## Lost and Found

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An aged mother is shown pouring ದೋಸೆ batter on the hot tava. As she spreads the ದೋಸೆ batter.

MOTHER

ನಾಗಿ, ಇವತ್ತಿನ interview ಮಂಜ ಮಾಡ್ಸಿದ್ದೆನು?

Nagi is combing his hair. The camera is showing his face reflected on the mirror.

NAGI

ಹೌದಮ್ಮ

MOTHER

ಅವನಿಗೆ ಇವರು ಹೇಗೆ ಪರಿಚಯ?

Nagi finishes combing his hair. He adjusts his shirt, checks if he is looking ready.

NAGI

ಮುಂಚೆ ಅವನು ಒಂದು bankಅಲ್ಲಿ office-boy ಆಗಿದ್ದಲ್ಲ, ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಒಬ್ಬು ಬರ್ತಿದ್ದಂತೆ.

Nagi is now clear that he is dressed for the interview. He turns back, takes 20 rupees from the cupboard and puts it into his pocket. Picks an old reynolds pen and keeps it in his shirt pocket. As all this happens, we show aspects of his home to reveal that they live a bare minimum existence. They have just about enough to survive. We also convey that the job interview is therefore very significant.

NAGI (CONT'D)

Manjañ ಅವರ driver ಪರಿಚಯ. ಆ driver ಮೂಲಕ ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಕೆಲಸದಬಗ್ಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಾಯಿತು. ಇವರ office ನಲ್ಲೂ ಮುಂಚೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ದಿವಸ Manja ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದ.

She serves one ದೋಸೆon the plate and gives it to Nagi. Then she pours another ದೋಸೆon the tava. Nagi goes into the kitchen. He sits on the mat, plate is in front of him. He takes one piece of ದೋಸೆand eats it, without mixing it with anything.

MOTHER

ಓಹ್. ಸರಿ ಸರಿ. ಇವತ್ತು ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ interview ಕೊಡು. ಕೆಲಸ ಖಾತ್ರಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಾ. ಮೊನೈ ತರ

(MORE)

MOTHER (CONT'D)

ತಲೆಹರಟೆ ಮಾಡ್ಕೊಂಡು ಬರ್ಬೇಡ. ವಯಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ಹುಡುಗ, ಇನ್ನೂ ದುಡಿಮೆ ಮಾಡ್ತಾಇಲ್ಲ ಅಂದ್ರೆ ಹೇಗೆ? ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದ್ರೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಲೋಕಜ್ಞಾನ ಬರತ್ತೆ. ಇಲ್ಲ ಅಂದ್ರೆ ಹೀಗೆ ಮನೆ ಮಾಣಿ ಆಗಿರ್ತಿಯ ಅಷ್ಟೇ.

NAGI

ಅಯ್ಯೋ, ಆಯಿತಮ್ಮ. ಬೇಳೆಗ್ಬೆಳಿಗೆ ತಲೆ ತಿನ್ನೇಡ.

MOTHER

ಹೌದು, ನಾನು ಮಾತಾಡೋದೆಲ್ಲಾ ನಿನಗೆ ತಲೆ ತಿನ್ನೊ ತರಾನೇ.

Nagi stops eating. She flips over the ದೋಸೆ on the tava. Turns back, looks at Nagi. He is looking away from her at the door. She turns back, takes the ದೋಸೆ from the tava and puts it on his plate. She feels empathy for Nagi

MOTHER (CONT'D)

ಸರಿ, ತಲೆ ತಿನ್ನಲ್ಲ. ಬಿಸ್ಬಿಸಿಯಾಗಿ ದೋಸೆ ತಿನ್ನು. ಚಟ್ನಿ ಹಾಕೋ.

Nagi remains silent, still looking at the door. He does not start eating the ದೋಸೆthat was just served. His mother pours another ದೋಸೆon the tava.

MOTHER (CONT'D)

ನನಗೆ ಅರ್ಥ ಆಗತ್ತೆ. ನೀನು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡ್ತಾಇದ್ದೀಯ ಅಂತ. ಇವತ್ತು ನಿನಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಿಗತ್ತೆ ಅಂತ ನನಗೆ ನಂಬಿಕೆ ಇದೆ.

Nagi continues to eat ದೋಸೆ.He remains silent, as if he is bogged down by the pressure of the upcoming interview.

EXT. GATE COMPOUND - DAY

Manja, Nagi's friend, is on a bike, on the road, outside the compound of the <table-cell> zoo d in-which Nagi's hut is. The bike is off. Manja is shown as waiting to pick up Nagi. Nagi walks towards Manja.

MOTHER

(speaking loudly from near the door) ದೇವರು ಒಳ್ಳೇದ್ ಮಾಡಲಿ ಮಗನೆ. ಗೆದ್ದು ಬಾ... NAGI

(walking towards Manga, lifts his hand) Thanks ಅವ!

Manja starts the bike as Nagi reaches him. Nagi is about to sit on the bike, when another bike rides past them and stops a few meters ahead. Nagi notices a beautiful girl get off that bike. She turns to the boy who is riding the bike. They exchange some words, she laughs. She lovingly touches the guy on the bike.

MAN ON THE BIKE ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಗಂಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ pick ಮಾಡ್ತೀನಿ, ready ಆಗಿರು.

GIRL

ಸರಿ. Bye...

Man on the bike still looking towards the girl, wears his helmet. He then looks forward, starts his bike and rides away.

The girl walks towards the gate from which Nagi had just come out. She looks at Nagi, tries to avoid eye contact and heads to the gate. Nagi moves towards her, when she is just about to open the gate.

NAGI

Roopa, ನನಗು ಇವತ್ತು ಕೆಲಸ ಸಿಗತ್ತೆ. ನಾನು ದುಡಿತೀನಿ.

ROOPA

(not interested. as if
casually brushing him
aside.)

Oh. Congratulations.

NAGI

ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲದೆಇರೋದು ಏನಿದೆ ಅವ್ನಲ್ಲಿ?

ROOPA

(turns back, looks at
him with a bit of
irritation)

ತುಂಬಾ ಇದೆ. ಅವನು settle ಆಗಿದ್ದಾನೆ ಲೈಫಲ್ಲಿ. ಒಳ್ಳೆ ಕೆಲಸ, ಒಳ್ಳೆ ಸಂಬಳ, ಸ್ವತಃ ಗಾಡಿ, ಸಮಾಜದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರ್ಯಾದೆ. ಒಂದು credit card ಸಹ ಇದೆ. Thus saying she turns around, as if in anger, and storms into the ವರಾರ. Nagi watches her walk inside. He turns around. His face shows sadness. He sits on the bike behind Manja, still looking at Roopa as she goes inside her house.

#### INT. LIVING ROOM IN VILLA - DAY

Rakesh finishes reading the newspaper. Folds it and keeps it on the table. Takes a final sip of coffee, keeps it on the table. He turns towards the kitchen and tells his wife,

RAKESH

Ramya.. Hair cut-ಗೆಹೋಗಿ ಬರ್ತೀನಿ.

RAMYA

Ok.

Rakesh wears his hawai chappal and steps out of the house. We show him walking away from the house towards the car parking. We reveal that his house is a good looking villa, revealing that Rakesh is well-off.

