

Beyond Logic

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The most fascinating phase of life is childhood, everything seems much brighter, colorful, and beautiful. No dream is out of reach, and nothing is limited by rationality or logic. I was fortunate enough to experience childhood in my ancestral village, without the internet and technology, away from the city crowds and surrounded by nature. Village life is simple and so are the stories. Perhaps the way I remember them is from a child's vision that make them seem much more interesting than they actually were and that is the way I remember them and would prefer them to be. Simple but beautiful beyond logic.

My Baapu Ji (Great Grandfather) was an important part of my childhood and even though I was still very young when he passed away, all of my memories with him are embedded in my mind albeit they're blurry but I like them as they are. He was a very calm and patient person. My favorite and the most beautiful story is ironically and tragically the one of his death. My great-grandma passed away from health reasons and Baapu Ji followed her a few weeks later. My Great



Grandma was known to be a fierce woman, she was literally the opposite of Baapu Ji, but both of them together gave me so much love in my early childhood that I can still feel its warmth. The love they had for each other was unique and memorable, I've never witnessed that kind of love again to this date. After her death, one day Baapu Ji told my mom that he has lost his life partner and he can hear her calling him and he passed away that very night, peacefully in his sleep, as if responding to her call. My Mom still cannot forget that week, it was like he had stopped living the moment Grandma passed away. He was still functioning as a human being, but he was not the same Baapu Ji that we knew, he was just a living shell. Whenever I recall this story, I feel a strange contentment and peace fills my heart. Even though he's not here with me, his love and memories are more than enough for me because I know that they're both together once again and their love story deserves to continue, not only in this physical world but beyond as well.

