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|  | **Pg. 1** |
| Dr Zobia | Assalam-0-Alikum |
| Man-1 | Waalikum Assalam |
| Dr Zobia | Are you vaccinator? |
| Man-1 | Yes I am.  180510 meeting with Yasmeen  (Victim of domestic violence)  Duration: 2:36:37 |
| Dr Zobia | My name is DR Zobia. Can I talk to you? |
| Man-1 | Yes, why not. |
| Dr Zobia | OK I am a researcher. I do research work. Therefore I am doing research for the difficulties happening for the women during pregnancy and child birth. As you have come here, so let’s have a talk. |
| Man-1 | Good |
| Dr Zobia | Today which injections have you brought? |
| Man-1 | We provide vaccinations for small children, like first injection is BCG. … penta third 2nd,1st. |
|  | **Pg. 2** |
| Dr Zobia | Good |
| Man-1 | One is given after 45 days, then after two and half months, next after three and half months, last one is of measles, after ninth months. |
| Dr Zobia | Ok, you are right. |
| Man-1 | Then again, measles, after 1 year. |
| Dr Zobia | And for pregnant women TT-1 and TT-2 is advised after three to four months. |
| Dr Zobia | When do you give TT-1? |
| Man-1 | That is used after three to four months. However it can beinjected after two months of pregnancy. |
|  | Our department advises us to inject TT-1 after three to four months of pregnancy, Then after it…. |
| Dr Zobia | Then next one, month later. |
| Man-1 | Yes, second one after one month. |
| Dr Zobia | Ok. |
| Dr Zobia | How frequently, do you visit this village? |
| Man-1 | Approximately after one month. |
|  | So you come here after every one month. |
| Dr Zobia | This means that daily, you visit one village. |
|  | **Pg. 3** |
| Man-1 | Exactly, Our duty is at Union council level. Program is provided by the department. We have to visit accordingly. |
| Dr Zobia | Ok. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan, A baby is born in the next house. |
| Man-1 | Yes, we have to give him the injection which is given at birth i.e. BCG. |
| Dr Zobia | Ok, Very well. |
|  | So you are going to call all pregnant women? |
| Man-1 | There are three four or five pregnant women in every village. |
| Man-1 | Health worker prepares such list. She calls them on our visiting day.TT is injected by health worker. |
| Dr Zobia | But you know this is a big village, Narrha and Mughlan. Now you will go to Narrha? |
| Man-1 | I am coming from Narrha. |
| Dr Zobia | Have you met with the lady health worker? |
|  | **Pg. 4** |
| Man-1 | No, she was not at home. Did an announcement, then some people come. |
| Dr Zobia | How many came? |
| Man-1 | 2-4 |
| Dr Zobia | Only 4? |
| Man-1 | It’s a small village, Narrha and Chountrhian, 7-8 injections are injected. |
|  | Due to the absence of lady health worker the task was not done effectively. |
| Dr Zobia | She is not well, these days. |
| Man-1 | Ahan. |
|  | How long did you take to visit this place? |
| Dr Zobia | No, we are going to stay here for 6 months, to actually understand. One has to stay, understand the village life, only then can understand the things fully. |
| Man-1 | You are right. |
| Dr Zobia | That what are the problems here. |
| Man-1 | Exactly. |
| Dr Zobia | That’s why we have come here and we will stay here, to get to know the things. We have been here for the last 4 days. |
|  | **Pg. 5** |
| Man-1 | Yes OK. |
| Man-1 | They have my cell number. Stay in contact with us. We will help you INSHAH ALLAHwhenever it is needed. |
| Dr Zobia | Thank you very much. |
| Dr Zobia | So, should I have your contact number? |
| Man-1 | Yes ,you can have. |
| Dr Zobia | OK |
| Dr Zobia | What is your name? |
| Man-1 | Muhammad Ishfaq. |
| Dr Zobia | I do not like this phone business. Our life is not for these tasks. |
|  | Nowadays, children are very good in this (Smiling). |
|  | What is your number? |
| Man-1 | 0332-5673698 |
| Dr Zobia | Let us go. |
| Dr Zobia | We will contact you in case we need your assistance. |
|  | **Pg. 6** |
| Dr Zobia | Actually, I have to interview the pregnant woman at their houses. We want to know What the problems are. This is very difficult task because their mothers-in-law are sitting with them. They do not talk in their presence.(with laughing) |
| Man-1 | This is right, they are afraid. |
| Dr Zobia | Then they do not come up with truth. What happened? They just keep quiet. |
| Man-1 | You must have a contact with lady health worker. Call the woman in lady health worker’s home. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes. |
| Man-1 | They know that how many ladies are pregnant there. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes, very right. |
| Man-1 | Sit in health house and ask the health worker to call, all such ladies. Then these ladies would talk easily as we are talking while sitting in this drawing room. (BATHAK) |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
| Dr Zobia | Today we are about to do that. But when we call the ladies, people get annoyed. |
| Man-1 | No, people do cooperate with lady health workers. |
|  | **Pg. 7** |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
| Man-1 | But people do object for any new comer as you are. People say what is going to happen? |
| Dr Zobia | Very complicated problem! |
|  | This is there. A new problem emerged as NGO has a lot of money.We government employees are suffering. |
| Man-1 | This is very correct. |
| Dr Zobia | Have you felt this thing? |
| Man-1 | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | We are poor people. And the NGO employees………(laughing) |
|  | It has become a strange environment. |
| Man-1 | You are right. |
| Man-1 | People are after money. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Every person thinksthat we should give money to them. |
| Man-1 | Exactly. |
|  | People have become greedy, they say, as you are receiving an aid so you do this and that. |
| Dr Zobia | But on other side, this is a good thing. You see. Now people are aware and qualified. |
|  | Earlier, aid funds were utilized without the knowledge of people. |
|  | **Pg. 8** |
| Dr Zobia | Now people know that aid is there and we would get some. |
| Man-1 | They will get. |
| Dr Zobia | So, it is beneficial. (laughing) |
| Man-1 | People have now awareness! |
| Dr Zobia | Yes, so much there. |
| Man-1 | For example, if our polio round is missed due to any reason, people inform the department on phone. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
| Man-1 | They are aware of vaccination dates. They complain that our children are left without vaccination, once date is over. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. Whom do they call? |
| Man-1 | People have got my number. They inquire why I have not conducted the round. Our children are left without vaccination. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes. |
| Man-1 | Now people are well informed. |
|  | If we do not attend the pregnant ladies timely, they go to RHC or BHU for vaccination. |
|  | **Pg-9** |
| Dr Zobia | Yes, it is like this! |
|  | Some ladies have informed me that they get treatment from some other place. |
|  | Lady health workers do not have proper injections. |
| Man-1 | No, they do not have. |
|  | We have two static centers in our union council. One is RHC calls Other is RHC people. Other is BHU Jhang. |
|  | Vaccine is available there. |
| Dr Zobia | Have they got refrigerators here? |
| Man-1 | Yes, they have. |
| Dr Zobia | Is electricity available here for 24 hours? |
| Man-1 | Sometime electricity is available some time not. For one hour it is there and for one hour it is not. |
| Dr Zobia | Oh! |
|  | Then do vaccinations not get spoiled? |
| Man-1 | We place at such position that vaccination get freeze. Then it can stay for an hour or two hours. Fridge temperature is maintained if it is not opened again and again. |
|  | **Pg. 10** |
| Dr Zobia | Ok. |
| Man-1 | WE place frozenice in it. |
| Dr Zobia | Do you change the ice daily? |
| Man-1 | Yes. |
|  | We do cooling at night. If it is too cold, then we do more. If BHU workers do not open fridge frequently for water or otherwise, then the temperature is maintained. |
| Dr Zobia | Good , OK |
| Man-1 | Electric load shedding is a problem. Earlier it was OK. Now electric load shedding is more frequent in the village. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan |
|  | But it is not for eighteen hours as we have listened from people. People talk very aggressively. |
| Man-1 | At this place, electric load shedding schedule is one alternate hour basis. |
|  | Today, I have come at seven O clocks, so from 7 till now there is no electricity. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan |
|  | Now it is load shedding. |
| Man-1 | Yes |
| Dr Zobia | Today weather is pleasant, so we do not feel it. |
|  | **Pg. 11** |
| Man-1 | Yes. |
|  | We feel it, when there is hot weather. |
| Dr Zobia | No. it was very hot for last two days. |
| Man-1 | Ahan |
| Dr Zobia | Are you from Islamabad? |
| Man-1 | Yes Islamabad |
| Dr Zobia | I feel more hot at Islamabad than village |
| Man-1 | Yes |
| Dr Zobia | It is hotter in cities. |
| Dr Zobia | Do you agree? |
| Man-1 | Yes, Population is denser in cities. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. Are you calling women here? |
|  | (Loud sound of RAKSHA passing by) |
| Dr Zobia | How will youcall? |
| LHW | Our selves. |
| Dr Zobia | Now you will go? Yourself? |
| LHW | Now I am back. |
| Dr Zobia | So you knew and you made a round? |
|  | **Pg. 12** |
| LHW | Yes |
| Dr Zobia | I see, I see Good, |
| Dr Zobia | So now ladies would start coming? |
| LHW | Yes |
| Dr Zobia | May we have one social meeting? |
| LHW | Yes you can. |
| Dr Zobia | They will not mind? |
| LHW | No |
| Dr Zobia | Yes, this is correct option; otherwise ladies will not get together here. |
| LHW | Here. |
| Dr Zobia | We must have one social meeting access. |
| Dr Zobia | Your area is Mughlan and Khanqah? |
| LHW | Mughlan |
| Man-1 | Khanqah is with Narrha. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan |
| Man-1 | Khanqah is closer to Narrha. Mughlan is also close by. These are small villages called Dhok |
| LHW | Whose house have youvisited? Have you informed them? |
|  | **Pg. 13** |
| Child | The man who is standing there, I have informed him at his house. |
| LHW | Ok |
| LHW | I have informed myself in this area. I sent this child to lower part of the village. |
| Man-1 | Ok |
| Dr Zobia | At present, how many pregnant women, do you have? |
| LHW | Eight |
| Dr Zobia | Eight |
|  | What is the status of family planning here? |
|  | Do they opt for family planning? |
| LHW | Yes. They do opt. Some of them practice it some donot. |
| Dr Zobia | Some, their number is less. |
| LHW | Yes |
|  | Newly married woman are mostly pregnant. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes it happens like this |
|  | They will bring baby for injection. Meera. |
| LHW | Yes |
|  | **Pg. 14** |
| Dr Zobia | She is a cute baby! |
| LHW | Ahan |
|  | Who is that woman, whom you were talking? |
| Dr Zobia | **Munir**……… do you know him? **Munir’s** daughter. |
| LHW | Munir? |
| Dr Zobia | Yes, mother’s name is Munir, she is a widow, her daughter’s. |
|  | She was telling me, I will tell you. |
|  | Do you know Munir? |
| LHW | Yes, I know…….. hmmmm….. |
| Dr Zobia | Know the woman….. |
| Man-1 | She is from Mughlan? |
| LHW | Munir… |
|  | Now I remember (smiling). In village they do not call with the real names. |
|  | That’s why. |
| Dr Zobia | What happened? |
| LHW | Ahan…her daughter……….. |
|  | Now I get it |
|  | They are not that much poor! |
|  | **Pg. 15** |
|  | They have told you thatshe is in 7 months? |
| Dr Zobia | I know it’s not like this. |
|  | She is not that much poor? |
|  | What does her husband do? |
| LHW | First her husband used to do work on daily wages, now they say that he is inducted in Police. |
| Dr Zobia | Her son? |
| LHU | No, her husband. The one who is pregnant. |
| Dr Zobia | It means Munir’s son-in-law? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
| LHW | Oh! These women never tell. Day before yesterday, I went to village but she never comes for checkup. |
| Dr Zobia | What is her daughter’s name? |
| LHU | Kalsoom. |
| Dr Zobia | She did not come for checkup? |
| LHW | No, she did not. |
|  | **Pg. 16** |
| Dr Zobia | Not with you even? |
| LHW | No. |
|  | She says that their ***Pir*** has forbidden her. |
| Dr Zobia | That, do not go for any checkup? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Who is their ***Pir?*** |
| LHW | I don’t know someone lives at her side. He has given **tawiz**, that’s why, she gets pregnant. |
|  | First she was not conceiving, now he has forbid her to see any doctor or eat any medicine. |
| Dr Zobia | Oye.. |
|  | So that child was very difficult to conceive. |
|  | How long she has been married? |
| LHW | 3-4 yrs. |
| Dr Zobia | 3-4 years…… Ahan |
|  | After 3-4 years, baby was born and that…… |
| Dr Zobia | Assalam-o-Alikum. How are you? |
| Yasmin | I am fine. |
|  | **Pg. 17** |
| Dr Zobia | My name is Doctor Zobia. |
|  | And yours? |
| Yasmin | Yasmin. |
| LHW | She has come for TT injection. |
| Man-1 | Ok. |
| Dr Zobia | Ok, sit over there. |
|  | Is he your son? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | How are you? |
|  | How old is he? |
| Yasmin | He is 1 ½ years old. |
| Dr Zobia | He is 1 and a 1l2 years old and you are again pregnant? |
| yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Which month is going? |
| Yasmin | 8th. |
| Dr Zobia | Oh, it’s very early. |
|  | ( Dr Zobia talking to the child) |
|  | ( Child is crying) |
| Dr Zobia | The child is crying because he thinks that this injection will be injected to him. Oh…Oh. |
|  | Don’t cry it will not be injected to you. |
| Man-1 | Stop crying, nothing will happen to you. |
|  | **Pg. 18** |
| Dr Zobia | Nobody is doing anything with you. |
| Yasmin | Let me call Safia, she is with me. |
| Dr Zobia | Ok. |
|  | Ask Safia to see the child. |
| Man-1 | Does he have any card? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Man-1 | Has all his vaccination done? |
| Yasmin | Yes, all. |
| Man-1 | I needed a card, to enter this injection. |
| Yasmin | Don’t have card now. |
| Man-1 | It’s lost or at home? |
| Yasmin | Not lost, it’s at home. |
| Man-1 | Is your home far away? |
| Yasmin | No, it’s near bye |
| Man-1 | So bring the card. |
| Yasmin | Ok. |
| Man-1 | What is your husband’s name? |
| Yasmin | Fahim Asghar |
| Man-1 | Fahim Asghar and child’s name…..Moeez Ali…. |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| LHW | Please be seated. |
| Yasmin | Should I bring the card? |
|  | **Pg. 19** |
| Dr Zobia | You don’t seem to be 8 month pregnant, you are so smart? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Where did you go for checkup? |
| Yasmin | In **Kals.** |
| Dr Zobia | What does her husband do? |
| LHW | Her husband is driver in ice factory. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | It means most of the women go to **Kals** for their checkup. |
| LHW | Yes. |
|  | First nobody go for checkup, now it’s better. |
| Man-1 | There is a facility of a lady doctor and 2-3 other doctors there. Laboratory for tests and an ultrasound machine is also available there. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan |
| Man-1 | Can x-ray be done in RHC? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | RHC seems to be very functional, I have seen many non-functional.( Smiling) |
|  | **Pg. 20** |
| Man-1 | There, the workers are doing a good job. |
| LHW | She has 5 children. |
| Dr Zobia | Hers? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | So this is going to be 6th? (Amazed) |
| LHW | Yes 6th one. |
| Dr Zobia | Then going on……….. |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Why they are not doing family planning? |
|  | Have you ever talked to them? |
| LHW | Yes, many times. |
| Dr Zobia | What does she say? |
| LHW | Her husband does not believe. |
| Dr Zobia | Has somebody talked to her husband? |
| LHW | No, not with him. |
| Dr Zobia | No need to talk to her, one should talk to his husband? |
| Man-1 | Exactly. |
| LHW | Look, how week she is! |
| Dr Zobia | I thought this is her 2nd child. |
| LHW | No, this is her 6th and her mother-in-law is strict in nature. She also does not let her do family planning. |
|  | **Pg.21** |
|  | She says that kids are the blessings of Allah. They bring with them their fate and food. (laughing) |
| Dr Zobia | It will be many costly for us. |
|  | Pakistan’s population is about to blast. |
| Man-1 | Yes. |
| LHW | Now I have asked her that you have to talk to your husband. Will he not listen to you, you are his wife? |
|  | Tell him that you are not well all the time, there is nothing to eat. |
| Dr Zobia | Are they rich? |
| LHW | No, not that much. |
| Dr Zobia | They are just so so. |
| LHW | She says that now she will talk. |