#### EXT. CAR PARK - DAY

Rakesh unlocks his Mahindra XUV 500 using the remote control. He opens the left door of his car, leans in to open the dash box. He takes his wallet from the dash box, closes it. Closes the car door and remote locks it.

He then unlocks his Honda Activa. Takes helmet off from the boot, wears it. He starts the bike and drives off. As he drives away, we zoom out the camera and show other cars parked in the parking area. They are all mid-range cars.

As he heads to the gate, the security guard opens it. Guard makes a good-morning salute. Rakesh acknowledges it. Camera shows Rakesh driving off on his bike as the security guard closes the gate. All of this reveals that Rakesh is living in a villa-gated-community.

### EXT. OUTSIDE KANTI SWEETS - DAY

Rakesh parks his Honda Activa on the footpath near Kanti Sweets. He locks his bike, climbs the stairs to head into Naturals hair salon.

Camera pans the entire height of the building establishing that the hair salon is on top of Kanti Sweets. And that there is a footpath outside on which Rakesh's Honda Activa is parked. There is another bike to the right of the Honda Activa. But the space to its left is empty.

INT. POLAR BEAR ICECREAM SHOP - DAY

Maruti, his wife and daughter select ice-cream flavors at the counter. His wife and daughter sit down at the table adjacent to the full-glass-frame window by the road. Maruti pays the bill and joins them.

MARUTT

ಪುಟ್ಟಿ ದು favourite ಐಸ್-ಕ್ರೀಮ್ ಇವತ್ತು

DAUGHTER

Yes!!

WIFE

Recent ಆಗಿ open ಆಯ್ತಾ ಇದು? ಮುಂಚೆ ನೋಡಿಲ್ಲ.

MARUTI

ಇರ್ಬೇಕು.

Their ice-creams are served. Daughter's face lights up at the sight of ice-cream. Maruti and his wife enjoy their daughter's reaction. They start eating the ice-cream. Maruti takes one spoon, relishes it with eyes closed. He opens his eyes after sometime, makes an exaggerated happy face. His daughter does the same face. They exchange giggles.

EXT. BIKE ON ROAD - DAY

MANJA

ಬಿಡೋ ಲೇ ಅವಳ್ನ. ಅವ್ಳಕಿಂತ ಒಳ್ಳೆ figure ಸಿಗ್ತಾಳೆ ನಿಂಗೆ.

NAGI

ಈ credit card ಅಂದೆ, ಏನೋ ಮಂಜ?

MANJA

Huh?

NAGI

ಅವು ದೌವ್ ಗೆ credit card ಸಹ ಇದ್ಯಂತೆ. ಹಾಗಂದ್ರೆ ಏನೋ?

MANJA

ಈಗ ನೀನು ಅಂಗಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಾದ್ರು ಕೊಂಡ್ಕೊಂಡ್ರೆ ದುಡ್ಡು ಕೊಡ್ಡ, ಅಲ್ವ?

NAGI

ಹೌದು...

MANJA

ದುಡ್ಡು ಕೊಡೊ ಬದಲು, credit card ಕೊಡಬಹುದು. ಅಂಗಡಿಯವರು ಅದನ್ನ ಉಜ್ಜತಾರೆ, ಅದರಿಂದ ದುಡ್ಡು ತೊಗೊಳ್ತಾರೆ.

NAGI

Card ಉಜ್ಜಿದ್ರೆ, ಅದ್ರಿಂದ note ಬರತ್ತಾ?

MANJA

Note ಬರಲ್ಲ. ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಅವರು ನಿನ್ನಪರವಾಗಿ ಅಂಗಡಿ ಅವರು ಕೇಳಿದಷ್ಟು ದುಡ್ಡು ಅಂಗಡಿಯವರ Bank Accountಗೆ ಜಮಾ ಮಾಡ್ತಾರೆ. ನೀನು ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ದಿವಸ ಆದಮೇಲೆ ಅದನ್ನ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಕೊಡಬಹುದು. Late ಆಯಿತು ಅಂದ್ರೆ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಸಮೇತ ಕೊಡಬೇಗಾಗತ್ತೆ. Credit Card ನಲ್ಲಿ pay ಮಾಡೋದು ಅಂದ್ರೆ ಒಂಥರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ನಿಂದ ಸಣ್ಣ ಸಾಲ ತೊಗೊಂಡ್ಲಾಗೆ.

NAGI

ಅಂಗಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ purchase ಮಾಡೋಕೆ bankನಿಂದ ಸಾಲ ಮಾಡ್ತಾರಾ? ನಾನು ಬರಿ bike ಕೊಂಡ್ಕೊಳ್ಳಕೆ, ಅತ್ವ ಮನೆ ಕಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ತೊಗೊಳ್ತಾರೆ ಅನ್ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೆ.

MANJA

ಅದನ್ನು ಮಾಡ್ತಾರೆ. Credit card ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಣ್ಣ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಸಾಲ ಮಾಡೋದಕ್ಕೆ ಸುಲಭ. ಆದರೆ, time timeಗೆ correct ಆಗಿ credit card billನ ಕಟ್ಟಬೇಗು. ಇಲ್ಲ ಅಂದ್ರೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಕಟ್ಟಬೇಕಾಗತ್ತೆ.

INT. NATURALS HAIR SALON - DAY

We show Rakesh sitting on the chair in the hair salon. His barber is finishing up the hair cut.

BARBER

Is this Ok sir?

Rakesh turns left, then tunrs right checking his hair-cut.

RAKESH

(nodding to convey
acknowledgment)

Yeah

BARBER

Shall I wash your hair sir?

RAKESH

Sure

Moments later, we show Rakesh at the reception for making the payment.

RECEPTIONIST

(a woman)

Was the service satisfactory sir?

RAKESH

Yes. Quite good.

RECEPTIONIST

That's great Sir. Are you a member?

RAKESH

(while handing over his
membership card)

Yes.

RECEPTIONIST

Thank you.

The receptionist compiles the bill

RECEPTIONIST (CONT'D)

That will be 345 Rupees Sir.

Rakesh hands over his HDFC Regalia Credit Card. The receptionist swipes the card, asks for PIN. Rakesh enters the PIN. Payment is complete. He puts the card back into his wallet and steps out of the salon.

EXT. FOOTPATH - DAY

Rakesh takes Honda Activa keys out of his pockets. Walks towards his Honda Activa, when he seems to remember something. He turns around and walks towards the departmental store near the salon.

INT. TIMBER YARD COURTYARD - DAY

Manja and Nagi reach their destination, a timber yard. Manja parks his bike by the side of the gate. They both get down and walk inside the gate. As they walk in, a worker in the timber-yard is shouting commands at laborers asking them to unload some wood from the lorry and load some other wood on another lorry. He then looks at Manja and waves his hand.

WORKER

ಏನ್ ಮಂಜ, ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಇವತ್ತು?

MANJA

ಅದೇ ನನ್ನ friend ಒಬ್ಬನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸೌಕಾರ್ ಹತ್ತ್ರ ಮಾತಾಡಿದ್ದೆ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಅಂತ. ಇವತು ಕರ್ಕೊಂಡು ಬಾ ಅಂದಿದ್ರು. ಇವ್ವೆ, ನನ್ನ friend ನಾಗೇಶ ಅಂತ.

The worker looks at Nagi..

