

Chocolate-dipped worms are delicious

Being the older child of my parents

I shouldn't have been given hand-me-downs.

But there were always a few.

A wooden horsie that belonged to a cousin

was being passed down, generation after generation

like a prized possession.

Baba never had any siblings

except for a dead sister he never met

so he couldn't give me anything.

Just yesterday as he finished his daily routine

of morning exercise, he said to me,

I am sure I have given you something.

What? I'll find out soon.

Aai, on the other hand, will never have trouble

recalling all her gifts to me.

She hands me her glucometer, and says, *take it.*

The error margin is 15 per cent.

Always deduct that. Always.

Illness to me is a math test I know

I will eventually fail in.

Q&A

1. *Where do you get your terrible quality hair from?*

Mother, of course.

2. *When Sridevi's daughter is born as Sridevi and marries the man who wanted to marry Sridevi, what do you call it?*
A Freudian nightmare.
3. *Where do you get your body weight from?*
Mother, of course.
4. *Do you think gluttony is a sin you should be killed for?*
I like the floppiness of my body.
5. *Can you list all your hand-me-downs?*
Glucometer, wooden horsie, anxiety, candy doll, diabetes, kanjivaram saree, depression, and dental hygiene.
6. *Why were you visited by a farting cat in your dream?*
Scatological humour always works.
7. *Which is your favourite hand-me-down?*
Glucometer, of course. It's high-tech.
8. *Is the farting cat funnier than Sridevi in Chalbaaz?*
Of course.
9. *Where do you get your hormonal imbalances from?*
Mother, of course.
10. *When relatives come from abroad what do they bring?*
Pringles, twix candy, and condescension.
11. *Does the water in your house smell like someone dead?*
It smells like Aaji.
12. *Do you think worms are our ancestors?*
Chocolate-dipped ones have the potential to be delicious.
13. *What happens when you eat your ancestors?*
Genetic mutation.
14. *Are you a proud daughter of Aai?*
Of course.