| Man-1 | Have you informed Shafiq’s kids? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Don’t we have a good mobilizer to talk to men over here? |
|  | **Pg. 22** |
| LHW | A male, who can talk to men. |
| Dr Zobia | I have heard that a program has started for family planning by male mobilizers. They are evaluated as well. |
| LHW | No, not male. It is difficult to make them understand. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes, males are difficult to deal with. |
| Man-1 | Men can be dealt and motivated by male. |
| LHW | Here one woman has 11 or 12 children; she is not willing for an operation. |
| Dr Zobia | She says she is fine? Or her husband is not willing? |
| LHW | Not her husband, she is not willing. |
| Dr Zobia | She does not understand. |
| LHW | If she is pregnant, she does not tell anybody till 9 months. |
|  | If one asked her that she seems to be pregnant, she always says no. |
|  | **Pg. 23** |
|  | She is such type of woman. |
|  | And give birth to a baby girl at home. |
| Dr Zobia | I want to meet her. |
| LHW | Laughing |
| Dr Zobia | You have to help me to meet with all these women. |
| LHW | She was not talking to her mother, when she gave birth to a baby girl. She has no relations with her neighborhood. |
|  | She was alone. |
| Dr Zobia | She was alone during the delivery? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Let her meet me. Ok? |
| LHW | It also seems that……. |
| Dr Zobia | Assalamo Alikum… Meena has come. |
|  | (This little baby is born) |
| LHW | Brother Ashfaq! The new born baby has gone to Gujar Khan; they will be back at noon. And the baby is ill….. |
| Man-1 | Suhail’s child? |
| LHW | No, Jahangir’s. |
| Man-1 | Ok. |
|  | **Pg. 24** |
|  | (Man-1 give them injection) |
| LHW | Her grandmother was ill, she has gone to Gujar Khan. |
| Man-1 | Their injection will be missed. |
| LHW | Their house is on this road. |
| Dr Zobia | It’s done? |
|  | Women are coming turn by turn. |
| LHW | I have seen some more coming from that side. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan |
|  | (child crying) |
| Dr Zobia | Assalamo Alikum. |
|  | Have you injected this BCG? |
| Man-1 | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Ok, these polio drops? |
| Man-1 | Yes, given. |
| Dr Zobia | He will be thinking that what happened to me. (Smiling) |
| Man-1 | Has she got a name now? |
| Woman1 | Yes |
| Man-1 | What? |
| Woman1 | Hira. |
|  | **Pg. 25** |
| LHW | Tell the correct name now. |
|  | First you were telling her name Rozi. |
| Man-1 | Ok when you will finally decide her name, then I will write it next month. |
| Woman1 | Ok. |
| LHW | Yes, it’s fine. |
| Man-1 | Take your card. |
|  | (Child coughing) |
| Man-1 | Bring the child here please. |
| Dr Zobia | How old is she? It’s a son or daughter? |
| Woman1 | Daughter. |
| Dr Zobia | How old is she? |
| Woman1 | 2 months old. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan |
|  | (Women talking) |
| Man-1 | Child will have a fever with this injection, give him this syrup. Put ice at the place of injection as well. |
| Woman2 | Ok. |
| Man-1 | Although, his fever is never down. |
|  | (Child crying) |
|  | **Pg. 26** |
| Dr Zobia | Do you have iron syrup? |
| LHW | Iron syrup? |
| Dr Zobia | Yes, you should have. |
| LHW | B-complex |
| Dr Zobia | Iron syrup. Manage to give it to her, she is very weak. |
| LHW | First she was very healthy, I don’t know what happened to her now? |
| Dr Zobia | She is very pale. |
| LHW | Her mother had also. |
|  | (child crying) |
| Dr Zobia | Ok listen to me, your daughter is very weak, give her meat, liver and iron syrup? |
| LHW | I don’t have that pale colored medicine. |
| Dr Zobia | Show me and give her. |
| Woman1 | There is deficiency of blood. |
|  | **Pg. 27** |
| Dr Zobia | It is there in children. |
| Woman1 | She does not eat anything; I give her my milk only. If I give anything else like cerelac. |
|  | Or anything else, she did not eat. |
| Dr Zobia | No, give her bread to eat. |
| Woman1 | I give her; first she used to eat; now she does not. |
| Dr Zobia | How long? |
| Woman1 | It’s been 2 weeks. Whatever I gave her, she chew it, keep it at one side of the mouth and then spit it out. |
| Dr Zobia | Give her yoghurt and banana. |
| Woman1 | I give her banana. |
| Dr Zobia | Give her food to eat, she is very weak. |
| Woman1 | Ok. |
|  | I will show you the syrup. |
| Dr Zobia | Show me before going. |
|  | (child crying) |
|  | **Pg. 28** |
| LHW | Have you injected, Tahirs’s child? |
| Man-1 | Yes injected to Tahir’s child, Saeed’s child is left, anyone else left? |
| LHW | Saeed’s and Shafiq’s. |
| Man-1 | Ahan. Have you called Saeed’s child? |
| LHW | Yes, I sent the child there. |
| Man-1 | Please check it, I have to go to Dhok as well otherwise I will be late. |
|  | (Child crying) |
|  | Call her again, may be the child has not informed at his home. |
|  | Is his house at far? |
| LHW | His house is at this side, near the **Nallah.** |
|  | (Raksha’s noise) |
| Afshan | Has he got injection? |
| Man-1 | No, his vaccination is complete. |
| Afshan | That’s why. |
|  | He has just come to see the scenes. |
|  | Want injection? No? |
|  | **Pg. 29** |
| Afshan | Why you have come? Want an injection? |
| Yasmin | Yes |
| Afshan | For pregnancy? |
| Yasmin | Yes |
| Afshan | Ahan, you have come for TT. |
|  | Which month is this? |
| Yasmin | 8th. |
| Afshan | Have you got the injection? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Afshan | How many kids do you have? |
| Yasmin | Mashallah 5 kids. |
| Afshan | Ahan, so this one is 6th. |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Afshan | Do you live in Mughlan? |
| Yasmin | Yes, I live here. |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
| Man-1 | Today there is no electricity. |
| LHW | Are you going to Dhok today? |
| Man-1 | Yes. |
|  | This is the card of Jahangir’s child. |
|  | **Pg. 30** |
|  | Don’t know the time, write the name after inquiring? Ok. May be they will get an injection from GujarKhan. |
|  | We can inject him next month, if they do not manage. |
| LHW | Ok. |
| Man-1 | OK now I am leaving. Khuda hafiz. |
| Afshan | OK |
| Man-1 | There are five to seven Dhoks around this village. |
| Afshan | Ahan |
| Man-1 | I have to visit all these Dhokes. |
| Afshan | OK it is all right. |
| Man-1 | They are informed? |
| LHW | I had sent the child. |
| Afshan | All pregnant women have arrived? |
| LHW | Pregnant women are only two, this one and her younger sister-in-law. Third one is the wife of Saima’s brother, who lived in that corner house. |
| Man-1 | Most of the women go in that static center or RHC for checkup, so they have the list through which we enter the names. |
|  | **Pg. 31** |
|  | The one, who left, can come here. |
| Afshan | What is the frequency of your visits? |
| Man-1 | We do vaccinations for children, so will come for 8-9 months. |
| Afshan | And how many times in a month? |
| Man-1 | Once in a month, I have a full Union council to go. |
| Afshan | Full Union council, that’s why I am asking. |
| Man-1 | Population is 25000. Government has made a program for us to follow. |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
| Man-1 | Every month 1 visit to every village. |
|  | The ones who left or not at home, go to BHU or RHC, or the next time when we visit, they come. |
| Afshan | Ahan, ok. |
|  | **Pg. 32** |
| Man-1 | She went **Kals** for 1st injection. |
| Woman4 | Yes. |
| Man-1 | Any mark? |
|  | After a month there is a small pox. Take his cloth off. |
|  | (Man-1 injecting injection) |
|  | (Child crying) |
| Afshan | Something happen to me when the child cries. |
|  | (Woman4 trying to sooth the child) |
| Man-1 | Now come on next month for an injection. When I will come, you will be informed, either by an announcement or somebody will come at your house…ok? |
| Woman4 | Ok. |
|  | (W4 soothing the baby) |
| Man-1 | What is her name? |
| W5 | Sadia. |
| Man-1 | Is she got an injection from **Kals?** |
| W5 | Yes, he was born there. |
| Man-1 | Keep this card, and then you will get next injection. |
|  | **Pg. 33** |
| W5 | Ok. |
| Dr Zobia | If child’s card is not there then can they show their own card? |
| Man-1 | We have a vaccination record in register, so we can enter from there. |
|  | Will tell them to find the card till next month, if they cannot find then we make a new one. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
| Man-1 | This village has the vaccination sense, teams visit here frequently. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
| Man-1 | People take the medicine and come for the checkup. |
| Dr Zobia | They do not the medicine, let me tell you. |
| Man-1 | Educated people, who constitute 70% or 80% of the village, take medicine. |
|  | Some are old fashioned who do not take. |
|  | **Pg. 34** |
| Dr Zobia | Yes |
| Man-1 | Ok doctor, I have to perform my duty at Dhoke. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes, it is all right. |
|  | Can we talk to you? |
|  | Were you sitting here? |
| LHW | Talk to her. One more is there. |
| Afshan | Come forward here |
| Dr Zobia | What is your name? |
| Yasmin | Yasmin |
| Dr Zobia | Yasmin, Amna was telling me that this is you sixth child. |
| Yasmin | Yes, sixth one. |
| Dr Zobia | Are not they many? |
| Yasmin | Yes they are. |
| Dr Zobia | Then what is your program? |
| Yasmin | I wish it may be stopped. |
| Dr Zobia | What do they say? |
|  | How old are you? |
| Yasmin | Twenty six years. |
| Dr Zobia | My God…… |
|  | **Pg. 35** |
|  | She looks like twenty six years old. |
|  | You have given birth to six children in twenty six years. |
|  | When you did get married? |
| Yasmin | Ten years ago. |
| Dr Zobia | Good, good. |
|  | For how many classes, do you have attended? |
| Yasmin | Up to fifth class. |
| Afshan | Are you from this village? |
| Yasmin | No, I am from Karachi. |
| Afshan | Came from Karachi after marriage? |
| yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Came from Karachi after marriage? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | Are they, your relatives? |
| Yasmin | No. |
| Dr Zobia | Then how you get married here? |
| Yasmin | He was my brother’s friend; they attended the school and college together in Karachi. |
| Dr Zobia | Your husband used to live in Karachi before? |
| Yasmin | My first husband has died. |
|  | **Pg. 36** |
|  | Then married to his younger brother. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. You were married to the elder brother? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | He was your brother’s friend? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan.When did you marry? |
| Yasmin | I was 19 years old. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. These 10 years of marriage with your 1st husband or? |
| Yasmin | I am married for the 2nd time for 6-7 years. |
| Dr Zobia | How many children from 1st husband? |
| Yasmin | 2 |
| Dr Zobia | 2 sons? |
| Yasmin | A son and a daughter. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. How old were they when your first husband died? |
|  | **Pg.37** |
| Yasmin | Son was 1 and a half years and daughter was 8 months old. |
| Dr Zobia | How did he die? |
| Yasmin | (Crying) from heart attack. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
| LHW | Her husband was very nice, he looks after her. |
|  | Then married to his brother, he is strict in nature. |
| Dr Zobia | Married shortly afterwards? |
| Yasmin | No, after **Iddat.** |
| Dr Zobia | After **Iddat.** It’s a same thing. How long the **Iddat** was? |
| Yasmin | 3 months. |
| Afshan | How long? 3 months.. |
| Yasmin | People from village also said that if you don’t want to marry then go back to your home. |
|  | If you will talk to him like a brother, they take you wrong. You are still young. |
|  | I said that I don’t want to get marry; I will sit like this in the hope of my son. |
|  | **Pg. 38** |
| LHW | Her brothers came to take her. |
| Yasmin | So, she has to marry. |
|  | With her brother-in-law. |
| Afshan | Why you did not go with your mother? |
|  | (noise of Rakhsha) |
| Afshan | They said we will give you kids if you will go with your mother? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| LHW | Was he older than you? |
| Yasmin | He is younger than me. |
| LHW | How much? |
| Yasmin | 2 years. |
| Dr Zobia | He is also young if you are 28 years old then he is 26. |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. I have heard the story like this before about such type of marriage. She is very happy with the 2nd marriage. |
| LHW | Some are happy with that some are not. Everyone has one’s own problem. |
|  | **Pg. 39** |
| Dr Zobia | So your this husband does not like this. |
| Yasmin | Children? |
| Dr Zobia | No, this marriage. |
|  | If we see from his side, he was also get into this without his will. |
| Yamin | Yes, it was like this. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes it was. |
| Yasmin | He was young and not married but thrown into this relation. |
| Dr Zobia | He did not have any choice other than marrying his brother’s widow. |
| Afshan | He was also told by the people, to marry you, or he himself was willing so? |
| Yasmin | Nobody tell him. |
|  | The day my husband died, he said that he want to talk to Fahim. He was transferred to Hasan Abdal. He talked to Fahim on phone and said that I am very worried, if something happened to me then marry my widow. |
| Afshan | Your husband said that? |
|  | **Pg. 40** |
| Yasmin | Yes, my husband said. |
| Dr Zobia | Why did he talk like that, he was young. |
| Yasmin | Yes, he was. |
| Dr Zobia | Then why did he talk like that? |
| Yasmin | Then same night he had a heart attack. |
| Dr Zobia | Heart attack? |
| Yasmin | Yes, heart attack. |
| Dr Zobia | He seemed to know that something is happening to him? |
| Yasmin | He gets an idea that his life is short. |
|  | Many times he used to say so, to me. I used to tell him that nothing will happen, he is so young. |
|  | He then said that if I am young then I cannot die? Death can come at any time. He talked like that. |
| Dr Zobia | That day or before that? |
| Yasmin | Used to talk before. When married then said on that night as well. |
|  | **Pg. 41** |
|  | That our marriage will not go that far. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
| Yasmin | He used to talk like this. |
| LHW | He brother-in-law with whom she has married has an elder unmarried brother. |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
| Afshan | Why you were married with the younger brother then? |
| Dr zobia | Why you have not married with your elder brother in law? |
| Yasmin | He was not agreed. He said that I am his sister-in-law, just like a mother, I cannot do so. |
| DR Zobia | Why did the younger one agreed? |
| Yasmin | He agreed due to his mother’s insistence. |
| LHW | Mother-in-law said. |
| Dr Zobia | Oh Allah! |
|  | Elder is not agreed but younger is agreed. He is also victimized. What is your elder brother-in-law doing? |
| Yasmin | He lives at Karachi. |
| Dr zobia | Was he a better choice? |
|  | **Pg. 42** |
| Yamin | Yes |
| Dr Zobia | Is he married? |
| Yasmin | No, he is not married. |
| Afshan | What is your present husband doing? |
| Yasmin | He is in Rawalpindi, in Ice cream factory. |
| Afshan | In ice cream factory. |
| LWH | He is a driver. |
|  | He is busy during summer but remains unemployed in winter and stays at home. |
| Afshan | He remains just idle for six months. |
| Yasmin | He does not have any job to do. He remains idle. |
| LWH | Then they face a hard life as they cannot arrange expenses for children’s education, and other miscellaneous things for living. |
|  | They are giving birth to children, they do not think. What type of these people are? |
| Yasmin | I have said many times that now this is going to be last child on birth of every child. |
|  | **Pg. 43** |
| Yasmeen | I want to stop it |
| Yasmeen | He warns me, not to go for that. |
|  | Sound of motor cycle |
| Dr zobia | No, This is something else. It is B-complex. She is having iron deficiency. |
|  | Do one thing, arrange a test for her. |
| W1 | I will take her in the morning. |
| oryDr Zobia | Please take her to the doctor and tell her complete story, and ask them that, why is she looking so pale. |
| Woman-1 | I was thinking same. All people say it is due to her teeth. |
| Dr Zobia | Paling effect is not due to teeth. |
| Woman-1 | Yes, it does not get so pale. |
| Dr Zobia | Take her to child specialist and tell him the complete story that I think there is a possibility of Hepatitis -B |
| Woman-1 | Ok, I will tell this to the doctor. |
| Afshan | You must inform the doctor about your Jaundice. |
| Woman-1 | I will tell him, I have the reports. OhI remember that I had torn all. |
|  | **Pg. 44** |
| Dr Zobia | Why? |
| Woman-1 | Just for nothing. These were so many so I thought to get rid of them. |
| Woman-1 | I could not perceived, I went to Ishtiaq and he told me. |