NAGI

ನಮಸ್ಕಾರ ಸರ್.

WORKER

ನಮಸ್ಕಾರ. ಏನ್ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಕ್ಕೆ ಅಂತ?

MANJA

ಸೌಕಾರ್ರು ಆಟೋ ಓಡ್ಸಕ್ಕೆ driver ಬೇಕು ಅಂತ ಹೇಳ್ತಿದ್ರು, ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಇವನನ್ನ ನೋಡಿ ಅಂತ ಕೇಳ್ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೆ.

WORKER

ಸರಿ ಸರಿ. ಸರ್ office ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಹೋಗಿ.

MANJA

ಸರಿ.

The worker continues issuing commands to the laborers. Manja and Nagi walk towards the office.

NAGI

ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಹತ್ತ್ರ ಸಾಲ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಅಂದ್ರೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಕಷ್ಟ ಅಲ್ವೇನೋ. ಅವರು ಸುಮ್ಮೆ ದುಡ್ಡು ಕೊಡಲ್ಲ ಅಲ್ವ?

MANJA

ಹೌದು.

NAGI

ಮತ್ತೆ ಸುಮ್ನೆ card ಉಜ್ಜಿದ್ರೆ, ಏನು ಕೇಳ್ದೆ ಸಾಲ ಹೀಗೋ ಕೊಡ್ತಾರೆ?

MANJA

ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಅವರು ಆ credit card ನ ಸಾಲ ತೀರ್ಸಕ್ಕೆ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಇರೋವ್ರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಕೊಡ್ತಾರೆ. ಪ್ರತಿ cardಗು ಒಂದು limit ಇರತ್ತೆ. ಅಷ್ಟು limit ತಂಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ಅವರು ಸಾಲ ಕೊಡೋದು. ಅಡ್ರೆಮೇಲೆ ಕೊಡೋದಿಲ್ಲ.

NAGI

ಓಹ್, ಹಾಗಾದ್ರೆ ಆ Roopaನ ಹುಡುಗಂಗೆ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಇದೆ ಅಂತ ನಾ?

MANJA

Huh?

NAGI

Roopa ಅವಳ ಹುಡುಗನಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳ್ತಾಇದ್ಲು. ಅವನಿಗೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆ ಸಂಬಳ, ಸ್ವಂತ bikeu, ಮತ್ತೆ credit card ಸಹ ಇದ್ಯಂತೆ. ಅಂದ್ರೆ, ಅವಳು ಹೇಳೋ ಅರ್ಥ: ಅವನಿಗೆ ಸಾಲ ತೀರ್ಸೋ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಇದೆ ಅಂತ ಅಲ್ವ? ಅವನಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಇದೆ. ನನಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲ ಅಂತ ಚುಚ್ಚಿ ಚುಚ್ಚಿ ಹೇಳ್ತಾಯಿದ್ದಾಳೆ ಅಲ್ವ?

MANJA

(they reach the office) ತುಂಬಾ ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡ್ಬೇಡಾ. ಸರಿ, ಈಗ ಸೌರ್ಕರ್ ಹತ್ತ್ರ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾತದು. Impress ಮಾಡು. ಕೆಲಸ ನಿಂಗೇ ಕೊಡ್ತಾರೆ.

INT. TIMER YARD OFFICE - DAY

Manja keeps one step into the office, taps slightly on the door. The timber yard owner is sitting inside the office, on a chair behind a large office table. He looks traditionally rich. Has a kind face, looks like a genuinely good but principled person.

OWNER OF TIMBER YARD ಬಾರೋ Manja, ಒಳಗೆ ಬಾ. ಇವನೇನಾ ನಿನ್ನ friendu?

MANJA

ಹೂ ಅಣ್ಣ.

INT. DEPARTMENTAL STORE - DAY

Rakesh walks towards the section where men's care products are placed. He picks up a shaving foam and soap. Walks towards the billing counter.

Takes phone from pocket, calls Wifey

RAKESH

(into the phone) Hair-cut ಆಯಿತು. Store ಗೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದೆ, ನನಗೆ soap ಬೇಕಿತ್ತು. ಮನೆಗೆ ಏನಾದ್ರು ಬೇಕಾ?

RAMYA

(on phone)

ಮೊಸರು ಬೇಕಿತ್ತು

RAKESH

(while picking up curd from the fridge in the store)

Ok. **ಬೇರೆ?** 

RAMYA

ಇನ್ನೇನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ.

RAKESH

Sure?

RAMYA

ಇನ್ನೇನೂ ಬೇಡ. ಅಷ್ಟೇ.

RAKESH

Ok, bye.

He heads to the billing counter. There is a long queue at the billing counter. Rakesh takes out his phone and starts reading news on his phone.

He opens a news item that is talking about shows on

Netflix that highlight the horrors of identity theft. The camera is looking over his shoulder into the phone. Rakesh is scrolling down the news page. We see a poster of Jamtara as Rakesh is scrolling down.

INT. TIMER YARD OFFICE - LATER

OWNER OF TIMBER YARD ಸರಿ, ನಾಳೆಯಿಂದ ಬಾ. ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳು ನೋಡ್ಡಿನಿ. ಸರಿಹೋಗ್ತಾಯಿದೆ ಅಂದ್ರೆ permanent ಮಾಡ್ತೀನಿ.

NAGI

Thanks පතු

OWNER OF TIMBER YARD ಹತ್ತು ದಿವಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಳ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ Ramaswamy ಇದಾರಲ್ಲ, ಅವರು ನಮ್ಮ accounts ಬರೀತಾರೆ. ಅವರೇ ಸಂಬಳ ಕೊಡೋದು.

NAGI

ಆಯಿತು ಅಣ್ಣ.

OWNER OF TIMBER YARD ಏನು complaint ಬರ್ಬಾರ್ದು. ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡು. ನಾಳೆ ಒಂಬತ್ತುಗಂಟೆ ಗೆ ಬಾ. ಸಂಜೆ ಎಂಟುಗಂಟೆ ತನಕ. Ok na?

NAGI

ಹೂ ಅಣ್ಣ.

EXT. TIMBER YARD COURTYARD - LATER

The owner is now in the courtyard of the timber yard. He is walking slowly towards the gate.

> OWNER OF TIMBER YARD ಸರಿ. ನಾನು ಈಗ ಹೊರಡ್ತೀನಿ.

> > MANJA

ಅಣ್ಣ, thanks ಇವನಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದಕ್ಕೆ.

OWNER OF TIMBER YARD

Hmmm. ಒಳ್ಳೇದಾಗ್ಲಿ.

MANJA

Thanks **ප**ಣ್ಣ.

OWNER OF TIMBER YARD ಆಮೇಲೆ ನನಗೆ ಒಬ್ಬರು Global Villageನಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಚಯ. ಅವರು Transport Department Head. ಅವರಿಗೆ cab driverಗಳು ಒಂದಷ್ಟು ಜನ ಬೇಕಂತೆ. ನಿನಗೆ ಇನ್ನ್ಯರಾದರು ಗೊತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ ಹೇಳು. ನಾನು ಶಿಫಾರಿಸ್ ಮಾಡ್ತೀನಿ.

MANJA

ಹೂ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ ಹೇಳ್ತಿನಿ ಅಣ್ಣ.

