



## **Living with Disability**

*Ann's story Scene 4*

**ANGUS:**

It's raining again. It never stops raining from morning till night.

**OPERATOR:**

Social Services, Julia speaking, how may I help you?

**ANN:**

Oh hi, um, I was just calling up...

**ANGUS:**

Annie? Can I have a cup of tea?

**ANN:**

In a minute, Dad! It's about getting help with my father.

**OPERATOR:**

OK, putting you through.

**MANAGER:**

Adult Community Care, duty team manager speaking.

**ANN:**

Oh, right, I'm just calling up about my father, I don't know if you're the right person I should speak to...

**MANAGER:**

What sort of help does your father need?

**ANGUS:**

Annie? Who's that you're you talking to?

**ANN:**

Just a minute! He's nearly 80, he's got Parkinson's, he's not very mobile, and ...

**MANAGER:**

And are you the carer?

**ANN:**

Not exactly a carer, I, well, yes I suppose I am, really. I look after him.

**MANAGER:**

OK, well um, let me take some details and a social worker will call you back to arrange a home visit. I'm afraid it's not going to be for a while.

**ANN:**

Oh?

**MANAGER:**

No, I'm afraid we're under a lot of pressure at the moment.

**ANGUS:**  
Annie!

**ANN:**  
You're under pressure!

**ANGUS:**  
Annie, I asked for a cup of tea!

**ANN:**  
Hang on, Dad!

**MANAGER:**  
So, if you can just give me some details...

**ANGUS:**  
Annie! Annie!

**ANN:**  
I'm sorry, it's no good. I'll going to have to call you back another time. Sorry. Bye.

**ANN:**  
Here you go, Dad, here's your tea.

**ANGUS:**  
Thanks, I could do with this.

**ANN:**  
Got that? And some digestives and all.

**ANGUS:**  
Oh, my favourite, eh? You're very good to me, Annie!

**ANN:**  
Och! Oh right, er, listen, Dad.

**ANGUS:**  
Aye, what?

**ANN:**  
Well, we've been doing a wee bit of thinking, and, I don't know how you feel about this, but we've been thinking of having somebody to come in and give me a wee bit of a help.

**ANGUS:**  
Somebody to what?

**ANN:**  
Well, just a few days a week, you know, somebody to give me a bit of help

**ANGUS:**  
Help, help with, with what?

**ANN:**  
Well, just – you know like, well, looking after you. You remember the other day we had that fall?

**ANGUS:**  
Aye.

**ANN:**

Well, you know, that could have killed the pair of us!

**ANGUS:**

You want somebody to help instead of you?

**ANN:**

Oh, no, not instead of me, no no. I'll still be here, but well, they've got these people that can just come in and help.

**ANGUS:**

You asked them?

**ANN:**

Well, I phoned the council just to see what they might be able to offer...

**ANGUS:**

You phoned them without asking me first?

**ANN:**

I just wanted to see, Dad, what was on offer.

**ANGUS:**

Did it and you never even consulted me!

**ANN:**

Well, I'm consulting you now!

**ANGUS:**

I don't need help! You know I don't need help! I can manage myself! I don't want some stranger messing me about!

**ANN:**

Don't be stupid! They're not going to be a stranger after a day or so, you'll know them!

**ANGUS:**

But you know what I like!

**ANN:**

Listen, you're getting a bit heavy for me to manage on my own!

**ANGUS:**

Aye, but, but you know how I like things done! I mean, they wouldnae know how I like things done!

**ANN:**

Dad, I'll tell them and I'll be here. It's just that it's getting a bit too much for me on my own.

**ANGUS:**

Ah, well, I can see that.

**ANN:**

It'll be nice! You'll get to see somebody else, it wonnae just be my face every day!

**ANGUS:**

You're my daughter!

**ANN:**

I'm still your daughter, I'm not going anywhere, Dad, I'm going to be here. It'll just be somebody else to come in, you know. They can bring in the shopping and, you know, maybe help me with a bit of the cleaning and things. It'll be good.

**ANGUS:**

But you'll, you'll help me mostly, will you?

**ANN:**

Of course, I'll be here!

**ANGUS:**

I'm not sure Annie. I, I'm really not sure.

**ANN:**

Oh, that could be them now.

**ANN:**

Hello? Ann Walker speaking?

**SHAMEEM:**

Hello, my name's Shameem Lakhani, I'm a social worker.

**ANN:**

Wow! That was quick!

**SHAMEEM:**

I'm sorry?

**ANN:**

We've been expecting you to ring.

**SHAMEEM:**

Oh! OK. Well, I would like to come and see you, if that's OK.

**ANN:**

Fine!

**ANGUS:**

Is that them, Annie?

**ANN:**

Aye Dad, it is! Er, how soon can you come?

**SHAMEEM:**

Well, I would like to come as soon as possible.

**ANN:**

Excellent!

**SHAMEEM:**

How about tomorrow morning?

**ANN:**

Sure! Whenever you like!

**SHAMEEM:**

Ten o'clock?

**ANN:**

Fine! Er, Dad? Ten o'clock in the morning!

**ANGUS:**

What, for this helper to come? Oh, it's awful short notice!

**ANN:**

Och. It'll be fine, Dad!

**SHAMEEM:**

Will you take down my details in case there's a problem?

**ANN:**

Aye, er just let me find a pen and a bit of paper. Right,OK.

**SHAMEEM:**

First name Shameem, S.H.A.M.E.E.M,

**SHAMEEM:**

Second name Lakhani, L.A.K.H.A.N.I.

**ANN:**

Yep, got that.

**SHAMEEM:**

You can get me on the main council number. Just ask for the Child Welfare Team.

**ANN:**

Child Welfare? What's that got to do with my Dad?

**SHAMEEM:**

Your Dad? I'm sorry, I, I don't know anything about your dad. This is about Zoë.

**ANN:**

Zoë!!!!

**SHAMEEM:**

I'm sorry, have we been at cross-purposes? The school called us to express some concerns that they had. They just wanted me to come and check a few things out.

**ANN:**

Oh my God!

**ANGUS:**

Annie? What is it? Annie? Have you, have you had bad news?