

**The Portrait of Rustic Lives**  
***The Book of Classical One Act Plays***

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## 1. THE DESIRE FOR PEACE

**Characters**

Yudhisthira: The Elder of Pandavas'

Krishna: The Brother-in-law of Pandavas'

*(Mahabharata is the story of Pandavas', the sons of the king Pandu and the Kauravas, the sons of the king Dhruthrast, with a mal intention the Pandavas' are defeated by the Kauravas' in a game. As per the bet the Pandavas exiled for twelve years and one year incognito life. After thirteen years they send an ambassador from the court of the king DhruPAD. The ambassador was the royal priest but his mediation was futile. The Kauravas send a reply with Sanjaya.*

*The Kauravas ambassador Sanjaya had sppoken sweet words and shown empty hands to the Pandavas and went away. Then second time Yudhisthira decided to send his brother-in-law, Krishna to the court of Kauravas' for negotiation. When the curtain raises Yudhisthira is waiting for the arrival of Krishna.)* *(Enter, Krishna)*

Yudhisthira: The elder of Pandavas' Yudhisthira is welcoming you.

Krishna: Long live Yudhisthira, long live.

Yudhisthira: Is Devaki and Vasudeva's son is fine?

Krishna: Yudhisthira, we are not only the son of Devaki and Vasudeva but also Yashoda and Nanda. Yudhisthira! Um..... What made you call us he! We would like to know your wish for inviting us here.

Yudhisthira: E Devaki, Vasudava nandan, you aware, we have completed twelve years of exile and one year of incognito life with my brothers and our wife. Few days back we sent the royal priest from DhruPAD's court as our ambassador, in reply Sanjaya was sent but with it no use. We are not ready to fight with the undeserving person.

Krishna: Then, what do you wish for?

Yudhisthira: Krishna, before to the last breath of my father he has shown us you. He has shown us you to off our hardships. He has shown you us to provide us good. You are savior to us in this birth...

*(Interrupts)*

Krishna: Waite, Waite Yudhisthira. Stop your praises! Krishna is in the favour of the sons of the king Pandu and Kunthi.

Yudhisthira: O Devakinandan, you are the dearer to both the Pandavas and the Kauravas, so we urge you for negotiation with the Kauravas on behalf of Pandavas to the court of Kauravas'.

Krishna: Um, you are trying to shoulder me the Herculean task.

Yudhisthira: Vasudev, you are the *Jagannatak Sutradhar*, (*Jagannatak Sutradhar = God/ the unseen conductor of the universe*) is it a big task to you!

Krishna: *(Nodding)* I agree for this mediation.

Yudhisthira: Thank you Vasudev, thank you for accepting this mediation.

Krishna: *(Nodding and striking his flout on his palm)*

Yudhisthira: You tell as our words in the Kauravas' court, as our words to Dhruhrast in the presence of all our relatives. Tell him if he is not ready to give us the half in the kingdom, we are expecting, at least five villages to our five brothers. There is nothing to hide and we don't feel shame to accept five villages.

Krishna: Um, what more?

Yudhisthira: O, Devakinandan, I know very well about my brother Dhuriyodhan, he may not agree to give us even at least five villages. But our esteem is not accepting war.

I don't need kingdom for myself. My dependents are there, for their sake I need it or they may starve to death, so my intention is not the war, an amicable solution, an amicable solution I want for this problem.

The Pandavas and the Kauravas are the cousins they should be friendly and cooperative forever and forever. I am expecting we should be in one kingdom, friendly and cooperative. It happens I am the happiest person.

Krishna, I am the hippest person, why do we choose only one method? Don't we have any other alternative? I think war is not the solution to this problem. There are number of solutions to put an end to this problem but we need a right mediation to elucidate the problem.

Krishna: (*Nodding*)

Yudhisthira: There are number of our relatives in the court of Kauravas', if we are choosing the war we should have to face lot of lose of relatives, money and many will turn as cripple and women as widows, more ever there is no salvation to our sins on the earth or in the heaven.

