

Hi Visithra,

I am writing this with a very heavy heart.

Your father conveyed to me that I am unfit to raise my own child because of my health conditions such as back pain and cold. He also said that it is not a trial where the baby can be given to me just to see how I raise him. Maybe your parents do not fully know my character, but you know me very well. What hurts me deeply is that you did not disagree with this statement, possibly because you want to stay with your parents.

If someone puts another person down for their own convenience or interest, what does that say about their character? Even when two people are extremely hungry and there is only one idly, we should never stop the other person from having it by saying they are not a good person. For one's own interest, no one should hurt another person. I repeat—*anyone*. But in this case, you hurt me deeply.

You know very well how I have taken care of you over the last two years and how much I have done for you. I never said no to anything you asked. Even when you said you did not need dresses, I still bought them for you. During your pregnancy, I did everything possible to keep you happy and comfortable. When you left my house, your health, the baby's health, and your mental health were all normal. You even left in tears because you missed me—that shows the level of care I gave you.

I earn enough to take care of you and Pranav very well. Even if, hypothetically, I were unable to handle everything alone, I am financially capable of appointing a caretaker costing ₹60,000–₹70,000 per month. Whatever I earn is for you and our child. Then how can anyone decide that I am unfit to raise my own son? The decision and responsibility of how I raise my own child completely belong to me.

I am fully capable of taking care of you and our child financially, mentally and physically. When it comes to health, I want to make something very clear. A person who lived near our house in Pondicherry was affected by polio and had no legs—he raised two children successfully. The person who runs Kingwin Chess Canter in Lawspet has polio in one hand—he raised three children. If they can raise their children happily and responsibly, on what basis am I being labelled unfit to raise my own child?

Let us assume, hypothetically, that you said all this just for your own benefit of staying with your parents. Now, how can I trust that you would stay with me if I were to lose my legs or hands in an accident someday? You never clearly confirm when you will return to Chennai. You only say, "Whenever I feel like coming, I will come."

You are married. Marriage comes with commitment and certain responsibilities. There must be transparency—what you share with me; I share with you. Without transparency, this is not marriage; it becomes a live-in relationship. Marriage exists because of commitment, assurance and trust.

How much longer am I supposed to wait? I already know the answer—you will come back when you feel like it. This is called a grey response. You have already been there for more than a year. You yourself said you would return in February. If you needed more time, you could have spoken to me politely and clearly. Instead, you said you would run away somewhere. Do you think threatening me will achieve everything?

What hurts me the most is that you did not even ask how I was feeling when I was suffering from back pain and cold. Instead, these temporary health issues were used to label me as unfit to raise my own child.

Without commitment, assurance, care and transparency—what is the meaning of marriage?

I am still here, willing to stand by my responsibilities as a husband and as a father. All I ask for is honesty, respect and clarity.

— Bhadrinath