| Dr Zobia | Will you go again to Ishtiaq? |
| Woman-1 | No, no, I will not go to him. |
| LHW | Are you going to Chakwal? |
|  | There is a civil hospital in which the child specialist, Dr Mushtaq sits. |
| Woman-1 | No, I will go Dr Tariq Ikram who is a very good doctor and he takes300 Rs. |
| LHW | Ahan |
| Woman-1 | I will take her to Dr Tariq Ikram. |
| LHW | Yes Tariq Ikram. |
| Woman-1 | Nothing is dear to me than my daughter. |
|  | Yesterday my brother visited me and scolds me. He offered money for taking her for treatment. I replied I will take her for treatment. |
|  | **Pg. 45** |
|  | She has the deficiency of blood. Nothing is dear to a man than his children. |
|  | I have her only. She is the only one who could survive after three and half years. |
| LHW | First there were miscarriages. |
| Woman-1 | He started weeping when he saw her. I said, do not make me weep, I am not strong enough. |
| Dr Zobia | No, you must take her. |
|  | Your daughter is pale. |
| Dr Zobia | Where were you living in Karachi? |
| Yasmin | Mondi Saud Abad, in Karachi. |
| Dr Zobia | Good, at Mondi Saud Abad. I also lived in Karachi. |
| Yasmin | We live permanently there, we have a home there. |
| Dr Zobia | If your husband does not agree then can you take any step without his will? |
| Yasmin | Without his approval? I am very much afraid. |
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|  | **Pg. 46** |
| Dr Zobia | How will he come to know? |
| Yasmin | I said to him, this is going to be the last child. He replied that do you want to live in this house or not. |
| Dr Zobia | If you get an injection, then how will he come to know? |
|  | Look at your health! |
|  | Now, how many you are going to give birth? 12? |
|  | He is not earning properly. |
|  | You don’t have to give birth only; have to feed them as well. |
| Yasmin | Teach them. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes, you have to teach them and meet all their other necessities. |
|  | Is his behavior good with elder children? |
| Yasmin | He loves all the children equally. |
| Dr Zobia | Good |
| Yasmin | When he is on job, he looks after very well. |
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|  | **Pg. 47** |
| DR Zobia | Good, No difference. |
| Yasmin | No difference treats equally Masha Allah. |
|  | He brings many things. Masha Allah. He brings a lot. |
|  | Once he is at home, then it becomes difficult. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes |
| Dr Zobia | Then he does no other job? He may do some other job in winters. |
| Yasmin | He does driving only, he says that he will only do rest. |
|  | For six months he remains at home, I do not know how. |
|  | Even then he does not think about his children. |
| Dr Zobia | Good, Listen I will suggest you; You may not act upon it. . |
|  | Come and get injections in future. |
|  | Can she inject? |
| Yasmin | Yes, she can. |
| Dr Zobia | Seriously. |
|  | This is not the way that one should remain quiet. You have your ownwish and control. |
|  | **Pg. 48** |
|  | Ok? |
| LHW | I have to ask about Munir, there is no man with this name here, is she a woman? |
| Afshan | No, it’s a woman. |
| LHW | How do you know her? |
| Afshan | We get to know that they have a miscarriage. |
| LHW | Her daughters? |
| Afshan | Her daughters. She doesn’t have any child? |
| LHW | No. |
| Womnan1 | Do you come from Rawalpindi? |
| Afshan | Yes, all of us came from Islamabad. |
| Woman 1 | Then how do you know about Munir? |
| Afshan | Someone told me about that. |
| Woman1 | She was married just after me. I was married in June and she in August. |
|  | **Pg. 49** |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
|  | How long has she been married? |
| Woman 1 | In August it will be 5 years and mine too. |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
|  | She has taken medicines. Somebody told her about ***Tawiz.*** Then the old man gave her ***Tawiz,*** which made her pregnant. Somebody did that to her that her baby’s sac dried inside. |
|  | Then she was taken to Chakwal, where she had a major operation because it cannot be delivered normally. |
| LHW | She was taken to Zubaida? |
| Woman 1 | Yes, to her. |
| Afshan | It was 7 months old. |
| Woman 1 | 9 months old, blood was drained out of him. |
| LHW | Then what did she say? Can she bear more babies? |
| Woman 1 | Yes, she has given a 3 months course, after that she will be ready. |
|  | The germs will be killed after this 3 months course. |
|  | **Pg. 50** |
| Dr Zobia | Let’s talk to her. |
|  | Who is this coming? |
| Woman 1 | One is given after 9 months and one after 1 year. |
|  | She is a year old, now she will get an injection for 1 year baby. |
| LHW | Ahan. |
| Dr Zobia | Today she gets an injection for measles? |
|  | MMR is already given. |
|  | Has Shagufta come? |
|  | I was talking to her that why not gives her an injection after her this delivery? |
| LHW | Should give that injection? |
|  | That injection is in our hospital, she said that first injection has to be given here. |
| Dr Zobia | Ok, give her please. |
|  | You know this injection does not suit some people, then…. |
| LHW | I will inject myself? |
| Dr Zobia | Nothing will happen with the injection, sometimes when the medicine goes inside then it does not suit some. |
|  | **Pg. 51** |
|  | Mean they have a continuous spotting. |
| Afshan | Ahan, mean spots all the time. |
| Dr Zobia | Spotting… |
|  | But the thing is if you can bear it… |
|  | Sometimes, one cannot get periods regularly, you have to bear it only, and then your routine is set. |
| Yasmin | Ok. |
| Dr Zobia | You will become a perfect after this injection; everyone has its own body features. |
| LHW | But the problem is this that her mother-in-law does not let her go anywhere. |
| Dr Zobia | She has come now. |
| LHW | She can come here |
|  | When her mother-in-law is not at home, she comes here or I go to her.(Smiling) |
| Dr Zobia | Then take advantage of this. Look! Listen to me…..she has 6 kids, after every 1 and a ½ year….. |
|  | **Pg. 52** |
|  | It means she will be pregnant after 3 months. |
|  | At such a young age. |
| LHW | Ahan. |
| Dr Zobia | One can manage such things then. |
|  | Do it… if you are not conceiving, it means not. |
|  | Will they ask that why you are not getting pregnant? |
| Woman 1 | Will they ask you…..? |
| Dr Zobia | No means no |
|  | Is this a last will that will be kept till Dooms day? |
| LHW | They used to say before…… |
|  | When she was not getting pregnant, after how long you conceived? |
| Yasmin | After 2 years. |
|  | Then they create such fuss. |
| LHW | They used to say that she has done something, when she was in her mother’s home. |
| Yasmin | They blamed that she has done family planning. |
|  | **Pg. 53** |
|  | (LHW laughing) |
| Yasmin | I said that you can take me for checkup. There are many doctors here. |
|  | Wherever you want to take me….it’s only Allah’s will that I am not conceiving. |
|  | He said that first you used to have pregnancies sooner, why not now, why you are not conceiving now. |
|  | I told him that it was Allah’s will; it is not in my hand. |
|  | He said that you have done something at your mother’s home. |
| Dr Zobia | It means that he will say any way, you just don’t mind it. Go for it. |
|  | Let them say, whatever they want. |
| LHW | (Laughing) let them say. |
| Dr Zobia | If you will not do, even then they will say. Then it’s better that you do the family planning and let them say so.( Smiling) |
| Afshan | Yes, at least think about your health. |
|  | **Pg. 54** |
| Dr Zobia | If these people will behave like this and you have to suffer always, then you have to overcome your sufferings yourself. |
|  | This is the only way; you will be treated harshly continuously if you will not stand by yourself. What can they do? |
|  | Is it ok? |
|  | Give them some quality time. |
|  | Let them meet **Pouda,** with girls. |
| LHW | Ahan. |
|  | They used to there, their daughter go to study there. |
| Dr Zobia | Look, you will have 6 children in total. |
|  | How many sons and daughters? |
| Yasmin | 3 sons. |
| Dr Zobia | And 3 daughters… |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Nothing will happen seriously. They can do nothing to you. |
|  | You very strong now. |
|  | **Pg. 55** |
|  | Is it? What they can do? Will ask you to leave if you will not be pregnant for the 7th time. |
|  | Will they ask you to leave for that? |
| Yasmin | No. |
| Dr Zobia | Then its final. If there is no risk of making you leaving the home for not conceiving for 7th time then go for family planning. |
|  | Quietly keep on listening them. |
| Yasmin | I am listening that already. |
| Dr Zobia | Then listen after stopping it. |
| LHW | Send the other woman; let us talk to her for a while. |
| Yasmin | Should I send Shumaila? |
| LHW | Yes. |
|  | She is her younger sister-in-law. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. What is her story? |
| LHW | She is also pregnant. |
| Dr Zobia | Where is she going for checkup? |
| Yasmin | **Kals.** |
| LHW | He was also born in **Kals.** |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. How many times do you go? |
|  | **Pg. 56** |
| LHW | She went there for first 2 visits and she had come here for the 3rd. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan, that day she came here for checkup. Her 3 visits are completed. |
| Yasmin | I have to go now again for checkup. |
| Dr Zobia | You will go there? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | At the end you have to go for weekly checkup. |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | How much you have to pay there? |
| Yasmin | No. not any. |
| Dr Zobia | They have never taken money from you? |
| Yasmin | Never. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
| LHW | They did not take money, only 10 Rs for chit. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | Do you meet a doctor, whenever you go there? |
|  | **Pg. 57** |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| LHW | If doctor is not there then LHV can do checkup. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | LHV can do so? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| LHV | Yes, she can do. |
| Afshan | When she was giving these births, were you with her? |
| LHW | Yes, I used to go with her, some people take me with them and some not. |
| Afshan | Ahan when this child was born, were you with her? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Why? |
| LHW | It was late noon; her mother-in-law came and asks me to go with her. So I went. |
| Dr Zobia | That’s very good. How long your delivery took? |
| Yasmin | My babies did not take time to deliver. |
|  | They bore in no time. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan, you mother-in-law decides where to go and where not? |
|  | **Pg. 58** |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | You don’t have any decision power? |
| Yasmin | No. |
|  | One cannot take step without her will. |
| LHW | She called names and sometimes beat as well.( Laughing) |
| Dr Zobia | Beat also?(Amazed) |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Where does she hit? |
|  | Have you ever asked your elder brother that where had he married you? |
| Yasmin | He never called me now. |
| Dr Zobia | Never get his call? |
|  | You have studied till 5? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Can’t you give her some training… so that she can do something? |
| LHW | Can give, but……. |
| Dr Zobia | Now her kids are too young. |
| Yasmin | And don’t have permission from home. |
|  | **Pg. 59** |
| LHW | Does she do all her house chores? |
| Dr Zobia | Your sister-in-law does not do anything? |
| Yasmin | She does in the morning only one time, rest of making food, cleaning etc. are my responsibilities. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. How many brothers-in-law do you have? |
| Yasmin | At first MashaAllah, they were 5, now they are 4. |
| Dr Zobia | One has gone to Karachi, and …… |
| Yasmin | 2 are permanently in Karachi and 1 is in Army. |
| Dr Zobia | One is in Army and one your husband. |
| Yasmin | The one, who will come now, is the wife of that brother-in-law, who is in Army. |
| Dr Zobia | He is in Army? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | And your husband is a driver. |
| Yasmin | Yes, he is a driver in Rawalpindi. |
|  | **Pg. 60** |
| Dr Zobia | How much does he earn in these days? |
| Yasmin | 500 Rs daily and 6,000 monthly. |
| Dr Zobia | But he works only for six months. |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | How many sister-in-laws are living with you? |
|  | Are all married except the elder one? |
| Yasmin | We are only two. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
| Dr Zobia | The other one who is soldier has also left his wife here? |
| Yasmin | Yes, she is just coming. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. Why do you work more and she does only in the morning? |
| Yasmin | She belongs to their relatives. I am an outsider. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | **Pg. 61** |
| Yasmin | She is the daughter of her brother. |
| Dr Zobia | She is more liked? |
|  | Do you have a mother? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Do you talk to your mother? |
|  | Do you have sisters? |
| Yasmin | We are six sisters.( said while weeping) |
| Dr Zobia | Have you ever talked to your sisters? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | Where does your mother and sisters live? |
| Yasmin | Karachi (with weeping) |
| Dr Zobia | Karachi, Have you been to Karachi? |
| Yasmin | I go Karachi after five to six years. |
| Dr Zobia | After 5-6 years. |
| Yasmin | There was marriage in this month but my husband did not allow me to go to Karachi. (weeping bitterly) |
|  | I have not been to Karachi for last four years. |
| Ayesha | Four years (sad). |
| Yasmin | I went to Karachi at the death of my first husband… after5-6 years (weeping bitterly). Had 2 children from my 2nd husband (weeping). |
|  | **Pg. 62** |
| Dr Zobia | How old is your mother in law? |
| Yasmin | Apparently she looks young. She is not so old. |
| Dr Zobia | Do not move here and there. You do not have any escape. |
| Dr Zobia | Your parents do not say that send her quickly. |
| Yasmin | No. |
| Dr Zobia | They do not have sufficient money. |
| Yasmin | They say what may be there, yours house is only yours. |
|  | Whatever they do with you, don’t say a word; do not let us be insulted. I am here because of them. (weeping) |
| Dr Zobia | Does your husbandbeatyou? |
| Yasmin | So many times he has beaten me. |
| Dr Zobia | What is the cause of beating? |
| Yasmin | Just for nothing, do not beat children. |
|  | **Pg. 63** |
|  | If children do some mistake then one has to beat them. |
| Yasmin | He himself teaches the abusive language to children. Children always talk with me abusively. ( weeping) |
| LHW | Is mother-in-law at home? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| LHW | What is she doing? |
| Yasmin | She is lying. |
| Dr Zobia | May we visit her house? |
| LHW | Yes |
| Dr Zobia | Mother-in-law would not eat us? |
| LHW | If you will visit her mother-in-law’s house, she will serve you, respect you. She would love you. You will say that nobody is like her. |
| LHW | Her house is just at this side. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
| Dr Zobia | Samina knows this story. Tell Samina, this story. |
| Dr Zobia | You know what a man is, If he is qualified and trained. Whether money is earned or not? |
|  | **Pg. 64** |
| LHW | Then it is all right |
| Yasmin | *Baji*, I got 8 lac and 50,000 Rs after the death of my first husband. |
| Dr Zobia | Why you have got eight lac rupees of your husband? |
| Yasmin | He was employed in bank. |
| Afshan | The money which was deposited by my earlier husband. |
| LHW | He was bank employee. |
| Afshan | He was bank employee. She got all money on death of her husband. |
| Yasmin | Yes |
| Yasmin | He got eight lac rupees. |
| Yasmin | Everybody said that you deposit (fix) this money in the name of your two children, your wife. Till they grew up, this money will remain safe. You get some benefit of fix deposit. They said that this is interest. We do not want interest. That money finished in two to three months. |
|  | **Pg. 65** |
| Dr Zobia | Within two to three months (Amazed). |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr Zobia | How they have spent? |
| Yasmin | They had loan of eighty thousands which was settled. |
| Yasmin | Rest, every day meat….. ( laughing) |
| LHW | When they have money then they live lavishly. They eat chicken, biryani. It is otherwise when they do not have any money. |
| Yasmin | I was very dear to them once I had money. They used to admire me every time. |