Krishna: So, I should mediate to prevent war between your cousins.

Yudhisthira: Yes Devakinandan, yes. We have to suppress enmity. The enmity can't make us happy. The prolonging enmity won't bring us peace to mind. There is no use with enmity so we should follow peace. We are trying to prevent the war and we want our share in the kingdom. The war will bring us lot of destruction. I don't expect it even in my dream, so look for other solution to prevent it.

Krishna: Certainly Dharmanandan, certainly. Revel me, how I should be in the court of Kauravas?

Yudhisthira: Krishna, be an impartial with relations because when you are the mediator you have to balance both sides equally. Be transparent in talk to bring them the

confidence in the peace and to prosper the relations. Be dignified in behaviour to receive the blame from the brute and try to favour both of us to grow and to develop morally and virtually, for this, you should be hailed by our fathers, fore fathers and the Kauravas' court.

Krishna: Um. (*More attentive*)

Yudhisthira: Krishna, I know my brother Dhuriyodhan, he may be impatient, hasty, and rude so don't leave the court with his filthy behaviour. Stain him with his indignity by himself. If we listen to the words of fore fathers our dignity and reputation will grow in the public, so we should be patient.

Father Dhruthrast may not reveal his decision. He may be partial to his sons. He may not accept to the treaty and behave dishonesty. It makes you to leave the court, if it happens, behave the folks should praise us and our virtue. It makes me happy.

If you believe it as a useful one to us, mediate for treaty which keeps all together and happy. I hope it is better to make a treaty with them.

Krishna: Certainly, if it makes you happy I will visit the court of Kauravas'.

Yudhisthira: Krishna, you know both the Pandavas and the Kauravas and you know how the things make to happen. You know how to speak and behave with different people, hope I am not enough to teach you trick.

Krishna: Enough, Yudhisthira enough your praises. I am going for the mediation. I am going for the mediation as per your wish right now.

(Exits)

### (The Curtain Fall)

## 2. The Emperor Bali

### Characters

1. Bali: The Emperor
2. Shukarachary: The teacher of Demons
3. Vamana: The God Vishnu who is in the disguise of Vamana (Vamana= Dwarf)
4. VindhyaVali: Wife of Bali.

*(The emperor Bali is the son of Virochana and the grandson of Prahallada. He occupied the Swargaloka the kingdom of Lord Indra, who is the king of the Gods. In the ruling of Bali some of the gods left the heaven and the remaining were discriminated. All the gods went to Sri Maha Vishnu enunciated their vows in front of him. He has given them the word to resolve their vows. After few years Sri Maha Vishnu was born in the form of Vamana. The emperor Bali is conducting the Yagna an act of worship on the bank of the river Narmada.)*

*(Scene of Yagana, Enter, Vamana)*

Vamana: "Bhavathi Bhikshan Dehi", "Bhavathi Bhikshan Dehi", "Bhavathi Bhikshan Dehi"

Bali: Who is that?

Vamana: I am Vamana, an orthodox Brahmin and celibacy. I came to you know, you are conducting Yagna, so I came in search of you, asking for a boon.

Bali: Boon! Boon to you!

Vamana: Yes milord.

Bali: Hhhh .....! (*Laugh*) What a cute, pretty little boy! What boon do you wish to ask me? Ask me, whatever you wished for?

Vamana: Don't you disown your word after listen my wish?

Bali: I never disown my word so far and I am promising you, I don't disown my word.

Vamana: Then, give me the land of three foot.

*(Behind the Curtain)*

Shukrachary: Bali, Waite a minute!

*(Enter,*

*Shukrachary)*

The world knows your generosity. You are the great donor. It's your responsibility to protect your community, protect your kingdom and protect your valor and prowess. This dwarf is Maha Vishnu, he is in disguise form. He won't go with just three foot land. He can measure entire universe with his three foot; certainly, he can, so listen my words. Nobody can stop him in the world, listen me! Don't give him a word; send him right now straight away from here.

