



Living with Disability

Ann's story Scene 8

ANGUS:

I'm not going! I'm not going into a, into a care home! I'm not going!

ANN:

Dad, we talked about this already, we agreed!

BOB:

Do you remember to go and look round at the care home?

ANGUS:

No, I never saw a care home. I never, never saw it.

ANN:

Come on Dad, you remember you did, we went to Ashton House, do you remember?

ANGUS:

Where?

YETUNDE:

Angus, that place is like Buckingham Palace, you're going to have fun there!

ANGUS:

I won't. I won't have fun there. I never saw it.

ZOE:

Yeah, you did. You said you liked it and that the nurses were pretty.

ANGUS:

I never remember the nurses. Aye, well one of them was pretty...

ANN:

Aye, see! You do remember! And the food's good, you liked the garden...

ANGUS:

Why should I go there while you go all the way round Europe without me?

ANN:

Och, we're not, Dad, we're only going to Spain. It's only seven days. Before you know it it'll whiz by. You might not even want to come back home.

ANGUS:

I want to stay at home, never mind not come back home!

BOB:

You can't stay at home, Angus, because we've already discussed it and we're going on holiday!

ANN:

Dad, I know you're worried about it and it's a big change for you, but it will be all right, and you said you felt quite happy there when we were there the other week.

ANGUS:

Aye. You were there.

ANN:

Look, don't spoil our holiday. It's only seven days and I need a holiday.

ZOE:

Please let us go!

ANN:

It would be really nice and you might actually appreciate seeing us and we'll appreciate seeing you when we've all had a break.

BOB:

It's only seven days, Angus. It's only seven days.

ANGUS:

So it's what you want.

ANN:

It'll be best for you as well. It'll be nice; you'll make some friends in Ashton House. There'll be people there to talk to. It'll be a nice wee holiday for you Dad. Eh? Why don't you see it like that?

ANGUS:

Oh Annie - I'm scared!

ANN:

Oh Dad! Don't worry! I'll tell them all the things that you like and they'll make sure that they cook it for you. OK?

ANGUS:

You'll tell them that?

BOB:

There's a garden as well.

ZOE:

Aye. The garden was really pretty to walk round and that.

ANN:

And they'll take you out and about.

ANGUS:

Well, all right.

ZOE:

Brilliant!

BOB:

Good man.

BOB:

Well, we'd better head off then.

ANN:

Are you all right, Dad?

ANGUS:

Aye, I suppose so. It's no like home, but it's all right.

ZOE:

You might find it's a wee bit better than home!

ANGUS:

Aye.

ANN:

So listen, we've given them a list of your medicines, they know what you need to take and what time you need to have it.

BOB:

And they'll come and get you for mealtimes so you don't need to worry about that.

ZOE:

And they've got a card game downstairs. They said you could join in.

ANGUS:

Card game! I'll look forward to that!

ANN:

There's quite a lot of social events. Did you see that, Zoë? There's bingo and ...

ANGUS:

Social events!

ZOE:

Och. Don't be sarcastic, Grandpa you'll love it

ANGUS:

Does the television work?

BOB:

There's a television in your room, of course it does.

ANN:

It's got the local news on at the moment so you'll be happy.

ANGUS:

That's all right then.

BOB:

Look we're going to have to...

ANN:

Yeah, OK I know, we need to go all right. Dad, right is everything OK then? Are you all right?

ANGUS:

Aye, you go, just, just leave me here, I'll be all right.

ANN:

All right then Dad, take care now. Right, lots of love.

BOB:

Bye Angus.

ANGUS:

All right.

ANN:
Bye bye!

ZOE:
Bye!

ANGUS:
Bye.

BOB:
Seven days!

ZOE:
Seven days! I cannae wait, Dad!

ANN:
Zoë, put your seat belt on.

ZOE:
Oh, it's brilliant! When we get there can we go swimming in the sea and look at the fishes?
Can we go to the disco?

BOB:
We can do anything that you want to do, Zo-Zo!

ZOE:
Mum, can I get a bikini?

ANN:
You're wearing what we've bought, young lady, that's what you're wearing.

ZOE:
Aw!

BOB:
You all right?

ANN:
Yeah, I just hope he's going to be OK.

BOB:
Come on, you deserve a holiday!

ANN:
I know, it was just saying goodbye to him, it was really hard, I just hope he's going to be all right.

ZOE:
Oh, don't worry about it, Mum, you know how he likes a good moan.

ANN:
I know, but he's getting on, Zoë, it's not easy for him being taken out of his house and somewhere different.

BOB:
Now look. You looked round the home with him, you liked the staff and the treatment they're giving people there, and he liked the food. You deserve a holiday, and for the next seven days you are going to have one. And we are all going to enjoy ourselves. OK?

ANN:

Aye, you're right. I know you're right.

BOB:

So what are we having?

ALL:

Seven days!