

ACTIONS NEED TO HAVE CONSEQUENCES - INJUSTICE FOR AGING WORKERS

It is an egregious injustice for someone in my demographic to dedicate fifteen long years of their life to a company, only to end up homeless and destitute on the streets, alongside their loved ones and their beloved cat, Hana, who is now twelve years old.

What do you think happens to a cherished pet when there is no more food and eviction looms?

What do you think happens to an aging stroke survivor when the weight of their debt becomes unbearable?

Hold on before you jump to conclusions and say it's his fault. It's not.

A man toils for fifteen years at a company, and just as a once-in-a-century pandemic strikes, his employer seizes the opportunity to replace him with someone younger and cheaper, tearing apart this man's chosen family and leaving him to fend for himself.

At 63, he finds himself trapped in a purgatory where he is too young to retire yet not old enough to receive sufficient support from Old Age Security. It has been twenty years since he last had to search for a job, and now he is thrust into a job market that no longer recognizes his worth or experience.

The last time he searched for work, the internet was still in its infancy. No matter how hard he tries, all he has to offer are his life experiences, which seem to hold little value in this chaotic world.

I don't want to end up dying on the streets. But that seems to be my fate. I'm slowly coming to terms with it.

My cat will be the first to perish. My relationship will crumble.

Perhaps my last act will be to end the relationship with my loved one, so they have a chance to survive.

How is it possible for this to happen in 2023?

Because a heartless company took advantage of the pandemic to discard their most loyal employee, without facing any consequences for their cruelty.

We live in a world where greed goes unpunished.

I don't want to die on the streets. But it seems like that's where I'm headed.

My situation is desperate, and time is slipping away.

Can you hear the clock ticking loudly?

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For what it's worth, I've started a GoFundMe page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/a-family-a-63yearold-writer-a-lost-career>

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