Bali: Achary, I feel lucky to get a right person to receive boon from me. The world has seen numerous kings and dynasties but none of them are alive today. They earned lot of money, jewels and land, but they didn't take away a single penny with their death. Few people count on fingers, believe, fame, fame is an eternal one. The world never forgets their name like Shibhi, the one in millions.

The Yagnas and Yagas may not show me the lord Vishnu but today he, himself came to me as a dwarf. He stretched his hands for alms in front of me, believe, what I want more in this world?

Shukrachary: But, Bali you will be perished and ...

Bali: Gurudev! My clan may perish, I may put into the hell, may this world perish, I, I don't give up my word, and I don't bother, the almoner is lord Shiva or Vishnu or Brahma. I have given the word, I never disown it and why the useless words. In many ways we live happily or may face hardships or may catch by the teeth of poverty or death. Being the admirer of generosity, I never take back my word. Vindhyavali, come here.

*(Enter, Vindhyavali)*

Vindhyavali: Vindhyavali is saluting to the feet of Achary and the Emperor Bali.

Bali: Vindhyavali take care of the arrangements to wash the feet of Vamana.

Vindhyavali: Thank you your highness.

*(Exit and Enters with a small golden water pot)*

Bali: Celibacy come, come here, let me wash your feet with this holy water. Come soon.

Vamana: Here I am.

(Along with Vindhyavali the emperor Bali started washing the feet of Vamana. He washed right foot first and the left foot next. He sprinkled the feet wash water on his head)

Bali: (Sipping water three times and reciting the names of Vishnu = Achamanam)

Achamanam You're the holy priest and you're in vrath of Brahamachary, you're the form of lord Vishnu and you know the worth and the value of Vedas, here it is, I am donating three feet land to you.

Vamana: (Stretched his hand)

Bali: (Pour water into the hand of Vamana) The lord God may satisfy with it.

**(Curtain Fall)**

### 3. Ranthideva: The Generous

Characters

Ranthideva: The Great devotee of Lord Sri Maha Vishnu

Indra: The King of Gods

Brahma: The Creator of the world

Vishnu: The Ruler of Gods

Varuna: The God of Rain

Vayu: The God of Air

Yama: The God of the Death

Vilochana: The Chief of the ministers of Ranthideva

*(Hindu mythology is an ocean of inspiration to all. It has numerous world famous stories, which are inspiration to the modern world also. Here is one such a story of generous Ranthideva.*

*Once all the gods along with Brahma went to Sri Maha Vishnu. There Indra asked Vishnu, who was his best devotee. Sri Maha Vishnu replied to Indra without hesitation he is none other than Ranthideva. Indra didn't digest it.*

*Even the troop of gods like Varuna, Vayu and Yama didn't believe the words of Lord Vishnu. On the way return they wanted to test the devotion and the generosity of Ranthideva.*

*Ranthideva's kingdom is flourishing with cattle and farming. There is no deficit to anything in the kingdom. At the time of harvest season all of sudden Gails, cyclones and floods looted the entire crop from the country then Ranthideva opened his granaries and treasuries for his people. Due to drought the crops failed in the second year. He has given all his property to his people to save them. In the second year the conditions turned from pan to furnace in the country as result*

*his country is sick. He wanted to pray Lord Sri Maha Vishnu to help him out. He started his prayer for the god. For the Last 47 days he has been in hunger fasting. On 48<sup>th</sup> day his health deteriorates. When the curtain rises he is meditating in front of a hermitage in a forest.)*

*(Enters, Vilochana)*

Vilochana: Vilochana is saluting to your feet. My Lord...

Ranthideva: *(Meditating)*

Vilochana: My Lord for the last 47 days you are in fast. You didn't take any food. Your health is deteriorated. You are only the savior of our kingdom. We are not ready to lose you. I beg your pardon, it's better to stop your hunger payer. We need you. We can live in any way if the god is merciful. Hope, your prayer might reach the lord Sri Maha Vishnu, so I beg you to stop the payer and have this food and water.

