About Special Emily



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Preface

In this fiction story, Emily has a problem which puts financial pressure on her parents by giving her special schooling. But her parents believed she could be a perfectly regular girl and proved out to be so eventually.

The story goes on to describe how she found her boyfriend, married and birthed children, making her a complete woman.

What is really exciting about the story is in fact, the transitions from a slightly mentally retarded little child to a growing lovely girl and from a young girl to a complete woman and how she combated all the odds with the help of her parents initially and finally her beloved husband.

Emily has a problem

Emily, a fair and chubby child baby, was born into a family of three in the early eighties. Her parents and brother were super happy with the great news and as soon as the mother was released from the hospital, the father went out to buy sweets packets to celebrate by distributing them in his community, putting his older son in charge of the home.

As the father returned home, he met many men on the way in his community and they asked, "What's up?" And he delivered the joyous news there and then and also distributed a share of the sweets packets. Soon the whole community came to know and by the evening, there were visitors to their home to celebrate the great news with gifts and surprises.

Emily was the hope and joy of the family. Her parents bought beautiful dresses and made her wear them, which looked pretty on her. As they spoilt their little child with gift toys and clothes, they soon were up for a not so good surprise.

Emily started going to school in playgroup at the age of three. In parentsteachers meeting midway in the year, Emily's parents couldn't believe what the teachers reported them about her. This is what they wrote: Emily smiles a lot and is a joy to be around. But we regret to say she is not like her regular playmates. She is slow and left behind in learning rhymes and her A, B, C's. We would suggest she go to a special school for special children like her. In here, we can do little to help her. Also please provide her a home tutor so that together with her special school, once she starts to go there, she will literally thrive.

It was a big blow for Emily's parents to hear such a thing about their little daughter. They argued with the teachers to let her remain in playgroup but the teachers were strong on their point and won't give in.

Unable to convince the teachers, Emily and her parents left for home and feeling disappointed. After feeding her and putting her to sleep, Emily's parents talked late into the night, discussing and planning what options they had and whether they would make it spending so much more at a special school for Emily.

One day passed. Then two days. And then three. Emily's parents were still thinking. As if reading their minds, Emily asked, "Don't I have to go to school today?"

Her parents grew even gloomier. They tried to change their tone of voice to something more positive and said, "Of course. But we are looking for an even better school for you. Just keep playing with your toys. We will get you a home tutor and a very special school for you so that you cope well with the lessons at school."

Emily started playing happily with her dolls and a toy kitchen set while her parents looked on and felt so much overwhelmed with sorrow that they had to rub their tears away.

Soon enough Emily had a home tutor. And she was also attending a special school for mentally retarded children. Emily's parents saw how other children with her looked like. Mostly had deformed bodies. This made Emily's parents feel good about Emily because she was perfectly a beautiful child. The only problem was that she was a bit slow to catch up with her studies otherwise she understood everything as a child of her age should. Her parents were also happy that Emily wore a constant smile on her face, which made her look really good. So she was not altogether mentally retarded unlike her playmates but nevertheless she had to learn her lessons in a special school.

Emily's parents accepted the hard truth about their daughter and soon it became a routine work for them – taking her to school, bringing her back home, feeding her, letting her take a nap until her tutor arrived who gave special lessons to her.

Yes, the first school of Emily's life was not so bad about the comments on her. They meant well because now they could see where Emily's shortcomings were and they were happy with the progress she was making even if it was rather tortoise-like.

Emily's Dad Passes Away

Emily grew up to a slender elegant teenage girl. Her parents were happy with her in spite of her problem.

As Emily entered her teens, her family tried to admit her to a regular school because so much expense on a special school was biting at her parents' budget. With constant help from a home tutor and lessons at the special school, Emily finally passed the admission test of a regular school. Her parents wept in joy. Emily was happy that her parents were so happy and put more effort into her studies and began to pass all quizzes and exams, much to the pride and satisfaction of her parents. Their previous resentment about spending too much on a special school was long forgotten and they were looking forward to the future with hope and delight.