OWNER OF TIMBER YARD

ಸರಿ. ನಾನೀಗ ಬರ್ತೀನಿ.

Thus saying Owner of Timer Yard steps away from these two. He shouts at his driver

> OWNER OF TIMBER YARD (CONT'D) ಗಾಡಿ ತೆಗಿಯೋ ಲೇ. ಹೊರಡೋಣ.

Thus saying the owner walks away from the scene.

MANJA

Congrats & Nagi.

NAGI

Thanks ಕಣೋ ಕೆಲಸ ಕೊಡಿಸಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ.

MANJA

ಲೇ.. friends ಮಗ ನಾವು. thanks sorry ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಬೇಡ.

Nagi smiles, being grateful to Manja for his help.

NAGI

ನಾನಿಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದ್ರೆ ನನಗೆ ಕ್ರೆಡಿಟ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ ಕೊಡ್ತಾರೆ?

**MANJA** 

ನಿಂಗೆ ತಲೆ ಒಳಗೆಲ್ಲಾ credit cardಎ ತುಂಬಿದೆ!

NAGI

ಹೇಳು Manja. ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸ ಆದಮೇಲೆ credit card **ಕೊಡ್ತಾರೆ?** 

MANJA

Card **ಕೊಡೋವು**, ಇವರಲ್ಲ. ನಿನ್ನ ಸಂಬಳವನ್ನ ಒಂದು Bank Accountನಲ್ಲಿ ಜಮ ಮಾಡ್ಡಾಇರು. ಆಮೇಲೆ ಒಂದು ದಿವಸ Bankಅವರೇ ಬಂದು

(MORE)

MANJA (CONT'D) credit card **ಕೊಡ್ತಾರೆ.** 

NAGI

ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸ ಜಮಾ ಮಾಡ್ಡಇರಬೇಕು?

MANJA

ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಗೋ ಸಂಬಳ ಲೆಕ್ಕಕಿತ್ಕೊಂಡ್ರೆ, .... ಒಂದು ಎಂಟು ಒಂಬತ್ತು ವರ್ಷ ಆಗಬಹುದು.

NAGI

ಅಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷ ಆಗತ್ತಾ?

MANJA

(wanting to change
topic)

ಅದೆಲ್ಲ ತಲೆಯಿಂದ ತೇಗಿ. ನಡಿ, party ಮಾಡೋಣ. ನಿನಗೆ ಮೊದಲೆನೀಯ ಕೆಲಸ ಖಾತ್ರಿ ಆಯ್ತು. Kanti Sweetsಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ, ಒಳ್ಳೆ sweet ಮತ್ತೆ tea ಕುಡಿಯೋಣ.

NAGI

Kanti Sweets??? ಬೇಡ ಲೇ, ತುಂಬಾ costly ಆ ಜಾಗ.

MANJA

ಲೇ, party ಕಣೋ. ನಂದೋ. ತಲೆ ಬಿಸಿ ಮಾಡ್ಕೊಳ್ಬೇಡ. ಆ Kanti Sweets ನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬ ನನಗೆ ಪರಿಚಯ ಕೂಡ. ಏನು ತೊಂದ್ರೆ ಇಲ್ಲ, ಹೋಗೋಣ ಬಾ.

NAGI

ಸರಿ. ಸರಿ. ನಾನು ನಿಂಗೆ ಯಾವಾಗ್ಲಾರು ಅಲ್ಲಿ party ಕೊಡ್ಸೋ ಹಾಗೆ ಕಾಲ ಬರತ್ತೆ. ಅವಾಗ ನಾನು ನಿನ್ನನ್ನ ಕರ್ಕೊಂಡ್ಲೋಗ್ತೀನಿ.

They go out, hop on the bike and drive away.

EXT. OUTSIDE KANTI SWEETS - DAY

Manja and Nagi park their bike near Kanti Sweets, next to the Honda Activa belonging to Rakesh. Nagi gets down. Manja locks his bike and gets down.

As they walk towards steps near Kanti Sweets, Nagi steps on something. He stops. Looks down. Notices a wallet. Manja doesn't wait for Nagi, he goes into Kanti Sweets shop and meets one of the workers there, who he knows.

#### INT. BILLING COUNTER - DAY

Rakesh finally reaches the billing counter. He puts his shopping basket on the counter. The woman at the counter scans the Soap, Shaving Foam and Curd through the POS scanning machine, looks to Rakesh and says

WOMAN AT THE COUNTER

232 Rupees Sir.

Rakesh puts his hand in his left pocket. Doesn't find his wallet there. He puts his hand into the right pocket. Doesn't find his wallet there either. He confirms that he has his bike keys, car keys and phone, but no wallet. He turns back to see if he has dropped his wallet anywhere. He turns to the woman at the counter and says

RAKESH

I seem to have lost my wallet

#### EXT. OUTSIDE KANTI SWEETS - DAY

Nagi picks up the wallet, turns away such that his back is facing Kanti Sweets. He looks inside the wallet. It has 150 Rupees in it. He notices photo of two children in the wallet. He pulls out a white card, a DL. He turns it around to see name and address of the person whose wallet it is. He reads the address.

NAGI

(murmers to himself) ಓಹ್, ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಹತ್ತ್ರ. ಪಾಪ, ಕಳ್ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇವತ್ತು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ ಹೋಗಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಬರ್ತೀನಿ

He puts the card back into the purse. Pulls out another card from the wallet, a black color card. It says "HDFC BANK", "We understand your world" on the top right. Regalia on the top left. There is a number embossed down below. Just above it is the name Rakesh Kumar embossed on it. It appears to shine. He gets a feeling that this might be the credit card Manja was talking about. We show Nagi's face expression that indicates a flip in his being. He suddenly flips over and begins to lust for the credit card in his hand. He no longer feels like returning the wallet.

MANJA

(speaking loudly from inside Kanti Sweets) ජෑ Nagi, ಬಾರೋ ජෑ.

Nagi puts the card back into the wallet. Turns around.

NAGI

ಬಂದೆ, ಬಂದೆ..

Nagi looks to his left and right. He looks intently to make sure that nobody noticed him picking up the wallet. He observes every person in the vicinity, trying to figure if they seem to be searching for a lost wallet. Everybody seems to be in their own world. Convinced that the wallet owner is not around and that nobody noticed him, he keeps the wallet in his trouser pocket.

Nagi hurriedly gets into Kanti Sweets and walks towards towards Manja, who is standing by the counter. He seems happier now than when he got the job.

EXT. OUTSIDE DEPARTMENTAL STORE - DAY

Rakesh rushes out of the store, leaving all his items at the counter. He walks towards the salon, intently scanning the footpath in a hope to locate his wallet. He does not find anything.

INT. NATURALS HAIR SALON RECEPTION - DAY

He goes into the salon, asks the receptionist

RAKESH

Did I drop my wallet here?

RECEPTIONIST

No sir. I noticed that you took it with you.

RAKESH

Ok. Thanks.

He steps outside the saloon. On the way to his Honda Activa, he calls his Wife.

EXT. ON FOOTPATH, OUTSIDE THE KANTI SWEETS - DAY

RAKESH

(into the phone) ನಂದ್ wallet ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡೆ ಕಣೆ.. I cant find it anywhere.

RAMYA

Bike @8 check am@ang?