| Yasmin | The other brother-in-law who is at Karachi used to get a checque signed by me every day. I used to sign only but they fill the amount column. |
|  | They used to fill the amount column as they want. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes. This means this was a basically a little girl and they exercised full control on her using existing culture. |
|  | **Pg. 66** |
| Dr Zobia | You do one thing. You should also use system. |
|  | She must be advised. |
| Yasmin | *Baji*, I am very much afraid. |
| Dr Zobia | You have to overcome fear.Actually her self-esteem is finished. |
| Afshan | Yes |
| Dr Zobia | Ooh, Why are you weeping? (all others laughing) |
|  | You know what is happening in our society? |
| Afhan | Let us start something else. |
| Afshan | I am observing you. |
| Dr Zobia | Let us start something else. |
|  | Seriously when somebody faces this type of situation and hurt. Then her inner self is affected. |
| Afshan | Everyone has ego and that is finished. Self-esteem finishes. |
|  | **Pg. 67** |
| Dr Zobia | They damage the ego first. It must be maintained. |
| Dr Zobia | Arrange her meeting with Samina. Tell Samina the she should build her confidence and make her strong. |
| Dr Zobia | You see you had been married over here. You had children. Now you cannot change the things. You cannot leave the children. You have to spend your life here. |
| Yasmin | Yes, I have to live here. |
| Dr Zobia | Now you have to take bold steps with courage.Ok? |
|  | First you have to stop giving birth. Stop these nonstop children. You have to control it. |
| Afshan | Very quietly. |
| Dr Zobia | Control it quietly. |
| Afshan | Now do not say to your husband that this is your last child. |
| Afshan | If you tell him he will catch hold of you that you have taken some medicines. |
| Afshan | Now do not say him again that this is your last child. |
| Yasmin | Yes |
| Dr Zobia | Do not say, just do it. (with laughing) |
|  | **Pg. 68** |
| Afshan | There is great difference between saying and doing. When we say, the listener becomes a tiger, When we do it, then he thinks that…. |
| Dr Zobia | She has not responded/ come to know at all. |
| Afshan | She has not responded/ come to know at all. |
| Afshan | We have seen such women who put tubes but do not let others to know. |
| Dr Zobia | If you go for tube then will your husband come to know? |
| Yasmin | I do not know. |
| Dr Zobia | Will not know. |
| Afshan | Will not know. |
| LHW | Tube is better for her. |
| Dr Zobia | It is better. |
| LHW | I will take her on some day. |
| Dr Zobia | You go for tube. |
| LHW | After the 40 days of your delivery, I will put a tube? |
| Dr Zobia | Yes, get an advice from doctor. |
|  | **Pg. 69** |
| LHW | Yes |
| Dr Zobia | Generally, it is not placed just after birth of a child. It is after birth. |
| Afshan | It is placed after 40 days of birth. |
| Dr Zobia | You do one thing;take her for checkup after 40 days, after all postnatal checkups are very important. |
|  | Place in her, and the problem is solved. Cut the thread as well. |
|  | Tell the doctor to keep the thread short. |
| LHW | Yes Ok. |
| Dr Zobia | Is it Ok? |
| Yasmin | Ok. |
| Dr Zobia | Start your first step by doing small things. |
|  | I do not feel that she replies them. |
| Afshan | She cannot reply……. |
|  | Have you seen her tears, ready to go at any time and only drop, like anything. |
| Dr Zobia | Yes |
|  | If she has to be blamed then she should go for it. She will not have the seventh child. They would not do anything. |
|  | **Pg. 70** |
|  | Remain silent, don’t give answer, neither yes nor no. If she talks then let her talk. What can she do? |
|  | Later on we will get her trained from**pouda**, some ways and means to earn money. |
|  | If they criticize on this, then keep on doing your work. |
| Afshan | When money will start pouring in then…….. Do you remember that time when you had 8.5 lac Rs at your name. |
| Yasmin | Yes |
| Afshan | You were dear to them? |
| Yasmin | Yes |
| Afshan | Once you will earn money, you will become dearer automatically. |
| Dr Zobia | You will be liked by them, seriously. |
| LHW | What work you people have to do, You don’t have any animals, so you can be free after doing your house work. Kids will go to school. |
|  | You can do it; **Pouda**is not a far off place. |

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|  | **Pg. 71** |
| Dr.Zobia | We have to motivate her first. |
| Afshan | They will accept it slowly. |
| Dr.Zobia | Yes, slowly. Everything should be done, bit by bit. |
|  | Tell her things to do, to make her husband in her disposal. |
| LHW | Woman…and husband is not under her command…(Laughing) |
| Dr.Zobia | Absolutely right. |
| Afshan | It is so. |
| Dr.Zobia | Tell her to do so, as well. To be in fully command of one’s husband. |
| Afshan | Yes, you are right, this also an important work, what kind of her life is! Otherwise she will always be under pressure. |
| LHW | There is another woman, whose is like hers. Safia’s sister, she is crying all the time that her husband does not give her any penny. He just listens to his brothers and sisters and fight with her. He says that.. |
|  | **Pg. 72** |
|  | Bring money from your brother. |
|  | He doesn’t give her money for 5-6 months. She was crying that she does not have any clothes for kids, does not have milk for them. |
|  | Women here are facing such kind of problems. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
| LHW | Her elder brother-in-law, his wife and mother-in-law live together. He does not do any work or his wife. And they have 8 children. |
|  | 2-3 of them are grownup know. |
|  | Her husband gave them the money but not to her. He said do whatever you want and manage yourself. |
| Dr.Zobia | By the way I am amazed, after listening all this. |
| LHW | They are eating her husband’s salary and…..( Laughing) |
| Afshan | Her husband’s deeds should be reported in Army, seriously. |
|  | If the Army get this complaint that he is sending money to his wife and kids |
|  | **Pg. 73** |
|  | It is considered very bad and is not at all acceptable. |
|  | If this is reported and it reached in office then it will be sorted out. |
| Dr.Zobia | Sometimes one has to report the Army like this. |
| Afshan | We should do this. |
| LHW | Yes, she is in very difficult situation, look at her health. |
| Dr.Zobia | No use of bearing these hardships. |
| Afshan | No need to bear all this? Life and age will be over then what all this is use for? |
| LHW | She does all work as well, if she does not de then they say that why she has not done, if she do then they say that she has not done right. |
|  | Brother-in-law become a father-in-law and sister-in-law become mother-in-law. |
|  | He listens to his wife only. If she makes*chapatti,* then say that it is not properly cooked, if she do not cook then say that why you have not made. |
|  | If you do not make, then do not live here, just go to your mother’s home. |
|  | Why you are living with us? |
|  | Now her child is born, he is so young, her sister-in-law has separated her and baby’s utensils, keep them aside, like |
| Afshan | Non touchable |
| LHW | Yes, like untouchables. |
|  | But she maintains more cleanliness and her kids are also neat and clean. |
| Afshan | Is she married in her family or? |
| LHW | In her family. |
|  | He is her aunt’s son. |
| Dr.Zobia | Somebody should talk to his husband, should pressurize him. |
| LHW | Her brother-in-law is our cousin. If we will talk and he will get to know then he will fight with us that how their internal affairs are leaked. He never lets anybody talk about his family. |
|  | **Pg. 75** |
| Dr.Zobia | Things are not that easy, it is totally a different story. You don’t have such issues. |
| LHW | No. |
| Dr.Zobia | But this story is different. |
| LHW | We talked to her brother-in-law, thing improved for a while, now it’s same. |
| Dr.Zobia | You know if you pressurize the person from an outside person, they will feel bad become careful. So if you will do so, he would be on the track. |
| LHW | I told her to ask her husband to give her some pocket money, if not then it is of no use of living here. Tell him that you are going to your mother’s home and will go to the court. Then you will give yourself. |
| Dr.Zobia | Yes, this is also the way. |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
| Dr.Zobia | So if a man will go to him, he will sorry for that and will think that why he is destroying his own home. |
|  | **Pg. 76** |
| LHW | Ahan |
|  | I was laughing that who else will marry such a fat dark man!(Laughing) |
| Dr.Zobia | Seriously? |
|  | I don’t know, who told me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| LHW | He says that there are many women for me to marry. |
|  | I said this is not the actual thing, you are mistaken. |
| Dr.Zobia | It is not that much easy, who will give from the family. |
|  | I think Samina needs to be told about the domestic violence problem here, that something is not being addressed in human rights, democracy and stuff. Really there is a domestic violence. |
|  | There are so many women which could do some help. |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
|  | **Pg. 77** |
|  | ( Voice of Riksha) |
|  | (Noise of loud music) |
| Dr.Zobia | Do you know she is also married to her brother-in-law? |
|  | You must know the story of Shagufta. |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | In village everybody knows. |
|  | How happy, she is. |
| LHW | Yes, she does everything herself, her husband is in her control. |
| Dr.Zobia | Learn from her. Truly speaking, I don’t know the village dynamics. I don’t know you can talk to me or not. They will not spread this. |
|  | You know what we can’t really do that. |
|  | But there is an ownership, which a human has inside, self-esteem? |
| Afshan | Self-esteemself-respect. |
| LHW | Self-worth. |
|  | **Pg. 78** |
| Dr.Zobia | Build it first. |
|  | Ok, build it because if a man is stuck in kids, then it’s not that easy. |
|  | This is a very variable stage. |
|  | Once a child is born, after3 or 6 months again gets pregnant. One is still recovering and then again get pregnant. |
|  | These things keep the person under great stress. |
|  | First get out of this pregnancy thing, focus on your kids, and let them grow well. |
|  | Then take the next step. |
|  | In the meantime…..are you educated? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Can you read Urdu? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Give her books, about strong women, human rights or related to her own issues and problems. |
|  | **Pg. 79** |
|  | You can find these books, read them, improve your strengths, then learn some work. |
|  | When you will start earning, these men will move around you. They will behave like a gentleman then. |
| Afshan | No need to go out, you can keep some animals, there are several other ways to do some work. |
| Dr.Zobia | There are many ways to earn money. |
|  | Can you do stitching? |
| Yasmin | Yes, can stitch clothes. |
| Dr.Zobia | That’s it, you can do stitching. |
| LHW | Keep hens, you have got a large place. |
| Afshan | One can do hundreds of things |
| Dr.Zobia | Ok, is it fine, they will become gentleman; we will make them understand as well and make a positive cycle. Then your husband and mother-in-law will not speak. |
|  | **Pg. 80** |
|  | First they will say that why you are earning, it’s our bad fame. |
|  | Just ignore it, keep up your ignoring policy, and will kill the hens…what else they can do? |
|  | Do you have a stitching machine? |
| Yasmin | Yes. |
| Afshan | Than you can easily stitch the clothes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Have you ever stitched anybody’s clothes? |
| Yasmin | No, I only stitched my own. |
| Dr.Zobia | Then start stitching others clothes. |
|  | Will they mind? |
| Yasmin | No, they will not mind. |
| Dr.Zobia | Good! |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
|  | They would like the money, which you would get and you would also be in their good books. |
| Dr.Zobia | They have spent 8 lac Rs. |
|  | 8 lac Rs are spent by them. |
|  | **Pg. 81** |
|  | And you didn’t know that what you are signing. |
|  | Have you ever asked? |
| Yasmin | No. |
| LHW | At that time if she would have asked that she want to deposit it with my children’s name that I don’t want to marry my brother-in-law. Then what they can do? |
| Afshan | The thing is there would be a strong hand behind her to stand. |
| Yasmin | I said that but me a cow and a buffalo. |
| LHW | A room can be built at that time. |
| Yasmin | At that time, a room can be built; they said that you are very young. |
| Dr.Zobia | They were not letting the money go. |
| Afshan | It was money. |
| Dr.Zobia | And do you know, if there would not be any money, they would not have married and would not keep her with them. |
| Afshan | Of course. |
|  | **Pg.82** |
| Dr.Zobia | They kept you because of money. |
| Afshan | She also said this thing. |
| Dr.Zobia | Yes, she also said. |
| Afshan | But she did maneuver well. |
| Dr.Zobia | She did maneuver and nobody was behind her. |
| Yasmin | I was getting pension, once, after 3 years, I went to Karachi, they said that sign the checkbook, don’t know whether you will come or not. |
|  | I said why I will not come? I am leaving my kids here. |
| Dr.Zobia | Stop doing your signatures. Is the pension still coming? |
| Yasmin | No it’s not coming now. They have given all the money before. |
| LHW | They gave all the money in bulk. |
| Yasmin | Money in bulk and I was not told. |
|  | **Pg. 83** |
| Dr.Zobia | Uf…… |
| Yasmin | When mother-in-law used to go to Chakwal every month to get her own pension, she used to take my check as well. |
|  | One day when I asked her that you have taken your check, why not mine. |
|  | She said that she had taken it at night. |
|  | I asked that you had not taken that, at night before. |
|  | She said that she had put it in her purse at night. |
| LHW | Is pension totally ended now? |
| Yasmin | Yes, it is. They have taken the money in bulk. |
| Afshan | Can one do so? |
| Dr.Zobia | Yes and they kept on taking your signs. |
| Yasmin | Aunt Mumtaz told me all this, they have not told me yet. They say that pension is coming. |
| Ayesha | Don’t they give you anything to spend for the home? |
| Dr.Zobia | No, things are going on at home. |
|  | **Pg. 84** |
|  | Do you get food at home? |
| Yasmin | Yes, get 3 times. |
| Dr.Zobia | Basically she was married due to money, her mother-in-law forcefully made her marry her younger brother-in-law just of money. |
|  | That he was their son. |
| Afshan | That their money would go with her. |
| Dr.Zobia | Yes. Ok, what’s done cannot be undone, let’s support her now. |
|  | First build her self-esteem. |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Afshan | Such books which can be found from auction ate. |
| Dr.Zobia | If they can be found, then we will bring some books for you to read. |
| Afshan | Will they forbid you to read a book? |
|  | **Pg. 85** |
| Yasmin | No. |
| Dr.Zobia | Although you are in a very good position. Such kind of people, who are in control, will never let you read books. |
| Afshan | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | They would not let you go out from home, read books or watch TV. Don’t do this, don’t do that. |
|  | Take advantage of your place. |
| LHW | She has a separate room, where she sleeps at night with the kids. At day when she is over with her house chores, she stays in her room. |
|  | Mother-in-law and sister-in-law are in their separate rooms. |
| Dr.Zobia | Then you have a place of your own. Ok? |
| Afshan | We will bring the books. |
|  | (Voice of Rikshaw) |
| Dr.Zobia | Study now. |
| LHW | She can read Urdu. |
| Afshan | Yes, she can read Urdu; I know very good books for her. |
|  | **Pg. 86** |
| Dr.Zobia | Let’s go. |
| LHW | I will also read then. |
| Dr.Zobia | You are just right. |
| Dr.Zobia | Let you tell me one thing, the problems of mothers and children are, not to bear a child only, these problems are also its integral part, which we cannot ignore. Only giving injections and not listening their problems is not needed. |
| Afshan | Everything is related to the birth of the 6th child. |
|  | If there is no son, then there is a problem in this social setup that there is no son….even then the 6thchild is going to be born. |
|  | Why she is not getting pregnant, this is also very important. |
| LHW | We will ask……..and snub. |
|  | **Pg. 87** |
| Afshan | Yes … now go and don’t get scolding. |
| Dr.Zobia | We will visit your house. |
|  | Ok. Allah Hafiz. |
|  | There are many stories like these. |
| LHW | They are many……..in villages. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, she is taken to **Kals** because it is free of cost. |
| LHW | Yes. If they would have taken the money, they would never take her there. |
| Dr.Zobia | Where does, her sister-in-law go? |