Emily's Dad was especially so happy that he began to indulge in delicious food and drinks, which made him obese in a short while and eventually he had his first heart attack. Emily's mom and brother immediately called an ambulance and took him to a reputable hospital in the city.

Thanks to Almighty God! He had survived. The hospital doctors gave him a strict diet which he didn't follow. And although in the previous few months, he had lost some of his weight, he gained it back and became obese again. His third heart attack left him so helpless and sick that relatives decided to take him abroad for better treatment. And they really did.

But a fourth heart attack which occurred to Emily's Dad in spite of good hospitalization and medication didn't let him survive. He was away from his family, only relatives to care for him. Everyone sympathized with him, even his relatives. Now they had to carry his dead body back home.

Back home, after hearing the most deadly news, Emily's mother had gone frenzy with craziness, and ill talk that her relatives had killed her beloved husband. Everybody tried to comfort her until she was put to sleep was high dose sedatives.

Emily's brother had a lot of responsibility now. Together with the help of relatives and friends, he tried to shoulder responsibilities as much as he could because he also had to pay attention to his studies.

By and by Emily's mother became a little better. But she would listen to nobody's advice, did whatever she liked to do and once in a while acted almost crazy on the event of her husband's cruel death.

Emily has a Boyfriend

With her mother and brother going into arguments every day about finance and money troubles, Emily badly wanted a way out from home troubles.

Her brother's friend Jilu was a regular visitor to their place. He was attractive and was always smartly dressed.

Emily also made it a point to dress up well whenever she knew he was going to be at their home for a visit.

As brother and mother continued their quarrels, Emily found solace in talking to Jilu.

Soon Emily and Jilu were so much closer and intimate that they shared their first kiss very privately. Soon it became rampant but the mother and brother didn't know it, busy still with their constant squabbles.

One day when mother, brother and Jilu were around at home, Emily started to feel sick and almost fainted when Jilu caught her in his arms. Mother and brother were completely taken up by surprise. It seemed they already guessed what was about to follow.

They took Emily by ambulance to a renowned clinic in the city where she was declared pregnant.

Immediately, frantic Ma of Emily went to the *Kazi's* office and put Emily and Jilu in marriage and returned back home. Emily's brother was most disappointed in his sister. Jilu was there regularly at their home to take hold of their properties, her brother mused.

Soon there was much contempt among Emily's family, mother and brother.

So after Emily's child was born, her family decided to live in a separate home above their garage.

How Emily's family survived

Now Emily's husband happened to be very caring. He cared a lot for Emily and their child. He cooked before going to office, and returning home from office, he shouldered further responsibilities. Emily was not able carry out much responsibility as she was feeble and weak in health. But she was able to feed the baby and change his diapers when her husband was not around. She was also able to feed herself and shower. They had a servant to clean the dishes and the apartment as a whole but it was always her husband who cooked.

One year later, Emily was pregnant again and birthed a second child, this time a daughter. Her husband had to wake up even earlier to look after his wife and children's welfare. He knew what he was doing. He took naps after coming home from the office and then shouldered every responsibility he could think of. He always took his family out for fresh air and a walk, and sometimes to pay a visit to a friend, relative or neighbor.

This way ten years passed with Jilu shouldering most of the responsibilities most of the time because his wife was unable to do so. But Jilu was always passionate about his wife and children.

After their eldest child had become ten, Jilu and Emily decided to go for a third child. As usual Jilu assured her that he would shoulder most of the household activities including the new baby.

And exactly that was what followed. They became a family of five, with Emily doing whatever she could and Jilu catering a greater part for his family.

He was never mad at his wife or children. He always earned enough to provide for his family. He loved his wife dearly and his children as well. He made sure his older children were getting a good education and provided a home tutor for them in addition. So Jilu took care of everything and everything worked out perfectly.

One night, when her husband and children were sleeping peacefully, Emily tiptoed out of the room and went to the living room and opened its big window in the middle. As fresh air came in and blew her hair away gently, she thought of her recent events in the family and gradually mulled over the past. Is there any part of my life that I am unfulfilled? She pondered on the question over the next fifteen seconds and realized something. She

almost said it aloud in joy: *In fact, I am the luckiest girl in the whole world indeed!*

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