RAKESH

ಇಲ್ಲ ಕಣೆ. After paying for the haircut, I had the wallet with me in my hand. Bike ಮೇಲೆ ಕೂರಲೇಇಲ್ಲ. I went to the departmental store to buy soap and stuff. Billing counter ಹತ್ತು ಗೊತ್ತಾಯಿತು, wallet ಕಳೆದುಹೋಗಿದೆ ಅಂತ.

RAMYA

Footpath aen check and?

RAKESH

ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಡೆ check ಮಾಡಿಯಾಯಿತು!

Rakesh scans the footpath once again, in a desperate hope to find his wallet on the ground somewhere. But doesn't find it.

RAMYA

(on the phone)

Tension ಮಾಡ್ಕೊಳ್ಳೇಡ. Come home. ನೋಡಣ.

RAKESH

(frustrated with
himself)

ಳೆ.What a horrible way to start the day!!! ಸರಿ,ಬರ್ತೀನಿ.

He cuts the call. Keeps his phone in his pocket. Confirms once again that he has his bike and car keys. He starts his bike and heads home.

The camera shows Rakesh going away on his bike and zooms into Kanti Sweets shop towards Manja and Nagi.

#### INT. KANTI SWEETS - DAY

Nagi taps on Manja's shoulder indicating that he got inside. He has a happier face than before.

MANJA

(turning around, looks
at Nagi)

ಬಂದ್ಯಾ?

MANJA (CONT'D)

(to Roshan)

ಇವತ್ತು ಇವನಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಕೆಲಸ ಸಿಗ್ತು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ವೀಟ್ ತಿನ್ನೋಣ ಅಂತ ಬಂದ್ವಿ.

MANJA (CONT'D)

(to Nagi)

ಇವನೇ (pointing to his friend across the counter) ನನಗೆ ಪರಿಚಯ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳ್ತಿದ್ದಲ್ಲ?. Roshan ಅಂತ.

NAGI

(nodding at Roshan)

Ηi

ROSHAN

Hi.

MANJA

ಸರಿ, ಹೇಳು. ಏನ್ ತಿನ್ತಯ ಸ್ವೀಟು?

NAGI

(looks at the sweets on display and silently murmurs to Manja) ಮಗ, ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಏನು ಬೀಡ.

Thus saying, he pulls Manja away from the counter so that Roshan doesn't listen in.

MANJA

ಯಾಕೋ?

NAGI

ಬಾ ಮಗಾ. ಹತ್ತಿರದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಒಳ್ಳೆ coffee ಜಾಗ ಇದೆ. Roopa ಮತ್ತೆ ಅವಳ ಹುಡುಗ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋಗ್ತಿರ್ತಾರೆ. ನನಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿದ್ರೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದ್ಸರ್ತಿ ಹೋಗ್ತಿನಿ ಅಂದ್ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೆ. ಈಗ್ಲೂ ಅವಳು ಅವನಜೊತೆ

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NAGI (CONT'D)

ಅಲ್ಲೇ ಹೋಗಿರ್ತಾಳೆ. ಅಲ್ಲೇ ಹೋಗಿ party ಮಾಡೋಣ ಬಾ.

MANJA

ಅವಳ ಮುಂದೆ show-off ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾ ನಿಂಗೆ? ಸರಿ, ಆ coffee ಜಾಗದ ಹೆಸರೇನು?

NAGI

Coffee Day ಅಂತ ಅಂಗಡಿ ಹೆಸರು.

MANJA

ಲೇ, ಭಯಂಕರ costly ಕಣೋ ಆ ಜಾಗ. ಒಂದು ಕಾಫಿಗೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನೂರು ರುಪೈಕಿಂತಲೂ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಕಣೋ.

NAGI

By-two ತೊಗಳನ. ಆದ್ರೆ ಅಲ್ಲೇ ಹೋಗೋಣ ಮಗ. ಬಾ ಮಗ, please ಕಣೋ. ಬಾ ಮಗ.

MANJA

ನಿನಗೇನಾಯಿತೋ suddenಆಗಿ???

NAGI

ಬಾ ಮಗ, ಹೋಗೋಣ.

MANJA

ಸರಿ ಸರಿ.

Manja turns around to the counter and signals to Roshan that he will come back.

They step out of Kanti Sweets.

INT. LIVING ROOM IN VILLA - DAY

Rakesh enters the house tensed and worried.

RAKESH

ಛೆ, ಎಂಥ ದುರಂತ ನೇ ಇದು. ನನ್ನ credit cardu, company ID cardu, DL ಎಲ್ಲ ಅದ್ರಲ್ಲೇ ಇತ್ತು.

RAMYA

Tension ಮಾಡ್ಕೊಳ್ಬೇಡ. First ಸ್ನಾನ ಮಾಡು ಹೋಗು. I will disable your credit card in the meantime. RAKESH

(still frustrated with
himself)

Ok.

Rakesh goes into the bathroom. Ramya opens the laptop on the dining table. We show her opening Safari and launching the HDFC Bank website. She clicks on the login button.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

Manja and Nagi are on the bike. They are riding somewhere on Vishnuvardhan Road, a little distance away from RR Nagar.

MANJA

ಸರಿ, ಈಗ ಎಲ್ಲಿದೆ ನಿನ್ನ Coffee Day?

NAGI

RR Nagara.

MANJA

ಅದೇ Coffee Day ನೇ ಆಗಬೇಕಾ?

NAGI

ಹೂ ಮಗ. RR Nagarಅಲ್ಲಿರೋ Coffee Dayಗೆ ನೇ Roopa ಮತ್ತೆ ಅವಳ ಹುಡುಗ ಹೋಗೋದು. ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಇಲ್ವಂತೆ. ನಂಗು ಈಗ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿದೆ. ನಂಗು ಇದೆ, ಅರ್ಹತೆ.

MANJA

ದುಡ್ಡು ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಕಣೋ ಅಲ್ಲಿ.

NAGI

ಪರ್ವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ.

MANJA

ಲೇ, partyಗೆ ನೀನೆ ದೊಡ್ಡು ಕೊಡ್ತಾಇರೋತರ ಹೇಳ್ತಾಇದ್ಯಾ!!!

NAGI

ನಾನೇ ಕೊಡ್ಡಿನಿ ಮಗ.

EXT. ROAD SIDE - DAY

Manja stops the bike by the side of the road near the

entrance of RR Nagar road, just after RNSIT.

MANJA

ನಿನ್ನಹತ್ತ್ರ ಎಲ್ಲೋ ಇದೆ ಅಷ್ಟೊಂದು ದುಡ್ಡು ಒಂದು ಕಾಫಿ ಮೇಲೆ ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡೋದಕ್ಕೆ?

Nagi gets down from the bike, takes the wallet out of his trouser pocket and shows it to Manja.

MANJA (CONT'D)

ಯಾರದೋ ಇದು?

NAGI

ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ ಮಗ. Road ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಗ್ತು. Kanti Sweets ಹತ್ಯ.

Manja looks at him surprised, because the Nagi he knows is not a thief. He is unable to understand why Nagi would flick a wallet from the street.

INT. LIVING ROOM IN VILLA - LATER

Rakesh comes out of the bedroom, looking fresh from taking bath. But his face still looks worried. He walks over to Ramya, who is still doing something on the laptop.

