

## COPING WITH DISABILITY AND OLD AGE IN *TWO OLD WOMEN* BY VELMA WALLIS: A DOUBLE JEOPARDY

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### ABSTRACT

*Human resilience is contemplated as a positive endeavour to overcome difficulties caused by any unforeseen circumstances. This paper attempts to analyze human resilience as an elixir for better survival through the chosen novel, titled Two Old Women by Velma Wallis. It is a story of betrayal and courage, about two old women, who are abandoned by their tribe to die in the upcoming winter famine. As the women are old and disabled, they are betrayed by their family and community. Old age and disability are often associated with frailty and weakness. The present study is an attempt to analyse old age and disability not as a phase of decline, but as a phase to overcome any adverse circumstance through mental temerity.*

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