

WOMEN THESE DAYS by Ankita Raturi

*Four women in their fifties and sixties sit on a Persian rug, leaning on bolster pillows, wearing Mughal era clothes and jewelry, playing cards and smoking hookah.*

NOOR

Shalini? Shalini your pick.

*SHALINI picks a card. FARAH passes the hookah to ANANYA, who blows rings.*

FARAH

Show off.

ANANYA

If you can't blow a ring, you can't blow a man.

NOOR

Ananya!

SHALINI

What's the point? Not like he can do anything for me either.

FARAH

You should get a vibrator. Much better than a man.

NOOR

But Farah, that's not natural.

ANANYA

Are you trying to get pregnant? You're 56 years old.

SHALINI

Where does one even get such an item?

FARAH

Online. I'll show you.

NOOR

Everything is on the internet these days. Gin!

*NOOR lays out her cards. The other women throw theirs down. END OF PLAY.*