| LHW | She also goes there. her mother and brothers live in Karachi |
|  | Her father is a contractor. Brothers are also employed at good places. They are well of. |
|  | They will take after the delivery and keep her for at least 6 months then she will come back. |
| Afshan | Ahan, her parents will take her. |
|  | **Pg. 88** |
| Dr.Zobia | She does not have any family support. |
| Afshan | Yes she does not have any family support. |
| Dr.Zobia | This thing is very wrong. |
| Afshan | This thing is not good. |
| LHW | And her sister-in-law’s mother calls her daily and tells her that tell me if your Aunt is not behaving or saying something to you. |
|  | Your brothers would come to take you and fight with them. |
| Dr.Zobia | She is from the family and her mother knows how to deal with her sister-in-law. |
| Afshan | Yes, their mother-in-law knows that how to deal with her younger daughter-in-law. She knows that how her sister-in-law would deal with her, if she will be crossed with her daughter. |
| LHW | Ahan. My mother-in-law also speaks like this. |
|  | **Pg. 89** |
|  | Few days before the birth of my daughter, she fought with me for the house. |
| Dr.Zobia | Mother-in-law or father-in-law fought? |
| Afshan | Mother-in-law. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why did they fight? |
| LHW | There, my younger and elder sister-in-law lives. I went there to make *rotian* in *Tandoor.*it was the time of cutting wheat. They used to give us grains. |
|  | My elder brother-in-law said to me that make *roti* for all of us, I did so. When his wife came, she scolded me to bring my own fuel for that and ask me why I had made *roti*, using their fuel. |
| Dr.Zobia | Oh! |
| LHW | She started fighting with me. |
|  | **Pg. 90** |
|  | He is elder than my husband but we were married together. His wife accused me that I am more beautiful and have fairer complexion, that’s why I remain in home like princess and we cut wheat. |
|  | So I did not go this time, wheat is cut and collected by us and in return they gave us only 320 Kilo. Why should we go, it’s better to buy this wheat. |
|  | That’s why my mother-in-law fought. |
| Yasmin | I have come from a door. I will be very thankful, if you will not share my story with anybody. |
| Afshan | No, not at all. |
| Dr.Zobia | No, don’t worry. |
| Afshan | We know that. |
| Yasmin | Otherwise a fight may break out, in a village. |
| Dr.Zobia | Don’t talk to anybody. |
|  | **Pg. 91** |
| Afshan | Forget that you have talked to us. |
| Dr.Zobia | Forget that we have talked to each other; we will try to help you but will not talk to anybody about you. Ok? No, problem at all. |
| LHW | All 2 are my mother-in-law’s nieces and I am nothing to her. The elder one is also my father-in-law’s niece. |
|  | I have no relation with them before. |
| Dr.Zobia | The one who came yesterday? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Is she older in age? |
| LHW | She is much older than her husband. |
| Dr.Zobia | She is around 50, 60. She was sitting here. |
| LHW | You know when my mother-in-law was married, she was young, she was 15, 16. |
|  | **Pg. 92** |
|  | Then my mother-in-law had a son, and then he grew up, after that he was married to her. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why? |
| LHW | They marry in a family. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why? What’s the reason? |
| LHW | Without any reason. They say that we will not marry an outsider. |
|  | My husband’s other brother……. |
| Dr.Zobia | What is her name? |
| LHW | Rafia Sultana. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, Rafia. |
| LHW | Then she had only one child, she cannot have any more. |
| Dr.Zobia | She is already old, it would have happened. |
| LHW | The one who is younger than this one, who lives in Wah factory, was married, when he was very young. |
|  | His wife was matured and his *Phuppo’s*daughter**.** |
| Afshan | The one who came that day? |
| LHW | Yes. |
|  | My husband’s sister is married in that house, her name is Fouzia. He is not that much old but his beard is white. Both husband and wife seem to be of the same age. |
|  | They have two kids (Laughing) |
|  | All of them marry in relatives only. |
|  | Fouzia’s husband is also younger than her. |
| Dr.Zobia | Who is Fouzia? |
| Afshan | Her husband’s sister. Yes she told us that he is 4 years younger than her. |
| LHW | Yes 4, 5 years. They were saying that my husband’s younger sister will also be married with his brother. |
|  | My husband did not accept it now; he says that this system should be ended now. |
| Afshan | Ahan, he does not accept? |
| LHW | This side is also saying we don’t want this proposal and the other side is also saying that we do not want to do in family. |
|  | **Pg. 94** |
| Dr.Zobia | You are talking about Farzana? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | How is she related to that man? |
| Afshan | Same. |
| Dr.Zobia | What is her relation? |
| LHW | Her cousin’s son. |
| Dr.Zobia | He is engineer in Islamabad? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Then why are they against this proposal? |
| LHW | They were saying that they will accept, let’s see. |
| Afshan | The boy is not accepting or……. What? |
| LHW | There is a boy’s issue. |
|  | **Pg. 95** |
| Afshan | He will not be accepting. |
| Dr.Zobia | Now where will Farzana go? |
| LHW | I don’t know, what they will do, they will find a proposal in the family. |
|  | First they forcefully do, now the next generation has awareness. |
|  | My mother-in-law…….. |
|  | We are 4 sisters and 1 brother; we have been to Karachi for a long time. My parents brought up us like sons. |
|  | They never thought that we are girls. They never thought that they should not be given proper food or clothing; They provided us best guidance and education. They have taken every possible step in this regard. But we were married earlier. |
|  | You were married quickly and at early age. |
|  | This proposal was sent….. Although there were boys in our family but some of them were unemployed. |
|  | This was in my destiny. I got engaged here. |
| Dr.Zobia | How you were engaged with him? |
|  | **Pg. 96** |
| LHW | My husband had a friend who was from our family and comes from that place. |
|  | He managed all this engagement process, then I got married and came here. |
|  | When I came here I had no sense of any work. They were land lords. My grandmother objected my engagement saying that they are landlords. |
|  | Our girl does not know any work. She is only going to school and does not have any idea of house job. How is she going to live there? |
|  | My grandmother started crying and said to family members not to accept this proposal. |
|  | My father said that he had promised and now his decision is final. |
|  | I was student of ninth class at the time of engagement. |
|  | I was too young to understand such things. |
| Dr Zobia | Ninth class means you were 14 years old.Too young! |
| LHW | When I passed matric, they demanded marriage. I said I want to continue my study and learn sewing. They said no, we want to arrange a marriage then. |
|  | **Pg. 97** |
|  | They started visiting our house frequently. |
| Dr.Zobia | Your husband. |
| LHW | No, mother in law, father in law. |
| Dr.Zobia | How older is your husband than you? |
| LHW | He is seven to eight years older than me. |
| Dr.Zobia | He was also not so aged. |
|  | If you were about 16 years then he would be about 21-22 years. |
| LHW | Yes, soon after of my marriage, I got pregnant, I was very weak. |
|  | When it was one month of pregnancy then….(sound of passing by riksha) |
| Dr Zobia | Someone has arrived. |
|  | Assalam o- alaikum |
| LHW | I got sick with nonstop vomiting. |
|  | **Pg. 98** |
|  | I got kidney problem. Then I gave birth to a female child after nine months. |
|  | Then child born after two years. |
|  | Then next child after 5-6 years. |
| Dr Zobia | Natural or with something. |
| LHW | When my younger child was born, I was attending LHW course. |
|  | I had very tough time during training. I convinced my husband with great difficulty that I want to do a job. |
|  | It is better to do ajob than sitting idle at home as I am unable to do house jobs. |
|  | My husband agreed after my strong and continuous convincing. He had a friend in a hospital, I got his permission on his recommendations, |
|  | Then I completed my training with difficulty. |
|  | I had 8-9 months of pregnancy, when I used to sit whole day. |
|  | Child was born after training. Then I got leave. I stared work later on. |
|  | **Pg. 99** |
|  | But my husband helped me a lot. He helped me in registration and completing register work. |
|  | He is an educated person and knows everything in this regard. |
|  | He cares for me. He has never objected my work and demanded anything. |
|  | He knows that I do not reply to any one and do not argue. He understands my nature. |
|  | He always advocates my plea with his family members. |
| Dr.Zobia | Good , at least your husband wife relations are ok, |
|  | What is your name? |
| Shumaila | Shamaila |
| Dr Zobai | She is her…. |
| Afshan | She is Yasmin’s sister in law. |
| Dr Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | How are you? |
| Shumaila | I am fine. |
| Dr Zobia | Are you pregnant? |
|  | **Pg. 100** |
| Shumaila | Yes this is 3rd month. |
| Dr Zobia | Ok, how do you feel? |
| Shumaila | Good. |
| Dr Zobia | How long have you been married? |
| Shumaila | 3 years. |
|  | I do not know year. |
| Dr Zobia | You had nothing before. |
| Shumaila | What do you mean? |
| Dr Zobia | Were you not pregnant earlier? |
| Shumaila | I had one son. |
| LHW | A son. |
| Shumaila | Good, a son. |
|  | Yes, he is1.5 years old. |
| Dr Zobia | 1.5 years, and then now one more? |
| Shumaila | Yes (with laughing) |
| Dr Zobia | Good, but isn’t it too early. |
| Shumaila | Yes, he is of 1.5 years. |
| Dr Zobia | What does your husband do? |
| Shumaila | Earlier he was in Rawalpindi, now he is in Nowshehra. |
| Dr Zobia | What does he do? |
| Shumaila | He is in Army. |
|  | **Pg. 101** |
| Dr.Zobia | What is his rank in Army? His position? |
| Shumaila | He was a boxer. |
| LHW | He is in games. |
| Dr.Zobia | He does boxing? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | Does he live in Nowshehra? |
| Shumaila | Yes, first he was in Rawalpindi, now in Nowshehra. |
| Dr.Zobia | And you live here? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Has he got postings? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Has he got any residency from Army? |
| Shumaila | He has not got one in Nowshehra, so far. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, so you live here? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Are you, a relative of your husband? |
|  | **Pg. 102** |
| Shumaila | Yes, he is my paternal cousin. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | Where does your parent live? |
| Shumaila | Karachi. |
| Dr.Zobia | So you can speak *Pothohari?* |
| Shumaila | No, half Urdu, half Punjabi (everybody laugh) |
| Dr.Zobia | Then she is like me, I am comfortable with her. |
|  | Ok, tell how was your first pregnancy? |
|  | Come and sit here, near my side. |
|  | Your dress is very beautiful. |
|  | You can’t make out its print and its embroidery, it’s a combination. |
| Afshan | Yes, it’s a combination |
| Dr.Zobia | Very nice. Ahan, your first pregnancy started shortly after your marriage or it took time? |
| Shumaila | After 2 months, it was not late. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, where did you go for checkup? |
| Shumaila | I did not go for any checkup, only went for an ultrasound after 8 months (Smiling). |
| Dr.Zobia | Never go for checkup? |
| Shumaila | Never. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why? |
| Shumaila | I am afraid of an injection (Smiling). I was in Karachi, when I go in 8th month, there my son was born. |
| Dr.Zobia | So you did not go anywhere, when you were here? |
| Shumaila | No. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why? Any reason? |
| Shumaila | Nothing. |
| Dr.Zobia | You mother-in-law did ask you to go? |
| Shumaila | She said, I had a urine test only. |
| Dr.Zobia | This is very unusual. People go here for checkup. |
|  | **Pg. 104** |
| Shumaila | Yes, I know everybody goes for checkup here. |
| Dr.Zobia | But you did not go? |
| Shumaila | I went for checkup in 8th month, they said that everything is fine, delivery will be normal and the baby is little weak. |
| Dr.Zobia | Where did you go for checkup in Karachi? |
| Shumaila | There, where my brother’s wives go. |
| Dr.Zobia | Where do you live in Karachi? |
|  | Where does your mother live? |
| Shumaila | Bilal colony. |
| Dr.Zobia | Where is this colony located? I have been to Karachi, that’s why I am asking? |
| Shumaila | Have you seen Malir? |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, near Malir. Was it a private hospital or government? |
| Shumaila | Private. |
|  | **Pg. 105** |
| Dr.Zobia | Why you have not taken the privileges given by Army? |
| Shumaila | He was saying that your ID card has not made, so we cannot utilize that. |
| Dr.Zobia | Identity card is not made? |
| Shumaila | No, I don’t have any, never go for one. |
| Dr.Zobia | What is the reason behind? |
| Shumaila | There is not any reason. |
| Dr.Zobia | Aren’t you people are neglecting this? |
|  | Then, what about the kids? |
|  | (Shumaila smiling) |
| Shumaila | First my brother was saying that he would take me there, to make one but then he was so busy in his duties that, he did not get any time and I came back after 2 months. |
| Dr.Zobia | But Army’s ID card, your husband’s…… |
|  | (noise of Rikhshaw) |
|  | **Pg. 106** |
| Dr.Zobia | This is a public place! |
|  | We have a great advantage there? |
| Afshan | Silence, quietness |
| Dr.Zobia | The noise of these bikes does not reach there? |
| Afshan | No. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why your husband has not made the ID card? You have been married since 3 years. |
| Shumaila | He was saying so in the last Ramadan. |
|  | Then my mother-in-law also said that taker her foe the ID card. |
|  | Due to his careless attitude, he did not take me there. He had many excuses for that like, it’s Ramadan, it will be very populous, and…….. |
|  | Even after that, he did not take me there. It is made from Chakwal and I cannot go there alone. |
| Dr.Zobia | But do you know that Army gives a lot of privileges. |
|  | So what did you do with the delivery? Your mother took you? Went for checkup? |
|  | **Pg. 107** |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Then how much spent there? The delivery was in a private hospital? |
| Shumaila | At that time 4500 Rs. |
| Dr.Zobia | Who paid that? |
| Shumaila | The one who brought me there. |
| Afshan | No, who gave? Your mother or your husband? |
| Shumaila | My mother |
| Dr.Zobia | Your husband did not pay? |
| Shumaila | No. |
| Afshan | In which month, you went to your mother’s place? 8th? |
| Shumaila | It was 3rd month when I went, and stayed there, 2 more months after the delivery. |
| Ayesha | That is right! |
| Afshan | Then came back? |
| Afshan | Yes, I stayed there for 9 months. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why did you go to your mother’s place? |
| Shumaila | To meet her. |
|  | **Pg. 108** |
| Afshan | You were not retuning (everybody laugh) |
| Ayesha | That long time to meet her? |
|  | Your mother-in-law did not say anything for such a long stay? |
| Shumaila | No. |
| Dr.Zobia | Did not say anything? |
| Shumaila | No, some problems made me stay there. |
| Ayesha | What was happened? |
| Shumaila | Don’t ask *baji*. |
| Ayesha | Please tell me. |
| Dr.Zobia | Do tell me, we are here to share your problems. |
| Shumaila | My father’s sister, my mother-in-law started creating scenes for me, like I sleep all day, don’t know how to cook, and make *chapatti*, and clean the floor. |
|  | That’s why I stayed here for 4-5 months, when I was 3 months pregnant, I called my brothers and told father to send my brother. |
|  | **Pg. 109** |
|  | I want to come; I don’t want to stay here. |
| Dr.Zobia | I don’t want to live here? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
|  | My father did not know that I am pregnant. Rest of my brothers and mother knew only he did not know. |
|  | Then when he gets to know, he said me to go back. |
|  | When my son was born, then my father said that now we cannot keep her, sent her back. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
| Shumaila | He makes me understand this and tell her sister as well that first you marry your son happily with my daughter and now giving her tough time. |
|  | You are my younger sister and still doing such things. Although my father tells her but I am facing the same problems again. |
| Ayesha | I do not understand? |
| Shumaila | No. |