RAKESH

ಎಲ್ಲಾ disable ಮಾಡಿದ್ಯಾ? Did any transaction happen after the salon?

**RAMYA** 

થ્છૂ. Thank god. No transactions have happened. I disabled your credit card and have requested for a replacement.

RAKESH

ಸಧ್ಯ.

RAMYA

Cash ಎಷ್ಟು ಇತ್ತು?

RAKESH

Cash ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ, some 150-200 ಅಷ್ಟೇ. But company ID card ಮತ್ತೆ DL ಇತ್ತು, wallet ನಲ್ಲಿ. Replacing them is a pain. RAMYA

Company ID shouldn't be a problem I think. ಮತ್ತೆ… Ravi ಅಣ್ಣ recent**ಆಗಿ** ಅವನ DL replace ಮಾಡ್ಕೊಂಡ.I will call him and find out. Don't worry.

RAKESH

Thank you!!

Rakesh takes a deep breath sits down on the chair next to Ramya. He looks up, wondering where and how he lost his wallet.

RAKESH (CONT'D)
(as if speaking to

himself) ಛೆ, ಹೆಂಗೆ ಕಳೆದುಹೋಯಿತು ಅಂತನೇ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗ್ತಾಯಿಲ್ಲ. I had it in my pocket

all along.

RAMYA

(rubbing his shoulder)
Its ok ಪುಟ್ಟ. ಇಷ್ಟರಲ್ಲೇ ಮುಗಿತಲ್ವಾ. Thank
god the thief did not swipe the
credit card and buy something
expensive. Sometimes ಈತರ ಆಗತ್ತೆ.
Don't worry.

INT. POLAR BEAR ICECREAM SHOP - DAY

Maruti takes one more spoon of ice-cream, puts it in his mouth, looks outside the window.

A bike stops a few meters ahead from the ice-cream shop. Pillion rider (Nagi) gets down from the bike and shows his wallet. The bike rider (Manja) makes an expression that seemingly conveys to Maruti a concerning situation. He continues having his ice-cream, while keeping an eye on the two guys in the bike.

WIFE

(noticing that Maruti
is worried about
something he is seeing
on the street)

ಏನಾಯಿತು?

EXT. ROAD SIDE - DAY

Nagi then takes the HDFC Credit Card from within the wallet and shows it to Manja.

NAGI

ಮಗ, credit card ಅಂದ್ರೆ ಹೀಗೆ ಇರತ್ತೆ ಅಲ್ಪೇನೋ?

Nagi's eyes and face are lit up, like he is in a trance. He is holding the credit card like he found a treasure.

MANJA

ನಿಂಗೆ ತಿಕ್ಕು ಹಿಡಿದಿದೆ.

NAGI

(angry)

ಅವಳು ನೋಡ್ರೆ ನಂಗೆ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಇಲ್ಲ ಅಂತಳೆ. ಇವತ್ತು ನನಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿದೆ. Credit card ಕೂಡ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿದೆ. ನಂದಲ್ಲ ಗೊತ್ತು, ಆದ್ರೆ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿದೆ ತಾನೇ. ಒಂದು ದಿವಸ ಮಗ. ಒಂದೇ ಒಂದು ದಿವಸ, ನಾನು ಅವ್ಳ ಹುಡ್ಗನಷ್ಟೇ ಅರ್ಹ ಅಂತ feel ಮಾಡ್ಬೇಕು ಕಣೋ.

INT. POLAR BEAR ICECREAM SHOP - DAY

WIFE

(looking out of the window and back at Maruti)

ಏನಾಯಿತು? ಹೇಳು...

Voices of Manja and Nagi are faintly audible inside the ice-cream shop.

MARUTI

ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡು. Mostly ಆ ಹುಡುಗ purse ಕದ್ದಿದ್ದಾನೆ ಅನ್ಸತ್ತೆ. ದುಡ್ಡು ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಮಾಡೋದು ಅಂತ ಜಗಳ ಆಡ್ತಾಯಿದ್ದರೆ ಅನ್ಸಾ ಇದೆ.

His wife and daughter turn around and look at the two boys.

WIFE

(in a skeptical tone) ನಂಗೆ ಅವರು ಜಗಳ ಆಡ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅಂತ ಅನ್ನಿಸ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ. EXT. ROAD SIDE - DAY

NAGI

ಅವಳ ಕಣ್ಣಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಒಂದು rangeಗೆ ಬರ್ಬೇಕು ಕಣೋ....

MANJA

ನಾಗಿ, shortcut ಹುಡುಕ್ಬೇಡ. ತಪ್ಪು ಕಣೋ. ಇವತ್ತಲ್ಲ ನಾಳೆ ನೀನು ಮುಂದ್ ಬರ್ತ್ತಿಯ. ಅವಾಗ ನಿಂದೆ credit card ಕೂಡ ಇರತ್ತೆ. ಆಮೇಲೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಅದನ್ನ ಆ Roopaಗೆ ತೋರ್ಸು.

NAGI

ಅಶ್ಟಹೊತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವಳು ಆ ಹುಡುಗನನೀ ಮದುವೆ ಆಗಿರ್ತಳೆ ಕಣೋ.

Manja shows sympathy for Nagi. He gets down from the bike. Stands next to Nagi for a moment.

MANJA

Nagi, ನಂಗೆ ಅರ್ಥ ಆಗತ್ತೆ. ಆದ್ರೆ ನೀನು ಈತರ Roopaನ ಪಟಾಯಿಸೋದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ ಕಣೋ.

Nagi looks surprised and a bit taken aback. His eyes are welling up.

INT. POLAR BEAR ICECREAM SHOP - DAY

MARUTI

ಹೌದು. ಈಗ ಶಾಂತವಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ. ಆದರೂ, ನಂಗ್ಯಾಕೋ ಆ purse ಕದ್ದಿದ್ದು ಅನಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ನಂದು purse ಕಳೆದುಹೋಗಿಬುತ್ತಿತ್ತು ನೋಡು? ದೊಡ್ಡ ತಲೆನೋವು! ದುಡ್ಡು ಹೋಗಲಿ ಪರವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ, ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಾದ್ರು ID Proof cardಗಳಿದ್ರೆ ತುಂಬಾ risk. ನನಗೆ ಈಗ ನನ್ನ DL ಮತ್ತೆ Voter ID ಮಾಡ್ಸಕ್ಕೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕಷ್ಟ ಆಗ್ತಾಯಿದೆ.

WIFE

(still skeptical)

It doesn't look all that serious ಕಮ. They look like friends arguing over some money matter ভান্যু অন ভাৰু Look, they are not even arguing any more.

MARUTI

ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ ಕಣೆ. ಏನೋ intuition ನಂಗೆ....

EXT. ROAD - DAY

MANJA

ಬೇಡ ಮಗ. ವಾಪಸ್ ಹೋಗಿ Kanti Sweetsಗೆ ಈ Purseಅನ್ನ ಕೊಡೋಣ. ಅವರ ಗಿರಾಕಿಗಳ್ಲಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬುದ್ದು ಇರಬಹುದು. ಅವರೇ ಹುಡುಕಿ ಕೊಡ್ತಾರೆ.

Nagi turns his head in an almost desperate attempt to convince Manja that he deserves one day with that credit card in Coffee Day.