*(Ranthideva stops his meditation)*

Ranthideva: Vilochana, I am very thankful to you!

Vilochana: My Lord... pardon. *(Confusion)*

Ranthideva: Yes, Vilochana yes, because you didn't betray me in my hardships.

Vilochana: My Lord, we are your servants. It's our duty to protect you. In fact the people betrays in troubles are vicious.

Ranthideva: Exactly, if not where do the relations exists.

Vilochana: Thank you my Lord. Thank you.

*(Vilochana brought food and water)*

My Lord have this food and water.

Ranthideva: *(Stood out of meditation and sat for food. he is about to eat. Behind the curtain.)*

*"Bhavathi bhikshandehi"*

*(Enters, Saint)*

Saint: Bhavathi bhikshandehi.

Vilochana: ee! Wait, don't proceed further, here is nothing, no food. Get away from here. Um .... Move away from here.

Ranthideva: Vilochana, why do you turn down him?

Vilochana: My Lord ... *(Falters)*

Ranthideva: I know.

Saint: O! Noble king for the last few days I have been wandering for food, but hardly I did see a donor for a gulp of food.

Ranthideva: Oo great saint, we pleased to share our food with you. Come. Sit here. I will quench your hunger flames. *(Ranthideva shared his food in plantain leaf by chanting lord Vishnu)*

Saint: My Lord you served me food and saved my soul. Your fame will be eternal for ever here on wards. *(He took food)* We take a leave.

Ranthideva: it's all because of lord Sri Maha Vishnu's grace. *(Exits Saint)*

*(Within few seconds he is about eat the food. Behind the curtain.)*

*"Bhavathi bhikshandehi"*

*(Enters, Brahmin in tatters)*

Brahmin: Bhavathi bhikshandehi, *(Bit Louder)* Bhavathi bhikshandehi.

Vilochana: *(To himself)* My good god, second beggar! If the king sees him, he will donate all his food. Let me send the beggar from here out. *(Out)* Here you don't get any food. Because we have been starving since many days, so you don't get any food, go away from here.

Brahmin: Dear sir, I am feeble, wobbling without food. I can't go further. Help me some food, I may die with hunger

Vilochana: As I already told you we don't have any food, go away. (*Interrupts, Ranthideva*)

Ranthideva: Vilochana, who is that? Send him here.

Vilochana: (*Helpless, dismay*) Yes, my Lord. (*Shown the way to the Brahmin*)

Ranthideva: come (Pure, stainless smile, welcomed the Brahmin) come here. Sit here. Let me serve you food.

Brahmin: (*Even without thanking the king greedily he ate*)

Vilochana: (*Helplessly watching it, moving impatiently*)

Brahmin: (*finished food went without thanking the king*)

(*As the Brahmin stepped out the king heard the sound of barking*)

Ranthideva: Vilochana! What is that?

Vilochana: My lord nothing, nothing, just dogs. ee tramp, why are heading. It is the place of the great generous king Ranthideva's hermit, so you move away quickly from here.

Tramp: Ah! What a great thing. My fortune, the almighty brought me to the right place.

Vilochana: I am sorry, what do you mean?

Tramp: Oo my good shield of generous king, for the last few days I didn't find a lucky almoner, vexed and fed up in begging. Hardly I met no donor for alms! Right, right now, a right person, hope to get food for my dogs and me. (*Giggle*)

Ranthideva: Vilochana, what is the chaos? (*He came out of the hermitage*)

Tramp: My Lord, for few days I and my dogs have been starving. I can survive in any way but my dogs are starving to death. Kindly donate some food to my dogs if you have. Your minister resisted me to reach you.

Vilochana: ee, do you stop your rambling?