| Afshan | You lived there for such a long time, even then she does not understand? |
|  | **Pg. 110** |
| Shumaila | That’s why I stayed there for 9 months. |
| Dr.Zobia | But even there you did not go for checkup? |
| Shumaila | No….. |
| Dr.Zobia | Till 8 month? |
| Shumaila | No. |
| Dr.Zobia | Your mother even did not take you? |
| Shumaila | She used to say that let me take you for checkup. |
|  | I would not go. |
|  | I went for an ultrasound in 8th month. |
|  | Then, when the pains started, my mother took me there. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | Then, when your baby was 2 months old, your father sent you back? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
|  | Father used to say that if you don’t want to go, then don’t go but tomorrow you would be 2 instead of 1, then you will not be comfortable, I said that I would go back, then I returned and nothing changed. |
|  | **Pg. 111** |
| Dr.Zobia | What? |
|  | Why? |
| Shumaila | Same things again. |
|  | She does not work, sleeps all the time. |
| Ayesha | At what age you were married? |
| Shumaila | I am 25 years old, when married, I was 22. |
| Ayesha | You do your things like me, that’s why you have the same bullying. |
|  | (Everybody laugh) |
| Shumaila | I do not used to work, before my marriage. |
| Ayesha | What do you do now? |
| Shumaila | I do everything, whatever work is there in the morning. I fetch water; our motor is not working, so I come here to bring it. |
|  | I bring the drinking water separately, cook food, cleaning, all these works. |
|  | I have to look after my son too, who is very young. Even then she is after me, all the day. |
|  | **Pg. 112** |
|  | (Ayesha laughing) |
| Shumaila | Few days before, she created such fuss, my husband and elder brother-in-law were at home that she did not do this and that. |
| Ayesha | So are you going this time? |
| Shumaila | I am going on my brother’s marriage |
| Afshan | Then what are your plans, you will come after child’s birth. |
|  | (Everybody laugh) |
| Shumaila | No, I will come back, this time I will make them to spend. |
|  | First they had not spent. |
| Dr.Zobia | Then where will you go? |
| Shumaila | Here in **Kals.** My brother and his wife are coming, at 21st June, they will take me before Ramadan |
| Dr.Zobia | Have you gone for checkup? |
|  | **Pg. 113** |
| Shumaila | No. |
| Dr.Zobia | This is 3rd month and you have not gone for checkup. |
|  | You know now mobile clinics are also available. |
| LHW | You went there. |
| Shumaila | Yes I was there. |
| Dr.Zobia | You got your checkup there? |
| Shumaila | Yes, they only checked the blood pressure and weight and gave a medicine. |
| Dr.Zobia | Did ultrasound? |
| shumaila | No, they did not. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, they have given you a medicine. |
| Shumaila | Yes, they have given tablets to eat. |
| Dr.Zobia | Do you take medicine? |
| Shumaila | Yes, then my started aching, so I started to take medicine for that. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | I want to go to her home. |
| Shumaila | Sure come. My mother-in-law is sleeping. |
| Afshan | We will go. |
|  | **Pg. 114** |
| Dr.Zobia | Ok, we will come someday. |
| Afshan | May be tomorrow or day after tomorrow. |
| Dr.Zobia | Tomorrow or day after tomorrow, we will come to meet your mother-in-law. |
|  | So your mother-in-law did not take you to the hospital? |
| Shumaila | She was saying that she will take me. This is 3rd month. |
|  | I went to hospital, before, due to severe pain in my legs. |
|  | Then I went to doctor Afia. |
| Dr.Zobia | Were you taken by your mother-in-law? |
| Shumaila | Yes, my legs have severe pain, I was feeling unconsciousness, but we did not find a doctor. |
|  | She had gone for Umra. |
| Afshan | So you returned without any checkup? |
| Shumaila | Yes, as she had gone for Umra. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ok, well….it means that your child will born in **kals.** |
|  | **Pg. 115** |
| Dr.Zobia | Are you fine? Are you happy with that? |
| Shumaila | Yes, wherever my delivery takes place, may everything will be fine. |
| Dr.Zobia | First you have a son? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Your mother-in-law did not stop that you have a son? |
| Shumaila | Everybody said that if you would have a son, then she will stop this…but no. |
| Ayesha | What is her problem? |
| Shumaila | I have told you the problem are that, I do not work (Smiling). This is it. |
| Ayesha | Do your elder sister-in-law does any work? |
| Shumaila | She does but she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Ayesha | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? |
| Shumaila | Yes, very….. |
|  | Although, I do the work which is left. Whatever work is there, I do it. |
|  | **Pg. 116** |
|  | She did not do and leave it there as it is. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, becoming a widow in such a young age is very difficult. |
|  | Can we go now? |
| Afshan | Yes, let Amna come, and then we will go. |
| Dr.Zobia | Where is she going to take us? |
| Afshan | Ask her. |
| Dr.Zobia | What time is it? |
| Afshan | 12:40. |
| Dr.Zobia | Yes, it’s too late let her ask, and then we will go. |
| Afshan | I think she has gone to cook food. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | Do you wish to live with your husband? |
| Shumaila | I have asked him so many times that, take me with him but he said that quarters are not issued to us. |
|  | **Pg. 117** |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
| Shumaila | That all the quarters are booked, and are not available |
| Afshan | Your husband is a soldier there? |
| Shunaila | I don’t know. |
| Dr.Zobia | How much you have studied? |
| Shumaila | I studied till 5th. |
| Dr.Zobia | They why you have not completed your studies? |
| shumaila | My mother got ill, my brothers were young and nobody was married, so I left the school. |
| Dr.Zobia | How many brothers and sisters are you? |
| Shumaila | Masha Allah, I have 6 brothers |
| Dr.Zobia | Y6ou are a sister of 6 brothers. What does your father do? |
| Shumaila | He is a contractor. |
| Dr.Zobia | He is a contractor of what? |
| Shumaila | He deals with the plots. |
| Dr.Zobia | Then you are very rich. |
| Shumaila | No, not that much, just enough to live. |
|  | **Pg. 118** |
| Dr.Zobia | What do your brothers do? |
| Shumaila | 1 is at airport, he is a guard there, 2nd one do a separate business and rest of them work with father. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, all are elder than you? |
| Shumaila | 4 are elders and 2 are younger. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, are they married? |
| Shumaila | Yes, 3 are married and one is going to be married after eid. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, you are so well of and even then you have not completed their study. Were you not interested? |
| Shumaila | I was interested but because of my mother’s illness. |
| Dr.Zobia | What was happened to you mother? |
| Shumaila | When the elder brother was married, his wife did not stay. |
|  | **Pg. 119** |
|  | She stayed for 5 months, then demanded divorce and said that she did not want to stay here. |
|  | She was the daughter of my father’s younger brother. That’s why my mother fell ill because of this demand. |
|  | She lived here in Mandian. |
|  |  |
| Dr.Zobia | Was she your relative? |
| Shumaila | Yes, she was the daughter of my father’s younger brother. |
| Ayesha | What was her problem? |
| Shumaila | She has……. She missed someone, actually she liked somebody. |
| Ayesha | And….. |
| Shumaila | That’s why she did not live; she used to cry all the time when she was here for 5 months. She gave very tough time to my father an mother. |
|  | We were very young at that time. |
| Dr.Zobia | Is she married now? |
| Shumaila | Yes my elder brother is married now. |
| Afshan | No, I am talking about that girl? |
|  | **Pg. 120** |
| Shumaila | She married soon, when she went back, we did not give her divorce, she took it from the court. |
|  | Father was not willing so, he said that we have made her our family member with love and affection, but she took divorce from the court. |
|  | She took divorce in court and married there as well. Now she has 3, 4 kids. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. Your family did not know that she liked somebody. |
| Shumaila | No, we were in Karachi, we did not know. |
| Dr.Zobia | Her family did not know that? |
| Shumaila | I am not sure, they must know, but they had not told us. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, I am worried that you have not completed your studies. |
| Shumaila | I was the only daughter; nobody was there to look after. My brothers used to go to school. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why your family had not arranged a maid? |
|  | **Pg. 121** |
| Shumaila | No, at that time, father’s business was not that much good, that we can afford a maid. |
|  | Brothers were also going to school, there were so many expenses. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | Are your brother’s educated? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | How much they have studied? |
| Shumaila | The eldest one has studied till 7th; the other two have studied well. |
| Dr.Zobia | How much? |
| Shumaila | Till 12th. |
| Dr.Zobia | Till 12. |
|  | What about younger brothers? |
| Shumaila | They did not study; they used to run from the school. One of them studied till 7th, the other one till 8th and the younger 2 studied till 12th. |
| Dr.Zobia | Did your father go there from here, from this area? |
| Shumaila | Yes, he was very young when he went to Karachi, there he started his work, when he returned he married and returned back to Karachi permanently. |
|  | My eldest brother was born here, after that my mother joined my father in Karachi. |
| Dr.Zobia | Now no plan of returning back? |
| Shumaila | No, they have bought a house in Chakwal, few days before; build a wall and a gate. They will build and then come. |
| Dr.Zobia | Can we go? |
| Afshan | Let Amna come. Her house is open; we cannot leave the house like this. |
| Dr.Zobia | Yes, you are right. |
| Afshan | She was saying that she is bringing water. |
| Dr.Zobia | From where does she bring water? |
| Afshan | From where does she bring water? |
| Shumaila | From the house, that is in front. We also take water from here. |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
| Dr.Zobia | You also fetch water? How much water do you bring? |
| Shumaila | We have to take 2-3 rounds to fill our buckets. |
| Dr.Zobia | We can fill many buckets in 2-3 rounds. |
|  | Do you take 1 bucket there? |
| Shumaila | No, 2 buckets at a time. |
| Dr.Zobia | How? |
| Shumaila | From our both hands. |
| Dr.Zobia | We will train her. (everybody laugh) |
|  | Do you think that marriage in village is difficult as compare to city? |
| Ayesha | It’s very difficult in village. Who will do that much work? |
|  | **Pg. 124** |
|  | I cannot do the work in city, what about here! |
| Shumaila | In Karachi we do not fetch water? |
| Dr.Zobia | Yes, it’s true; we don’t have such habit there. |
|  | (Voice of s Rikshaw) |
| Ayesha | It’s true. |
| Shumaila | In the beginning I didn’t know how to fetch water. My sister-in-law and mother-in-law used to bring water. |
|  | Then they started saying that she does not bring water, she does not do anything. |
|  | Then I was used to it. |
|  | I never used to do work at home. I was younger, favorite and only daughter. |
|  | That’s why did not do work. |
|  | By the way I know everything, but never did before marriage. |
|  | Now they say that I do nothing, in spite I am doing everything. |
|  | **Pg. 125** |
| Dr.Zobia | Is your husband good? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Are you compatible with him? |
| Shumaila | Yes, but when she talked like this, he is also angry with me. |
|  | He then says like I will not take you in quarter, why should I take you, stay here, what is wrong here? He is like his mother. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
| Shumaila | He listens to his mother only, never listen to me. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why your eldest brother-in-law is still not married? |
| Shumaila | No, he is not married? |
| Dr.Zobia | How old is he? |
| Shumaila | He is much older, he is almost 30. 31. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why he has not been married? |
| Shumaila | He did not marry. |
| Dr.Zobia | Your mother-in-law is so strict, everybody under her command, why not him? |
| Shumaila | He does not listen. He is elder. |
| Dr.Zobia | What does he do? |
|  | **Pg. 126** |
| Shumaila | He lives in Karachi, just return back. He is a guard somewhere. |
| Dr.Zobia | He is a guard, but he does not marry. |
|  | He is also like your husband? |
| Shumaila | Yes, he is also like him. He says that when he wanted to marry, he will do so, this is his problem. |
|  | Are you not satisfied after marrying 2 of your sons? And you want to bring the 3rd one as well. |
| Dr.Zobia | He says so? |
| shumaila | Yes. |
|  | (voice of Rakshaw) |
|  | Now with the news of my brother’s arrival, they have decreased their teasing. |
| Dr.Zobia | Do you think that she is afraid of her elder brother that is your father? |
| Shumaila | Yes, my father is older, she is a younger sister. |
| Dr.Zobia | Is she afraid of your father? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
|  | **Pg. 128** |
|  | Father was also here, few days before. He lived here for 15 days. Then she was very nice to me. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | Its mean, it is good to marry in a family. |
| Shumaila | Yes, there is an advantage and that is far. |
| Dr.Zobia | She will be alright, if your parent will live near. |
| Shumaila | Yes, if they would be near, then it would be perfect. |
| Afshan | It takes time to reach here. |
| Shumaila | Yes.(laughing) |
|  | Father said that if something happens then just give me a call and I will come. |
|  | I say that no need to tell my father, he will worry, let it go. Ok? |
| Dr.Zobia | Do you have a father-in-law? |
| Shumaila | He has died, 10 years before. |
|  | (Loud voice of Rikshaw) |
|  | **Pg. 128** |
| Shumaila | He had an elder brother, who has died. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, the eldest one? |
|  | How did he die? |
| Shumaila | He had a heart attack. |
| Dr.Zobia | Which one? |
| Shumaila | Hearts. He was young and had 2 children. |
|  | 8 months old daughter and 1 1/5 year old son. |
|  | He was in Rawalpindi and got a heart attack when he was sleeping. His dead body was brought next day. |
| Afshan | With whom did he go to Rawalpindi? |
| Shumaila | He was in bank. |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
| Dr.Zobia | What did he do in bank? |
| Shumaila | He used to sit over there, he had nothing to do, he cannot do any work because he was handicapped with one leg. |
|  | His father helped him got that job. |
|  | **Pg. 129** |
| Dr.Zobia | How he was handicapped? |
| Shumaila | He had polio. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
| Shumaila | So he used to sit at one place. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, how did your father-in-law die? |
| Shumaila | He also got a heart attack and died when he was sleeping. |
| Dr.Zobia | Did he die at young age? |
| Shumaila | No, he was aged, he was 60 years old. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, what did he do? |
| Shumaila | He was also in bank. |
| Dr.Zobia | What did he do in bank? |
| Shumaila | Don’t know, but he was in bank. |
| Dr.Zobia | That’s why he helped his son, in getting a job. |
| Shumaila | Yes, as he was handicapped and had polio in one leg. |
|  | So he was also helped, to get a bank job. |
| Afshan | How much he was studied? |
| Shumaila | He studied till 12th. |
|  | **Pg. 130** |
| Dr.Zobia | So your father-in-law was a well-educated person and on a well post. |
| Shumaila | If he would have been alive, there would not be any problem; he liked to have sister-in-laws and grandchildren. |
|  | He used to say marry the sons, so that we could play with their children. |
|  | Want to see my grandchildren, and then I would die peacefully. |
|  | His son did not listen; he said that he did not want to marry. |
|  | After his death, the elder son, Waseem married. His other 2 brothers, Naeem and Rahim also lived in Karachi. |
|  | 2 in Karachi and 2 here. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
| Shumaila | They were 5 brothers. |
| Dr.Zobia | Have they any sisters? |
| Shumaila | There are 2. |
| Dr.Zobia | Where do they live? |
|  | **Pg. 131** |
| Shumaila | They are married. |
|  | One lives here near our house and the other lives in Karachi. |
| Afshan | Is that sister married out of family, who lives in Karachi? |
