A check her is a bless sing; It freeze yew lodes of thyme. It helps me right awl stiles two reed, And aides me when aye rime.

Each frays come posed up on my screen, Eve trussed too bee a joule; The checker pours o'er every word To cheque sum spelling rule.

Bee fore wee rote with checkers Hour spelling was inn deck line, Butt now when wee dew have a laps, Wee are knot maid too wine.

Butt now bee cause my spelling Is checked with such grate flare, There are know faults with in my cite, Of nun eye am a wear.

Now spelling does knot phase me, It does knot bring a tier; My pay purrs awl due glad den With wrapped words fare as hear.

To rite with care is quite a feet Of witch won should be proud: And we mussed dew the best wee can Sew flaws are knot aloud.

That's why eye brake in two averse Cuz eye dew want too please. Sow glad eye yam that aye did bye This soft wear four pea seas.

Simon was a young, aspiring athlete. Sadly, his career was cut short when he and his uncle were in a car crash. Unfortunately, his uncle died and Simon lost both of his legs. The family agreed to allow the surgeons to sew his uncle's legs onto Simon's body. After a long recovery, he decided to pursue his love of music professionally, performing in small venues around the country as Simon and Halfuncle.



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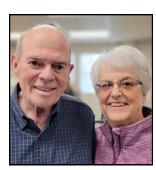


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