Ranthideva: Vilochana! *(He raised his hand as a sign to stop)*

Vilochana: My Lord! .....

Ranthideva: I know everything. Bring all food from inside.

Vilochana: Yes, my Lord. *(He went in and brought all food which is preserved)* Here is my Lord.

Ranthideva: Thank you Vilochana. O, my great tramp! Come. Here it is. Have it. The lord god Sri Maha Vishnu booned this food today, with this food satisfy your dogs hunger.

Tramp: thank you my Lord, thank you. *(He took the food ate two gulps and remaining fed to dogs and went away, with in no seconds when the king turned his back)*

Vilochana: Eh! Beggar move, move away from here. Don't proceed further. Move away. *(The minister shoed at the beggar Jesta)*

Jesta: My Lord, my Lord *(Grief)* withering, withering, no food, no water.

Vilochana: See, here is no body to serve you food or water, so go away from here.

Jesta: O kind sir, help me, the god will help you.

Vilochana: Enough, enough, do any body helps you? What is this attire? Move, move away.

Jeata: My Lord .... My Lord, *(Vilochana tried to push him away)*

Ranthideva: Vilochana, wait, wait a minute.

Jeata: m... my Lord, I am thirsty. I ... I am dying with thirst. My throat is dried, a gulp ... a gulp, help me a gulp of water, k ...can save my life.

Ranthideva: (*Reached Jeata*) O my unlucky tramp come. Sit here. The lord Sri Maha Vishnu might send you here. Have this elixir. Have this cool and perennial water. Have it.

Jesta: (*Hold two hands together to drink water*)

Ranthideva: (*With a peaceful mind, indelible attention, and patience watering Jeata. A lightening spark came, appeared in front of him Lord Sri Maha Vishnu along with Brahma, Indra, Yama, Vayu and Varuna.*)

All the gods with one voice: Long live Ranthideva, long live.

Ranthideva: (*Dazzles*) Ah! What a wonder, my life is fruitful. Thought of vein life, you all blessed me. I .... earned salvation, salvation to this life. Enough .... Enough to this life.

Yama: Ranthideva, when Sri Maha Vishnu told about you and your generosity, I didn't believe his words and has grown envy in me. But today I came; I came in this disguise of Jesta to test your generosity. Now I did not believe my eye and ear. I have seen with my eye and heard your words. Yes, you are the one, the generous. I didn't find a slightest of hatred in your expressions and the affection that you have shown on Jesta touched our heart and impressed me your affection and your love of generosity towards Jesta is marvelous.

Ranthideva: thank my lord, thank you

Lord Vishnu: Indra, do have any doubt to resolve?

Indra: My Lord you taught us a good lesson. Our proud and haughty behavior is vanished and it is an eye opener to us. You proved the human is not inferior to the god. It proved, proved that any man can rise to the gods height. His good deeds can make him god. Ranthideva we all are here, we tested you in disguise. I myself came in the disguise of Saint and Varuna came in the disguise of Brahmin, Varuna as Tramp and Yama as Teats. We bless you with your kingdom and the happened thing is a part of magic to test you only. Here after your name is an eternal one and you are known to the world with your generosity. Long live Ranthideva long live.

Ranthideva: thank my lord, thank you

**(Curtain Fall)**

#### 4. The Pesticide

##### Characters

Rajan: A Former,

Sujatha: Rajan Wife,

Sunayana: Eldert Daughter,

Sudeshna: Younger Daughter

Rathan Shetty: Money Lenders,

Sugunakar: Money Lenders

Duration of the play: 10-15 minutes

Scene: A Tiny poor peasant's house

*(Most of the developing countries back bone is Agriculture. Alone in India 53% of the folk is completely depending on agriculture and it is approximately 8% of the world's population. The peasant is suffering day by day. Their condition turned like from pan to furnace. The government policies, frequent famines, cyclones, draughts and internal disputes among the countries and with in the country made the former sick.*