| Shumaila | No, she is married to the son of her mother’s sister. |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
| Shumaila | The one, who lives here, is married out of family. |
| Dr.Zobia | We wanted to do social mapping but it’s not done. |
|  | We wanted to do it today, if we would have gathered few women. |
| Shumaila | They have come here. |
| Dr.Zobia | They had come but with their kids, for their injections. They were crying due to injections. |
|  | There is no use of any meeting with these women when their kids are crying. |
| Shumaila | Yes, I have also come after my son slept. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, that’s why you are sitting without any tension, |
|  | **Pg. 132** |
| Shumaila | Yes, before preparing lunch I made him sleep. |
|  | I was waiting for Yasmin to come, and then I have come here. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan.Who will make *Chapati*? Yasmin or you? |
| Shumaila | Me. |
| Afshan | Do you cook for all or separately? |
| Shumaila | Collectively. |
| Dr.Zobia | How many kids are you planning? |
| Shumaila | I am planning to have 2 only. |
| Dr.Zobia | Will it be your decision? |
| Shumaila | What? My husband says that we will have 7, and I used to reply that why not 100. |
| Ayesha | 7. |
| Dr.Zobia | He says that you should have 7? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | People don’t care about the population. |
|  | **Pg. 133** |
| Afshan | So what is your plan? |
| Shumaila | I would say that 2 are enough, this pregnancy is also earlier, my first child is only 1.5 years. |
| Dr.Zobia | Your husband wants 7 and you 2….. So what’s your plan? |
| Shumaila | He says that why only 2? His elder brother’s wife, who came here before, has the 4th child with Fahim. So my husband says that she is also having babies. |
| Dr.Zobia | Does he listen to you? |
| Shumaila | No, I told you that when I said 2 are enough, he said that why only 2. |
|  | I said that I will take a gap (Smiling). You will not get to know. He said that he would get to know and threatened me for the consequences. |
|  | I will not go for it; otherwise he will not spare me. |
| Dr.Zobia | Can you afford so many kids? |
| Shumaila | Yes, he does job, then 2 in Karachi and one in Rawalpindi in Ice-cream factory and mine in Army. |
|  | **Pg. 134** |
| Dr.Zobia | So everybody is sending money at home? Your house is running because of that? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | How much money does your husband send? He sends it to you or your mother-in-law? |
| Shumaila | To mother-in-law. |
|  | He sends 7, 8 thousand, which is spending in the monthly house hold items. The bill was made there. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, directly. |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
|  | Then for the current month the items are bought from the money of other brother. Fees for children, their clothes etc. |
| Dr.Zobia | Who is the next one? Who is a driver? |
| Shumaila | Yes, he is in Rawalpindi. |
|  | (Voice of Rikshaw) |
|  | **Pg. 135** |
| Dr.Zobia | The one who is unmarried? |
| Shumaila | No, he is Yasmin’s husband. |
| Dr.Zobia | He lives in Rawalpindi, not here? |
| Shumaila | He is in Rawalpindi; he had been here, and left last night. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
| Shumaila | His duty is like this, that he came after a week. |
| Dr.Zobia | How much he sends? |
| Shumaila | His salary is also 10,000 Rs. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. But he cannot send all; he has his own expenses as well. |
| Shumaila | Yes, he keeps some foe himself, rest he sends for the children. |
| Dr.Zobia | Does he pay for the children’s fee? |
| Shumaila | Yes, fee for all 4, for their books and notebooks. |
| Dr.Zobia | What are the ages of elder children? |
|  | **Pg. 136** |
| Shumaila | One is 10 years old, daughter is 8, then one boy is 5 and the girl is 4 years old. |
|  | (voice of noise) |
|  | Her younger son is at my son’s age. |
| Dr.Zobia | Does the elder brother, who is in Karachi, send the money? |
| Shumaila | Sometimes, he sends sometimes not. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, only those brothers are basically sending who has a family here. |
| Shumaila | Yes, others send on their will and mood. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, Do all send money to your mother-in-law? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Then all of you take from your mother-in-law? |
| Shumaila | Yes, when we need we ask her. |
|  | **Pg. 137** |
|  | And bring the thing which we need. |
| Dr.Zobia | Is there any problem in this? |
| Shumaila | No. |
| Dr.Zobia | Isn’t difficult that whenever you need money you have to ask somebody. |
| LHW | It is difficult to ask money from somebody. |
| Dr.Zobia | Of course and especially when one has to ask from mother-in-law. Is it difficult? |
| Shumaila | Yes, but I never ask money from her. |
|  | I ask my husband to give money to me. |
|  | I don’t want to ask money from her, although she is my father’s sister. |
|  | He said that you can ask her so, it doesn’t matter but I negates. |
| Woman6 | Assalam-o-Alikum |
| Dr.Zobia | Waalikum Assalam |
| Woman6 | How are you? |
|  | **Pg. 138** |
|  | It’s 1 O’clock I thought to see her that why she is late. |
| LHW | She is not alone? |
| Woman6 | She does not come, if the goats or dogs come, she just screams and returned back to school. |
|  | She is afraid; she is very young that’s why. |
| Afshan | How old is she? |
| Woman6 | In 1 class. |
| Afshan | Of course she is too young. |
| Woman6 | She is young and get easily afraid from goats and dogs and returns back to school. |
|  | Many a times her teacher comes with her. |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
| Woman6 | I thought that Yasmin will go, but she has not gone. |
|  | Don’t know the other will go or not. |
|  | Are you all fine? |
| Afshan | Yes we are just fine. |
| Dr.Zobia | Yes, we are fine. |
| Woman6 | I was saying that I should come and ask that how all of you are doing? |
|  | **Pg. 139** |
| Dr.Zobia | Can the kids come back from school themselves? |
| Afshan | The school is near the village. |
| Woman6 | It’s near, the kids can come easily. |
| Afshan | We can see children in the school from here. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
| Afshan | Have you seen small kids in *Narrha*; they were going alone to home. |
| Dr.Zobia | Oh, yes. |
|  | Can we go Amna? Ok, listen… now we are going, what will be our next step? |
|  | Have you talked to Lubna’s father? |
| Afshan | No not till now, she was saying that she in field. |
|  | Do you have a mobile? |
| LHW | No, I don’t have. |
| Dr.Zobia | Then how can we contact you? |
|  | **Pg. 140** |
| LHW | Where? |
| Dr.Zobia | If we want to come after noon, like we told you that we want to visit the houses. |
|  | Today, women come here because of the vaccinator, otherwise our plan was not so, it changed at the last moment. |
| LHW | Then I will give you my husband’s number. |
| Dr.Zobia | No, he is not at home all the day. |
| LHW | No, he will call me and tell. |
| Dr.Zobia | Whom will he tell? |
| LHW | Here, he has a phone. |
| Afshan | We are here in the next village, we are not going anywhere, we are in Samina’s house. |
| Dr.Zobia | We are not going anywhere. |
| Ayesha | Give me your number; tell him if you want to go somewhere like coming or something like that. |
| Dr.Zobia | Like today when we came, you had a problem that you have to go…. |
|  | **Pg.141** |
|  | And tell everybody about the vaccinator, so we went to that place. But now we want to see with you that. |
|  | We did not get time to now about the houses. |
| LHW | Will you come late at noon? |
| Dr.Zobia | Can we come at 4, 5 pm? |
| LHW | Ok. |
| Dr.Zobia | 4 pm will be fine for you. |
| LHW | Ok. |
| Dr.Zobia | 3:30, 4 pm will be right, we lived just here; it will take only 2 minutes to reach. |
| LHW | Ok. |
| Dr.Zobia | Then we will talk to you to arrange a social mapping. |
|  | We will decide with you here that where will we go. |
| LHW | Ok. |
|  | **Pg. 142** |
| Dr.Zobia | I have seen many women who have 1.5 and 2 months babies. |
|  | That is same thing either going to be delivered or already delivered. |
| Afshan | That is not an old thing, the one who has 3 months baby has the same new thing. |
| LHW | Ok. |
| Dr.Zobia | You are sitting here, hope your colleagues will not mind that? |
| Shumaila | They knew, I have told them in the morning. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ok. |
|  | If Amna is a LHW, people do no mind it. |
| Shumaila | Yes, she used to come here herself. |
| LHW | She comes in our home; she lives nearby our house. |
| Dr.Zobia | So, many people used to come? |
|  | **Pg. 143** |
| LHW | Yes. |
|  | If I come and do meeting, they do come, all surrounding women. |
| Afshan | Then we can call them and do social mapping. |
| Dr.Zobia | It means that we can do one social mapping over here. |
|  | Can we…? |
|  | I am not getting this village. |
| Afshan | Can we develop an idea? |
| Dr.Zobia | To develop an idea that who is who? |
|  | We should sit and understand that how is village, its roads, its streets? Who has the biggest house? |
|  | Whose house was that which has lions displayed? |
| LHW | Gulshan. She has gone to England now. |
|  | She has just married his son, she with the son has gone and her daughter-in-law is in Rawalpindi. They will call her later. |
|  | **Pg. 144** |
| Dr.Zobia | She married her son here or Rawalpindi? |
| LHW | In village. |
| Dr.Zobia | The bride is from relatives? |
| LHW | Her sister’s daughter. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
| LHW | Her sister is here at home. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, her sister is here. |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Its ok let’s meet them. |
|  | Now Arif’s daughter marriage is ready. |
|  | So here in the village, the girls are married in England? |
| LHW | No, they marry here. Arif’s daughter will marry here, and then she will go to England. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
| LHW | How old is she? |
| Dr.Zobia | Don’t know, you should be knowing. |
| LHW | She is not as old. |
| Dr.Zobia | How old she will be? |
|  | **Pg. 145** |
| LHW | She will be 18 years old. |
| Dr.Zobia | She is very young; everyone in the village says that she is very young. |
|  | They are marring her at young age. |
|  | She did not study here? |
| LHW | No, she lived in Islamabad, and studied there. |
|  | Islamabad or Jehlam… he lived there in hostel. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, in hostel…Ahan |
|  | That house is a very big house, are they rich? |
| Shumaila | Yes. |
| Ayesha | They will be rich as they have such a big house. |
| Shumail | They will be rich, as they live in England. |
| LHW | That woman has married thrice (Laughing). |
|  | She is a very clever woman, few days before, she left for England, if you would have come earlier; you would have met her. |
|  | **Pg. 146** |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan? |
|  | She married thrice? |
| LHW | First she married her cousin, when she lived here, she had a fight with them and they expelled her from their home. She had a daughter from that marriage. |
|  | Then a man used to come from Mirpur, she used to meet her. |
|  | Then she started living wither uncle, he let her live there. |
|  | His uncle let her meet with that man from Mirpur, and she married with him. |
|  | Don’t know either he helped her make a fake passport and take her to England |
|  | She took her baby daughter with her as well. |
|  | Her daughter was young, when she returned. |
|  | She married her daughter there in England in the same family, where she was married. They were rich and stable there. |
|  | After her daughter’s marriage, she herself married for the third time. She has a son in her 3rd marriage. |
|  | **Pg. 147** |
|  | When he became young, she came back and married him with her sister’s daughter. |
|  | It is heard that now she has got good terms with her first husband and bad terms with the second husband (Smiling). |
|  | Don’t know what the problems, made here are. |
|  | Now she has gone and it is said that she will come back after 2 months. |
|  | Some people says that she is going to sale her house, her everything and going to be settled in Rawalpindi. |
|  | It is said that she will return after 2 months. |
| Dr.Zobia | Listen! What these 2 lions are there in that big house? |
| LHW | She has taken them off. |
| Dr.Zobia | Who has taken them off? |
| LHW | She herself. |
| Dr.Zobia | First we saw them, and then we saw that they are not there. |
| Afshan | She took them off, when she was going? |
| LHW | (Laughing). People also say that lions are taken off and curtains too. |
|  | **Pg. 148** |
|  | Her house is sold and all its accessories, that’s why people say so. |
|  | She has not sold it. |
| Dr.Zobia | Can such a big house be sold in village? |
| LHW | It is very difficult. |
|  | I have heard that Pathans are buying this house. |
| Dr.Zobia | From does these Pathan come? |
| LHW | Don’t know, but large number of them live here. They have cloth shops in Mlal. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
| Afshan | In Mlal, do they have such big cloth shops? |
| LHW | Yes, they have big cloth shops, in the entire city they are spread and they are much richer than Punjabis. |
|  | They also live nearby; they come to their shops and then go back easily. |
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| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. |
|  | Ok, let’s go, we have taken enough time now, will meet at late noon. |
|  | So, this is your area, and your sister, Nazima? |
|  | What is her area? |
| LHW | Her is *Chountrhian*. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, *Chountrhian*. Does she go there? |
| LHW | Yes, of course. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ulwia has not come so far. |
| Afshan | Has she not come? |
|  | Vaccinator was also telling that she was not there when he went there, that’s why few people came there. |
| LHW | Yes, she is like this. She is not interested in her work; mostly she roams here and there. |
|  | This time she was ill. |
| LHW | Ahan. |
| Dr.Zobia | Let’s move. |
| LHW | Madam, how many kids do you have? |
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| Dr.Zobia | 3 mashaallah. |
| LHW | Ahan. |
| Dr.Zobia | They are grown up now, sons are of 20 years and 18 years and a little girl. |
| LHW | And you are a doctor too. |
| Dr.Zobia | I am a doctor and I have done PhD as well. |
|  | I actually work in health service academy, in university;it’s mostly a research work. |
| LHW | It is more related to study. |
| Dr.Zobia | Yes, we are researchers. |
| Afshan | We are not the doctors who check the patients. |
| LHW | Here in Islamabad? |
| Dr.Zobia | Research doctors. |
| Afshan | We mostly work on the women related problems. |
| LHW | And you people work with them. |
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| Afshan | Yes. |
| LHW | Right. |
| Shumaila | They are *Michey.* |
|  | (Everybody laugh loudly) |
| Dr.Zobia | (Laughing) I have heard it first time. These *Michey* are given very hard earned salary. |
|  | (Everybody laugh) |
| LHW | It’s a very big thing being a *Michey.* |
|  | Are you married as well? |
| ayesha | Not now. |
| Dr.Zobia | She is soon to be married. |
| Afshan | That’s why she hears everything earnestly, and become tense when she hears a story. |
| Dr.Zobia | She just becomes apprehensive after hearing these stories. |
|  | She does not know, what happens when one is married, now she will get to know. |
| LHW | Many things happen (Laughing). |
|  | One has to work very hard. |
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|  | (Everybody laugh) |
| Dr.Zobia | Different type of work and do you know in such a little age, so many things happened and one become responsible for nothing. |
| Shumaila | This is a past life; new life starts after a marriage. |
| Dr.Zobia | Yes. |
|  | How old were you when you were married? |
| Shumaila | I was 22 years old. |
| Dr.Zobia | That age was good, if the age is only 16, 17 years, that is very…….. |
| LHW | Once, when I took my daughter to hospital, doctors said that is she your younger sister? |
|  | I said yes. |
|  | Then I said that not a younger sister, she is my daughter, he said that he did not believe that she is my daughter. You were married at such a young age! |
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| Dr.Zobia | When did you marry? |
| LHW | When I did my matric, I was married. |
| Dr.Zobia | 14-15 years |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Shumaila | Nowadays, a girl is married at the age of 13-14., its common in Karachi, 13, 14, 15 years has become an ideal age. |
| Dr.Zobia | 13..? (shocked) |
