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Interviewer: I understand you have a story you wanted to share about living in Castleview Witchwood towers during COVID.

Interviewee: It was not very pleasant. It's because I stay in my room. And I broke a lot of things like, like the walls, the soap thing, and I had to eat off paper plates, and then there was food on the floor. And then there was ants coming and cockroaches. I wrote on paper, complaint notes. I wrote, "Dear Urmia. How are you? How was your day? Blah, blah, blah, did such and such did to me. Blah blah blah did this to me." Complaint, complaint. We couldn't take a shower, we had to have a bed bath. And that was taking away my whole independence. And I don't like people taking away my independence.

Interviewer: How long was it like this? Were you in your room like that?

Interviewee: I just stay in my bedroom for about March when I had the COVID-19. Now my roommate speaks Japanese. And so, whenever I said, "Please don't come near me." She comes near me. Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. How do I know what she's saying in Japanese? So then eventually she got it. And then I stay in the room even longer.

Interviewer: So, your roommate got COVID while you were while you were sharing the room? How was that handled here?

Interviewee: Terrible. Why couldn't they put her in another room when I was having the COVID-19?

Interviewer: So, did you feel like the time and in isolation kind of put a stress on your relationship with your roommates and with other people?

Interviewee: One day, I went to the bathroom to brush my teeth. She went to my side, unplugged the TV, unplugged the telephone, unplug the radio. That night, I kept her up the whole night. And she looked at me. And what I hate to say is her dementia is getting worse and worse and worse. It's too terrible. Now she just broke my radio. It is too terrible. What's next, a TV?