

DEALING WITH REJECTION



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**GUIDE TO REJECTING SOMEONE**  
 (for people who can't say no)

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For some of us, getting rejected is like a nightmare. Nothing can be worse than putting ourselves out there and not having our feelings reciprocated. I totally sympathise with this since, I, myself, would never own up to my feelings in fear of not being on the same page with the other person.

But being on the other side of this scenario, and actually having to reject someone is not a walk in the park either. Okay, you know what, it is actually a walk in the park because I hate walking in parks, or just walking anywhere really and would literally do anything to avoid it. So, if you also hate walking in parks and face a scenario where you have to take a walk in the park, what do you do?

You would naturally not get out of the house, right? Let's use this analogy in the rejection situation as well. If rejecting someone seems unpleasant to you, you don't do it. It's as simple as that. Look into those innocent eyes, ready to give you their whole world. Do they really deserve

the harsh truth? Think of how happy it'll make them falsely imagining that you also feel the same way towards them. For the time being, you won't have to take "a walk in the park" and the future unpleasantness that will follow for being in a relationship with a person that you don't have feelings for is really a job for your future self only.

So, the right way to reject someone is to not reject them at all and to repress your actual feelings just so you don't have to deal with the momentary unpleasantness. Maybe, after years of hiding your actual feelings, you'll somehow convince yourself that you actually like this person? Seems too complicated? Well, it's still easier than actually explaining to them that even though they're a wonderful human being you just don't feel the same way towards them. And that they actually deserve someone who cares for them just as much. Right? Or am I just too extra? Guess we'll never know.

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# The silver lining of living with your parents

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Growing up we have all glorified the idea of moving out of our parent's homes and into our own abodes. Be it the ban on pets or the rigid mealtimes, we can all agree we've spent hours planning all the little details of having a place of our own. However, as we grow up, we start appreciating many such rules and protocols set by our parents for completely different reasons. So, if you still haven't found the silver lining to living in a Bangladeshi household, allow me to shed some light on the blessing in disguise.

**HAVING A REASON TO BAIL ON PLANS**

It's a beautiful rainy day with a soft breeze and you hate that you have classes to attend. You'd love to just stay in, sleep some more, and complete watching that show you've been meaning to but you've already made plans with your friends and won't be able to enjoy the day in even if you can afford to miss said classes. Suddenly you remember that you've already been out with friends once this week, and that becomes your saving grace. Need I say more?

**HAVING FOOD TO COME HOME TO**

Coming from a person who genuinely enjoys cooking, trust me when I say it is not an easy task to come home and not find food. Be it an entire day of exams or work, it's never pleasant to plan out your

next meal. No matter how much we've complained about having the same few dishes repeated every day, I think we can all agree that nothing can beat the classic *daal-bhaat-murgi* after a long day (especially when you didn't have to cook it yourself).

**HAVING A REASON TO AVOID PHONE**

**CALLS**

Let us all anonymously agree that even though the invention of telephone has been extremely important and has taken the world many steps further at once, phone calls have sadly become a lot more work than they were meant to be. Have you noticed that whenever you're on a

call, somehow the entire family finds something or the other for you to do particularly at the precise time? Starting from your mom to that aunty you don't even know how you're related to, they have in one way or the other interrupted you or called for you when you were on a call. Is it humiliating? Yes. Would you use it to end an extremely uncomfortable phone call? You bet.

**HAVING A HOME AFTER YOU'VE REACHED 'THE AGE'**

Let's put it this way. Western culture is great and we're very thankful for the good movies and songs, but hey, we still have a home after the terrible age of eighteen. It's great if you can (and are permitted to) move out of your parent's home after eighteen, kudos to you! If you don't or can't though, you really have to appreciate having a loving home where your family isn't breathing down your neck to find your own place. Okay maybe it isn't that bad, but peer pressure is a thing, okay?

Even though all my secrets are out and I might be getting significantly less phone calls, I hope I could enlighten you and help you sleep a little better on the bed your parents bought you years ago.



**Maybe this will become, like, a cool thing, living with your parents.**

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