| Shuamila | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | What is the reason behind? |
| Shumaila | Don’t know. Parents want to be free from their responsibilities towards their daughters. |
| Ayesha | Yes, to caste away their burden. |
|  | Even the poor soul goes to hell (Laughing). |
|  |  |
| Shumaila | She was just 13; she was studying in school and reciting Quran as well. |
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|  | Her mother forcefully married her in spite of her pleading that she wanted to study more. |
| Afshan | They are married with aged men or young? |
| Shumaila | Men are aged as compared to girls, she was 13 years old. |
| Afshan | And what was the age of boy? |
| Shumaila | I don’t know, I didn’t go to her marriage, I have not seen the groom. |
| LHW | If a girl is studying like me, who didn’t know even about the marriage? Didn’t get time to do households after studying, would never know that what would go to happen. |
|  | With the passage of age; your thinking also becomes mature. |
|  | This I know now. |
| Ayesha | (Laughing) what do you know now? |
| LHW | I have started getting….. |
| Dr.Zobia | Let’s move. |
|  | Of course there is a difference. |
|  | **Pg. 155** |
|  | If you met with good people your life is good and if they are not then you are drowned. |
| Afshan | Of course. |
| LHW | I have a younger brother; she is engaged with the son of my mother’s sister. |
|  | All 3 of us were engaged at same time. Her fiancé was older than the fiancées of all 2 of us. |
|  | That engagement lasts for a year, he did not do any work, and he was a big liar. |
|  | My aunt requested my mother to give her daughter, otherwise she would die, and she wanted to marry her son. |
|  | My mother’s two brothers had broken the engagements of their daughter with this man, so my mother was also very upset. |
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|  | She asked my father that he has decided the proposals of their two daughters, one in his sister’s home and the other on his will. |
|  | So she wanted to decide the fate of her youngest daughter herself. |
|  | Look, how much she was crying and she had only one son. My father unwillingly accepted the proposal and the engagement lasted for a year. |
|  | Then my fathers also break this engagement due to his age and continuous unemployment. |
|  | We all sisters were with father, in this decision, and were against mother. All the relatives gathered around our house and threw stones at us to return our engagement things and we returned them. |
|  | They brought sticks to beat us. |
| Dr.Zobia | What? |
|  | Who? |
|  | **Pg. 157** |
| LHW | Our maternal relatives. |
| Dr.Zobia | They brought sticks. |
|  | To beat whom? |
| LHW | To all of us. |
| Dr.Zobia | To your girls? |
| Afshan | No…all of them. |
| LHW | They said that we would kidnap the girls, if you do not give the proposal. |
| Dr.Zobia | Oh God! |
| LHW | They did the same for 3-4 days. |
| Dr.Zobia | Did you call the police? |
| LHW | No, we did not call the police. |
|  | I was newly engaged with my husband. They brought all 3 sisters to their home. |
|  | We remained in their home for 2 days. And then go back to our home, our relatives were also gone. |
|  | Then my father came he was in atomic commission. He gave an application to the police, they came and arrested them, and then they calm down. |
|  | Then my father engaged my sister with the man who was in England and was from Dhok Kalian. Now my sister is also in England. |
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|  | Mashaallah she has 4 sons. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, she is happily settled, she will come next month. |
|  | She had a good luck that her engagement was broken with my cousin. |
| Dr.Zobia | She was blessed (laughing) |
| Afshan | Otherwise drowned. |
| Dr.Zobia | And your mother was stuck in her sister’s son. |
| LHW | Yes. |
|  | In relatives this happens so, proposals are made like this. |
| Dr.Zobia | But your father took a decision? Is he educated? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | How much? |
| LHW | Till middle. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan, he is sensible. |
|  | How much it create a difference? |
|  | Practical support is a very strong thing |
| Afshan | It makes a difference. |
| Dr.Zobia | But only if parents listen to you. |
| LHW | My sister who is in England, studies only till5. |
|  | **Pg. 159** |
|  | She cannot even speak Urdu clearly. |
|  | When she went to England, she didn’t know that she has to give an interview. When they asked questions, she didn’t know how to answer. |
|  | She told me, when I called her that she was learning small questions which she didn’t know and her husband was helping her. |
|  | Like they would ask about your name, your husband’s name, your village, your country. I said that these are easy questions but she was worried as she had not studied well, and she was not good at it. |
|  | She left the school herself that she could not study as she didn’t learn. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why? |
| LHW | She was of the opinion that instead of going to school, it was easy to do house chores. She loved cooking and stitching. |
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|  | She declared that in spite of learning all these basic questions daily, still cannot answer them.(Laughing) |
|  | Now when I have talked to her, she told me that at last she had passed the interview. She can speak few words after hearing the words again and again, as she lives over there now. |
| Dr.Zobia | How long she has been married now? |
| LHW | 8 years. |
| Dr.Zobia | 8 years… |
| LHW | 2 sons were born here, and then twins were born in England. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ahan. She is coming? |
| LHW | Yes, she is coming. |
| Dr.Zobia | Can we meet her? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Afshan! You can meet her. |
| LHW | She has a story as well. |
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|  | Her younger brother-in-laws and their wives gave her tough time, did not let her live. |
|  | When her husband came to take her, they convinced him to divorce my sister. |
|  | Take your sons from her and marry again. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why? |
| LHW | They are like that. |
| Dr.Zobia | But why like that? |
| LHW | And her husband was also planning to go back to England with his sons only. |
|  | He wanted to get the papers for the sons and left his wife. |
|  | He knew that she would not get visa easily so he gave her papers as well. |
|  | Luckily she got visa first and kids did not get a visa. So kids stayed here for a year and she left with her husband. |
| Dr.Zobia | She left her small kids here? |
| LHW | Yes. |
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| Afshan | Who kept her kids? |
| LHW | Their grandmother took the responsibility. |
| Dr.Zobia | How old were the kids? |
| LHW | We said that we would look after the kids, she also insisted, she knew that her mother-in-law will not be able to look after the kids. |
|  | She was very old and was on bed, how she could do. |
|  | The elder son was 7 years and the younger one was 6 years old, there was only 1 year difference. |
|  | She used to ask them to cook eggs, one of the boy burnt his hand while doing so. |
|  | The next day when he came to meet us, I asked him about the wound. Asim told that he was cooking food in the kitchen. |
|  | He told me that they cleaned the floor and did everything because their mother was not there. They had a hard time. |
| Dr.Zobia | Why had she gone? She could stay till the kids would get the visa. |
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| LHW | Then he would not have taken her with him, she would have come to us and will be away from boys forever. |
| Dr.Zobia | When her husband was in England, then she lived with her in laws? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | How many years were spent to get the visa? At least 7 years would have been spent. |
| LHW | 3 years, now she is coming for 2 months. |
|  | Can she come in Pakistan or not? Can she get a green card? |
| Dr.Zobia | I don’t know about such kind of things. |
| LHW | She doesn’t know. We are saying that don’t come, come after 5 years. |
|  | May be he be cheating with you and would leave you here in Pakistan. |
| Afshan | Is he bringing her with kids? |
| LHW | Yes, along with the kids but he might leave her over here and would return back, then how would she go back. |
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|  | She says that her husband is fine there with her and kids. He is saying that they will go back, stay there for 2 months and then will return to England. |
|  | That’s why she was asking. |
| Dr.Zobia | We don’t know such things but tell her to ask somebody else other than her husband about these things. |
| Afshan | Show her passport to somebody. |
| Dr.Zobia | Show her papers and passport to somebody. |
|  | Because I know she can get a lot of help there. |
| LHW | Yes, he cannot be trusted upon. |
| Dr.Zobia | This story still seems to me fishy. |
| Shumaila | It is usually said that whenever anybody went abroad, he stayed there for 5 years. |
| Afshan | Tell her to show her papers must. She must be going out of his house there.she would have friends over there. |
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| LHW | Yes she has. |
| Afshan | Give her papers to somebody. |
| LHW | May be her husband will be having the papers. |
| Afshan | Ahan. |
| Dr.Zobia | Get those by some means. |
| Afshan | Where will he put those papers? Ask her. |
| LHW | Ok. |
| Afshan | Show the papers to anybody and ask whether she can go back after coming to Pakistan? |
|  | This thing should be checked, this story is not set. How long has she been to England? |
| LHW | It was her husband’s second marriage. He had 3 kids from first marriage. One daughter was grownup; she was of my sister’s age. |
| Afshan | Is she married? |
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| LHW | That woman took divorce and takes away their children. |
| Afshan | Was she Britain? |
| LHW | No, no. she was from here. She took the kids and did not let him to even meet them. |
|  | Then he married again. |
| Dr.Zobia | Then he must be an aged man. |
| LHW | Yes, very old. |
| Dr.Zobia | His daughter is of her age. |
| LHW | But it do not seem. |
| Dr.Zobia | Your father did not know that with whom he is marrying her? |
|  | Why she was married here? |
| LHW | Marriage…… me and my husband disapprove this proposal but mother and elder sister was agreed. |
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|  | My elder sister’s brother-in-law worked in his house; he said that he is in England and a very good man, so accept his proposal. |
|  | He was involved in arranging this marriage. |
| Dr.Zobia | What does your sister tell now? How is he with her? |
| LHW | Yes, she says that everything is right |
| Afshan | But there is no harm in counter checking the papers. |
| LHW | Do you know that his mother is alone and on bed, nobody cares her. |
| Afshan | Yes, that’s why she was bringing her. |
| LHW | At home, her sons, their wives, grandchildren, nobody cares her in such a big house. |
|  | My sister was managing the house; she cooked the food for the old lady and other kids. And help her in taking bath. |
|  | She gave her warm water for ablution. |
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|  | She keeps her mother-in-law clean. Now she gets to know about her importance. May be she said to her son that leave your wife here. |
| Afshan | Ahan that can also be true. |
| LHW | This is what we are thinking. |
| Afshan | No, let her get checked her papers from somebody that whether it has a return visa on it or not. |
|  | Then if she will come, she can be send back by some way |
|  | But if she cannot go back after coming, then it will be problem as she would not have visa. |
|  | There is trend in England that people lived there without visa, he can take her back. |
| Dr.Zobia | Previously it took 7 years to get visa? |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Afshan | Its better that she stays there. |
| LHW | He did not try to take my sister to England. He just do a formality as he knew that she would not get visa. |
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|  | Because he did not tell there that he has divorced his first wife. |
|  | Before giving divorce, he married again. |
|  | He knew that she will not get visa because they will object that why he has married again without giving divorce to the first wife? |
|  | He knows everything, so he was dishonest. |
|  | It was Allah’s will, that she got her visa and went away. |
| Dr.Zobia | Although I don’t know these things but my heart is saying that, she should not come back. What is the use of these 2 months holidays, if her whole life would be destroyed? |
| LHW | Actually my father is very ill, he had a Paralysis. Then we have only one brother, who has a new baby boy, so she also wants to come. |
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| Afshan | No body, father or brother will work if her life would be spoiled. |
| Dr.Zobia | Listen! It does not make any sense that her life is spoiled just because of coming to see her brother’s son. |
| LHW | I have asked her not to come at all before 5 years. |
|  | Now husband is bringing her so she is willing to come. |
| Dr.Zobia | I have a feeling that, I do not know this story and there is some element of fraud is present. |
| LHW | We said that 3 years are spent and only 2 are left, so try to spend them there as well. |
| Dr.Zobia | Listen, that is not a thing that 3 or 2 years. |
|  | Spend her life there, with four kids and husband although old. |
|  | How helpless these women are! This is systematic helplessness. |
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| LHW | And do you know, he does not do work there, he acts that he is ill so government is giving him its funds for living. |
|  | Now the kids and she are also getting money just at home, expenses for bearing twins were also afforded by government. |
|  | He should do some work there. My sister sews clothes there. |
| Afshan | Then she should not come back. Not at all. |
| Dr.Zobia | Not at any condition. |
| LHW | He sends money for his sisters and brothers, and don’t talk to us, never sent anything for his wife’s brother and sisters. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ok, seriously forbade her for coming here. |
| LHW | I will ask her, when she will call me. |
| Dr.Zobia | Tell her not to come. |
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|  | And make her papers for England without her husband. |
|  | Not 5 it takes 7 years to get citizenship. |
| LHW | That woman ask me tell her, my sister’s address. She said that she would meet her, she is very smart. |
| Afshan | Then why you have not given? |
| LHW | I also wanted her to meet my sister and take care of her but her husband said not to meet that woman, her character is not good and do not let her come in his house. |
| Afshan | This is simple if one is not right then nobody will seem good to him. |
| LHW | Yes. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ok, forbade her strictly not to come to Pakistan. |
|  | At least she will get some money for the kids. |
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|  | Some will be earned by her through sewing. |
|  | At least they give money and house there to live. |
| LHW | Yes, everything. |
|  | Their government affords the expenses of children as well. |
| Afshan | Then she is mad, she will be in a great fuss if she will return now. |
| LHW | She got a job there as well, there in a big factory where curtains are stitched. |
|  | But her husband did not give her permission to do that instead, brought a machine at home, so that she can stitch at home. |
| Dr.Zobia | It was of no use of going to England. |
|  | Brain and thinking belongs here.(Laughing). |
| LHW | She is not educated, that’s why. |
|  | But she looks so beautiful that she seems to be well educated. |
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| Dr.Zobia | You are educated; at least you can tell her. |
| Afshan | Make her understand that there is no need to come now; she will be in a hell of problems. It seems to true that whatever you people fear that can come to reality. |
| Dr.Zobia | Ok let’s move. |
|  | We will come at 4 O’clock. |
|  | Do call your sister. |
| LHW | (Smiling) I will definitely call. |
| Dr.Zobia | Nowadays we can easily call abroad. Is it? |
| LHW | I am cooking food; you may go after having lunch here. |
| Dr.Zobia | No, please no, it’s been very nice to meet you, we will come again. |
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|  | Ok Allah Hafiz. |
|  | How will we go Afshan? |