*Former is the producer of food, unfortunately he is unable to sell his crop to proper price , the traditional practices of agriculture is giving him low yielding, resulted, he is unable to clear his debts. His debts are growing year by year like Gudibanda (**Unclear debt**) on the shoulders. In desperation formers are committing suicide but death is not the solution to the problems, it only ends the life, the ultimate sufferers are their children. They are turned as orphans, growing in desperation and suffering with problems, so it is a plea to the society who is trying to commit suicide question yourself. Is your sole happy in the heaven by looking at the dispiriting conditions of your children? )*

***Think, act differently***

***(When the curtain raises Rajan sat on the floor for breakfast)***

Rajan: Sujatha is Tiffin ready! Its late go to farming.

*(Sujatha entered from kitchen to hall)*

Shjatha: Ha, it's ready. Sunayana, Sudeshna come Tiffin is ready. Sunayana, Sudeshna it's late to school.

*(Shouted twice)*

*(Both the girls entered in the school uniform)*

Sunayana, Sudeshna: Here we are Mom.

*(Four of them sat on the floor for Tiffin)*

Sunayana: Dad! Our principal reminded about school fee... I felt shame. All my friends paid first and second term fee, but we did pay a single penny in this year.

Shjatha: Umm, he knows everything! You need not remind about his duty, just have your breakfast.

Sunayana: Mom!

Shjatha: Just keep quiet and have your breakfast.

Sunayana: Mom, we just humiliated in the school.

Sujatha: Don't think it as humiliation, try to understand the situation. Your enough to understand our family conditions, don't you?

Sunayana: Ma, *(Murmur)*

Rajan: Sujatha, cool down, why do you shout at her? It's my fault. I should have pay their fee in time but delayed.

Sujatha: It's your laud, and pampering them. See! how they turned, reckless!

*(They are laughing, beating their heads)*

Rajan: Dear, they are kids and innocent.

Sujatha: Ha, ha because of yours over freedom to them, they turned like this.

Rajan: Dear, it's not over freedom, its affection and my attachment and love of daughters. If you call the affection as over freedom it may be that.

Sujatha: Am I an enemy to them? I am their mother and more ever I have given them birth.

Rajan: I don't mean so!

Sujatha: You diminished me in front of them. *(Slight anger, depression)*

Rajan: Cheer up, cheer up Sujatha.

Shjatha: Every time you made me tiny in front of them.

Sudeashna: Dad, my, my uniform and shoe and socks are torn. I want a new pair of it and new uniform.

Sujatha: See, how she is?

Rajan: *(Smile)*

Sujatha: What is this stupidity! Speak up?

Rajan: Tell! What?

Sujatha: Is it your innocence or inability?

Sunayana and Sudeshna: Mom, we are going to school.

*(They finished breakfast and took school bags and went out)*

Rajan: It's not my inability...

Sujahta: Then what?

Rajan: So far we lead a confidential life. But ..... bu.. *(Closed his mouth with her hand)*

Shjatha: Enough.... enough. I am not ready to listen anything from you.

Rajan: Ee! Don't be emotional. Crazy stalk! *(Pinched on her cheeks)* Finish your breakfast soon we have to be at farm. *(Within few minutes they are ready to farm)*

Sujatha: Come lets us..... *(Enter, Rathan Shetty)*

Rathan Shetty: Where do you go? Where do you go? For the last three days I have been making trips restlessly around your home. But you don't have a little pain. Tell? Where is my money? Where is my money? I want it or I don't leave you and your house.

Rajan: Dear sir, we are not perverse.

Rathan Shetty: Just shut up if you are not perverse, why are you delaying to pay my debt?

Rajan: For the last two years we met with lose in agriculture, if you Waite for few more months, I can clear your debt.

Rathan Shetty: This is the thousandth one. Don't you feel shame to utter nasty words? Every time you are sending me with bare hands, but today I don't go. I want something should be paid.

Rajan: I have no penny with me to pay you.

