

I wonder who

A seventy-nine-year-old woman was diagnosed with cancer, doctors told her she only had three months to live. She sat by the crackling fire, flames spitting mercilessly at her hot red face, as if they were mocking her, her white fringe covers her icy blue, lifeless eyes. Her husband sat down next to her wiping her pulsing, teary eyes. She looked up at him and whispered, "I wonder who." The husband was confused just as he was about to ask her what she meant, she got up and struggled to their bedroom, her limbs moving so unfortunately, you can almost hear her old, weak bones shaking and cracking. The husband bites his peeling lips, feeling as if he was surrounded by gloomy emotions.

The husband could feel the tension, and was curious, so he followed her. She was sitting on their bed, looking at a photo album. "What are you looking at?" he asked soothingly, "Memories!" the wife shivers, her lips quivering, and her hands shaking rapidly. The husband quickly comforted her, the wife pauses, and then muttered "I wonder who." The husband chose not to question this strange statement, but instead focus on his beloved wife, and helping her rest, he knew she'd never felt more depressed in her life.

At the early hour of five am in the morning, the husband woke up, and noticed his wife had gone outside, even in the dreadful weather of the conditions. He put on his slippers, and came outside to find his wife sitting on the old rustic bench they had owned for over thirty years, she was holding a daisy, she said "Look at this young flower, and now look at that near dead tree, this is the flower, t-the one I want at my funeral!" She announced in tears, there is silence, but then, again the wife croaks in a dull voice "I wonder who." The husband is now concerned, so he takes a deep breath of the cold crisp air, and asks politely "Please do tell me, what do you mean?" The wife stares at him, her eyes straining from holding back tears, she replies with, "I wonder who will care when I'm gone." Suddenly, she bursts into tears, she tried to hold it back, but she couldn't help it, she was broken! Her body was uncontrollably shaking, and her sobs came out in hiccup like noises! Her husband grabbed her hands and squeezed them tightly, then he hugged her, and tried with all his power to calm her down. But it was hopeless, her brave shell had been cracked!

Two months later, they received very good news, the wife's cancer could be cured, but unfortunately, it was very expensive, and if they paid for it the husband would be ruined, the wife said to him, "You would have to come out of retirement, and you'd also have a horrible lifestyle!" The husband smiled and replied with "I wonder who would care less than me!"