MANJA (CONT'D)

ಇಲ್ಲ ಮಗ. ಬೇಡ.

Nagi looks away from Manja, realizing the truth in Manja's speaking. He starts feeling ashamed of himself. Moments later he gets angry, mostly at himself.

NAGI

ನನ್ನ ಹಣೆಬರಹದಲ್ಲೇ ಇಲ್ಲ ಅವಳು. ಛೆ. ನನ್ನಂಥವನನ್ನು ಯಾಕೆ ಮದುವೆ ಆಗ್ತಾಳೆ ಅವಳು? ನನಗೆ ನಿಜವಾಗಲೂ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಒಂದು ಕ್ರೆಡಿಟ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್ ತೊಗೊಳೋಅಷ್ಟೂ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಇಲ್ಲ. Coffee Dayಅಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು coffee ಕುಡಿಯೋಷ್ಟು scene ಇಲ್ಲ. ನಾನು ಒಂದು ಹುಡುಗನ ಅವಳಿಗೆ?

Thus saying, Nagi throws the credit card that is in his hand on the footpath in rage. He then pulls out another card and throws it on the footpath. He pulls out photos from the wallet and throws it on the footpath. He pulls another card, which turns out to be DL, and throws that also. He looks to see if there is anything else to throw away...

INT. POLAR BEAR ICECREAM SHOP - DAY

Maruti notices the pillion rider (Nagi) throwing a DL on the footpath. Convinced that the wallet surely does not belong to the guy holding it, he becomes alert.

MARUTI

(to his wife)

ನೋಡು ನೋಡು..

As soon as he notices that the pillion rider is about to throw another card, he gets up and rushes out of the icecream shop towards the two guys. EXT. ROAD - DAY

Nagi and Manja hear a person running towards them shouting.

RUNNING MAN (MARUTI)

Hey.. stop that....

Fearing that the wallet belongs to this man, Nagi and Manja get scared. They instinctively decide to escape from the scene. They hop on the bike and ride away. Noticing the man chasing them, he suddenly experiences himself as a theif in the eyes of the man chasing him. He doesn't like that. He comes out of his trance.

Just a few meters later on the bike, Nagi tells Manja,

NAGI

ನೀನು ಸರಿ ಹೇಳ್ದೆ ಕಣೋ ಮಂಜ. ನಾನೇ ಮುಂದೆ ಬರಬೇಕು. ಮುಂದ್ ಬರ್ತೀನಿ. ಈಗ ಕೆಲಸ ಶುರು ಮಾಡ್ತಾಯಿದ್ದೀನಿ. ಮುಂದೆ ನಂದೇ bike ಇರತ್ತೆ, ನಂದೇ credit card ಕೂಡ ಇರತ್ತೆ. ಬೇರೆಯವರ purseu ದುಡ್ತು ಬೇಡ ನಂಗೆ.

Thus saying he throws the wallet towards the footpath. Without looking at where it fell, they ride away.

NAGI (CONT'D)

ನಾನೇ ಮುಂದೃರ್ತೀನಿ..

EXT. ROAD SIDE - DAY

MARUTI

(running towards them)

Неу.. నిల్లి. ఓడ్యేఁಡి...

The boys ride away. Maruti stops near the place where the pillion rider had thrown all the cards. He looks towards the footpath and notices three cards and two slips of paper on it.

MARUTI (CONT'D)

(exhaling in relief..)

ಸಧ್ಯ...

He turns to look at the riders on the bike once again. A few meters ahead he notices the pillion rider throwing the

purse. Maruti notices with disappointment that the purse falls into a gutter.

He picks the cards and the two slips of paper, walks rapidly towards the gutter into which the wallet was thrown. He looks inside. Dirty, stinking water can be seen flowing. He concludes that the wallet was washed away. He looks up towards the bike that has now disappeared.

MARUTI

ಟೆ. ಎಂದ ರೌಡಿಗಳು.

He looks at the cards. One is a company ID card, with name Rakesh Kumar written on it. Company name is Oracle. Another is a credit card with name Rakesh Kumar on it. And the third one is DL, against the same name. The two slips of paper are actually passport sized photos of two young girls.

MARUTI (CONT'D)

ಇವನ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿರಬಹುದು

Thus murmuring he walks back to the ice-cream shop. His wife and daughter are on the steps, just outside the ice cream shop. The store manager is on the footpath, couple of steps towards Maruti.

STORE MANAGER

What happened sir?

MARUTI

I think some boys had stolen a wallet. When I chased them, they must have gotten scared. They threw its contents and the wallet. I found these on the footpath. The wallet got washed away in the gutter.

STORE MANAGER

Oh. You are not hurt no?

MARUTI

No, I am fine.

STORE MANAGER

Do you want to call the police?

MARUTI

(showing the company ID card..)

No, let me call the guy whose number is on this card first. Then I will decide.

STORE MANAGER

Ok. Ok. Please come inside, have some water.

He looks up, notices his wife and daughter. He walks quickly over to them. His daughter hugs him at his waist.

WIFE

ನಿಂಗೇನಾರು ಆಯ್ಡಾ?

MARUTI

થ્છૂ pa. I am glad I atleast found these cards. The wallet, unfortunately got washed away in the gutter.

WIFE

Aiyoo....

MARUTI

Come, lets go inside and finish our ice-cream.

They go inside.

INT. POLAR BEAR ICECREAM SHOP - DAY

Maruti, his wife and daughter settle down back at their table.

DAUGHTER

(noticing the photos) ಯಾರು ಇವರಿಬ್ಬರು?

MARUTI

Rakesh uncle ಮಕ್ಕಳಿರಬೇಕು ಪುಟ್ಟಿ

DAUGHTER

Rakesh uncle **ಅಂದ್ರೆ?** 

MARUTI

(shows the photo on the company ID card)

ಇವರು.

DAUGHTER

ನಂಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ ಇವರು

MARUTI

Hmmm.. ನಂಗು ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ ಪುಟ್ಟಿ..

(to his wife)

ಇಲ್ಲೊಂದು number ಇದೆ. primary number ಅಳಿಸಿ ಹೋಗಿದೆ. alternate numberಗೆ call ಮಾಡೋಣ.

Maruti dials the number on the ID card. A woman picks up the call.

INT. LIVING ROOM IN VILLA - DAY

Ramya's phone rings. She goes to her phone and notices that the call is from an unknown number. Few seconds later, TrueCaller app hovers a note on top saying that the call is from someone called Maruti. Wondering who Maruti may be, she picks the call

RAMYA

Hello?

MAN ON THE PHONE

Is it Rakesh?

RAMYA

I am his wife. Who is this?

MAN ON THE PHONE

Can I speak to Rakesh?

RAMYA

(bit irritated)

Its Ok, you can speak to me only.

MAN ON THE PHONE

Just now this ID card along with few other items were thrown on the footpath by two boys who sped away on a bike. The ID card says

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MAN ON THE PHONE (CONT'D) it belongs to one Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Oracle.

**RAMYA** 

(anticipatingly..)
Yes, Rakesh Kumar is my husband.

MAN ON THE PHONE

Ok. This number was on a company card against alternate number. The primary number was not legible, so I called this number.

We show Ramya's face expressing relief and happiness. She signals Rakesh to listen in and puts the phone on loud speaker.

