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FROM EMPTY NEST TO NEW LIFE

One family's journey to legal guardianship

Life in the Rahman household was settled. The couple had long, successful careers in the media; their only daughter was grown up, all set to start university and get busy with her life choices.

For Sayeda Rahman, the transition was not quite as smooth. At 48, she was about to face the blunt reality of a looming empty nest. No matter how much she actively tried to divert her mind from it, the prospect of a quiet household, with no sounds and activities of children, bothered her immensely. The sleepless nights spent attending to a baby, the pleasure of seeing a child take the first step, and watching him/her grow and all the feelings of raising an offspring — were experiences she wanted to re-live.

Then, something miraculous happened! Sakina, her house-help of many years, gave birth to a beautiful girl. Bringing little Dahlia into the household had challenges that the Rahmans had not faced in decades but they were met with anticipation and joy. As the days rolled into weeks and the weeks into months, Dahlia became a part of the family.

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