

MARGARET |
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Margret Nyfors

Mom
Pass the potatoes.

Jane
Here

Mom
So how's the cat?

Jane
Cat's fine. How's Dad been?

Mom
Busy. The broccoli is a little overdone. I've never been able to time it properly. You have to cook it long enough to kill all the pesticides but not so long that it gets mushy.

Jane
Broccoli is good, Mom.

Mom
Did you get that cold looked at?

Jane
No Mom. It's just a cold. I don't want to bother the doctor for a cold.

Mom
You work too hard.

Jane
I have to.

Mom
You don't get enough sleep.

Jane
No one gets enough sleep anymore.

Mom
You were just sick a month ago. It's not normal for a young person like you to get sick so much.

Jane

It's not so much. There are so many germs around it's impossible not to get something. Mom, can we not talk about this any more.

Mom

Health is important. When you get to be my age you'll realize....

Jane

Mom, you're only 65.

Mom

That's old. Your grandmother died when she was 60 and your grandfather died when he was 61.

Jane

Mom, granddad was hit by a bus.

Mom

Yes, but he wasn't that healthy before that so it was only a matter of time. Which reminds me, I put extra copies of the will all over the house - there's one under the couch, one in the tea canister and one....

Jane

Mom I really don't want to hear about this.

Mom

It's important. Also when I go, make sure you don't just throw away the contents of the house - some of it is valuable maybe even antique.

Jane

Mom! What do you want me to do - have a combination wake and garage sale? We can have your body lying in state and have little price tags on all the stuff around you. Come one, come all. Pay your respects and pick up a nice lamp while you're at it....

Mom

It isn't something to joke about.

Jane

I'm sorry, but the way you go on, you make it sound like you're old.

Mom

I am old.

Jane

No, you're not. You act old. You sound old. For as long as I can remember you have been waiting, thinking that every pain is a heart attack or cancer. It's ridiculous! Why are you so anxious to die? You've got a lot here to live for you know if you would just open your eyes and do it. What is it that you are so afraid of?

Mom

Life.

Jane

You don't have to be scared.

Mom

Pass the carrots.

Jane

I love you, Mom.

Mom

You really should get that cold looked at.