RAMYA

Thank you for calling. We were so tensed that the wallet was lost. I am so happy you found it. Where are you speaking from?

INT. POLAR BEAR ICECREAM SHOP - DAY

MARUTI

I did not find the wallet. Just the cards. I am near RR Nagar.

RAKESH'S WIFE ON THE PHONE Oh. Something is better than nothing. Thank you so much for calling.

MARUTI

From the ID card, I understand you are near Bidadi. Perhaps we can meet mid way... Can you come to Kengeri Upanagara?

RAKESH'S WIFE ON THE PHONE Of-course. Thank you so much. Rakesh will come right away.

MARUTI

Ok! Mysore Road **ಇಂದ** Upanagara**ಕ್ಕೆ** turn **ಆದಾಗ,** Vijaya Bank **ಹತ್ರಾ ಸಿಗೋಣ.** I will see you soon. RAKESH'S WIFE ON THE PHONE

Ok. ಹೇಳ್ತಿನಿ Rakeshಗೆ. Thank you so much.

MARUTI

Ok. Thank you.

He cuts the call.

MARUTI (CONT'D)

(to his wife)

They are so relieved now. Phew!

WIFE

ಒಳ್ಳೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದೆ ನೀನು. ನಿಂದು intuition ಮೆಚ್ಚಬೇಕು ಕಣೋ.

MARUTI

ಏನೋ ಪ. ಈಗ ಈ Rakesh Kengeri Upanagara ಕಡೆಗೆ ಬರ್ತಾರಂತೆ. ಹೋಗಿ ಈ cardಗಳನ್ನ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟು, ನಾವು ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋಗೋಣ.

DAUGHTER

ಆ ಹುಡುಗಿಯರೂ ಬರ್ತಾರಾ?

MARUTI

ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ ಪುಟ್ಟ. I think only Rakesh Uncle will come.

They all finish their ice-cream and head out.

EXT. NEAR VIJAYA BANK, KENGERI UPANAGAR - DAY

Maruti parks the bike on the footpath. His wife and daughter get down. Maruti gets down, takes off his helmet, puts it on his bike handle.

Camera angle must establish that he is standing next to Vijaya Bank.

Maruti takes out his phone, sends a message to the number on which he spoke to Rakesh's wife.

MARUTI (ON SMS)

I am parked next to Vijaya Bank

RESPONSE (ON SMS)

Reaching there in 2 min. I am coming on a Honda Activa.

Shortly, Rakesh comes to the meeting point on his Honda Activa.

Camera zooms out, we show Rakesh and Maruti exchange pleasantries. Maruti hands over the cards. Rakesh is very happy. He thanks them plenty. Maruti and family ride away first. Rakesh rides away from the scene next.

INT. LIVING ROOM IN VILLA - DAY

Rakesh enters home. Visibly happy.

RAKESH

ಸಧ್ಯ, DL ಮಾಡಿಸ್ಬೇಕಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ದುಡ್ಡು ಹೋದ್ರೆ ಹೋಯಿತು. I was also worried about the company process for requesting a duplicate ID card.

**RAMYA** 

ನಿಜ ಕಣೋ. ಇಷ್ಟರಲ್ಲೇ ಮುಗಿತ್ತಲ್ವಾ. ಸಧ್ಯ. ಆ Marutiಗೆ ಪುಣ್ಯ ಬರಲಿ.

RAKESH

Oh yeah! So kind of him. Good people exist.

Ramya walks over to their house door and closes it. We reveal that next to the door is their house name: Anjaneya.

INT. HUT - DAY

Nagi enters home. He is very silent, looks like he is reflecting on the day and feeling guilty.

MOTHER

ಏನಾಯಿತೋ? ಸಪ್ಪುಗಿದ್ದೀಯ... ಕೆಲಸ ಸಿಗ್ಲಿಲ್ಲ್ವಾ?

NAGI

(putting on a fake smile)

ಕೆಲಸ ಸಿಗ್ತು ಮ. ನಾಳೆಯಿಂದಾನೆ ಶುರು.

(MORE)

NAGI (CONT'D)

ಒಂಬತ್ತುಗಂಟೆ ಇಂದ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಎಂಟು ಗಂಟೆ ತನಕ. ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳು ನೋಡ್ತಾರೆ, ಆಮೇಲೆ permanentu. ತಿಂಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೂರು ಸಲ ಸಂಬಳ.

MOTHER

(visibly very happy) ತುಂಬಾ ಸಂತೋಷ ಕಣೋ. ದೇವರು ದೊಡ್ಡವನು. ಮೊನ್ನೆತಾನೇ ಹನುಮಂತನ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋದಾಗ, ದೇವರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿನ್ನ ಕೆಲಸಡಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕೇಳ್ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೆ. ನಾಳೇನೇ ಹೋಗಿ ಅರ್ಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿಸ್ತೀನಿ. ದೇವರು ಒಳ್ಳೇದ್ಮಾಡ್ಲಿ ಮಗ. ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡು.

INT. LIVING ROOM IN VILLA (5 MONTHS LATER) - DAY

Rakesh is reading the sports section in newspaper. His phone rings. Its a call from the security gate. He picks up the call.

SECURITY AT GATE

Sir, courier for you.

RAKESH

Send him in.

He cuts the call. Moments later the courier deliver person knocks on his door, which is already open.

Rakesh collects the courier, signs for it and sends off the delivery man. Its a box. He looks at the from-address. It says "NAGESH KUMAR, KANTI SWEETS, KENGERI UPANAGARA."

RAKESH (CONT'D)

(murmurs to himself, while opening the box) Nagesh Kumarප? ಯාರು?

Inside the box is a wallet. Same color as the one he lost 5 months ago. Intrigued, he picks up the wallet looks inside. It has 150 rupees in it. And a note.

NOTE FROM NAGESH

Sorry. Please forgive me.

Rakesh is left wondering. He then figures that the walletthief has sent the courier. He smiles, visibly forgiving the thief. INT. GLOBAL VILLAGE TRANSPORT OFFICE (3 YEARS LATER) - DAY

We show Nagi working in an office. He looks much better groomed and in a good dress. His office desk has one phone line and a lot of files stacked on the left. We zoom out of the desk to reveal his name plate on the table. It reads: DEPUTY HEAD OF TRANSPORT, GLOBAL VILLAGE.

His subordinate walks in and hands over a file.

NAGI

What is this for?

SUBORDINATE

Transport arrangements for annual get-together Sir.

NAGI

Ok. I will look into it.

SUBORDINATE

Ok Sir... Sir, also someone from HDFC bank is outside. He wants to meet you.

NAGI

Ok, send him in.

The camera continues to show Nagi. He is glancing contents of the file that was just given to him. We notice a man come inside and sit across the desk in front of Nagi.

HDFC BANK GUY

Good morning Sir.

NAGI

(lifting up his head)

Good morning.

We then reveal face of the guy who has just walked in. It is Roopa's boyfriend.

HDFC BANK GUY

Sir, I want to propose that you open a bank account with us. I will personally help you open an account, get your debit card. I will even get you a credit card

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# $$\operatorname{HDFC}$$ BANK GUY (CONT'D) for fifty thousand sir $\ldots$

The HDFC Bank Guy continues speaking, but we blur his voice and the camera zooms in on Nagi's face. He is gently smiling.

FADE TO BLACK