Rathan Shetty: Go to doom! Sell yourself. You need to clear my debt today.

Ha, Rajan, is those are your, which are in cattle shed?

Half of my debt is cleared. *(Moving towards cattle shed)*

If you want your bulls clear my debt and get back your cattle.

*(Rathan Shetty drove away the cattle from the cattle shed, Rajan leaned to the ground, Sujatha is trying to console him)*

Sujatha: Don't lose heart, come we will get in. *(Enter, Sugunakar)*

Sugunakar: Waite, where do you go? Where do you go without clearing my debt?

Rajan: Sugunakar....

Sugunakar: Yes, Sugunakar, you bear us in your heart when you come for the debt but after getting the debt, you forgot us. Ingratitude!

Rajan: I beg your pardon; if once I get the money I will clear your debt. Kindly be patient for few more couple of months, I would be getting my crop.

Sugunakar: Couple of months! I won't. I won't have the patience to Waite for a couple of seconds. Now, right now you clear my debt or I will seize something from your house.

Sujatha: We are very grateful to you, for helping us in our needs. We won't forget you, but right now how can we pay all of sudden.

Sugunakar: Did I ask you all of sudden? For the last six months I am back to you. You are reluctant to clear the debt. If you fail to settle my debt today, I will see your end.

Rajan: You need not utter big words, kindly show mercy on us. We are always indebted to you.

Sugunakar: Ha, ha, really if you are unable to pay I would be bankrupted one day, but I am not here to listen your cock and bull stories. Clear off my debt.

Sujatha: If you threaten us violently how can we pay you all at a time?

Sugunakar: Maa, why all this trash. Pay my money. I have some other important engagements.

Sujatha: Dear Sir....all are listening us from the street, kindly provide some more time to pay you.

Sugunakar: No, Rajan, what happen? Why don't you quack or utter a sound! Really if you are moral, sell your property, sell your cattle, sell your land, sell your house or yourself, but clear my debt.

Sujatha: Just shut up. You don't have the right to speak a word, if you speak lose your tongue; I will forget myself as a lady.

*(She went in came with her **Tali** and hung a dry piece of turmeric in her neck)*

Take it, we may be poor but honest, it may be our ill luck but we are not dishonest. The god, the people and the sowed sol may deceit us but we are not ready to deceit. It's only your disbelief. Get away from here.

Rajan: Sujatha, what is this? Are you mad?

Sujatha: I am not, he, that stupid, crazy Sugunakar and that Rathan Shetty are the real mad, mad of money. *(Weep)*

Rajan: Sujatha *(Weep)* I brought you defame, dishonor. I am sorry Sujatha. I am sorry.

Sujatha: ee! What is this like a lad!

Rajan: Sujatha, lasted cattle, gold and honor in the society. Why do we live? Let me kill myself. Ha this pesticide is unable to kill the pest at least if it kills me or not.

*(He rushed to the place where the pesticide bottle is kept. He opened the lid and drank half of it)*

Sujatha: Kindly Waite a minute

*(She tried to seize the tin but he is strong. He drank the pesticide and collapsed to the ground)*

Sujatha: Rajan, Rajan, Rajan, (Weep)

What do I do with this stupid life without you? I will be with you.

*(She emptied the remaining tin without a second thought)*

***(The pesticide is unable to kill the pest of the Rajan crop but it has show result on Rajan and Sujatha. No country is a prosperous one where the former sheds their tears. The former Priminister of India Lal Bahadur Shastri said Jai Javan, Jai Kisan. Today formers are in critical condition. It's our duty to save the former and save the country)***

**(The curtain fall)**

## 5. THE TRANSITION

### Characters

Vishnu Sharma	:	An aged orthodox Brahmin
Sudeshna	:	Wife of Vishnu Sharma
Raja Rao:		Head of the village
Narayana Shetty	:	A banyan
Gangaiah	:	The noble servant of Vishnu Sharma
Washer woman		
Barber		

*(When the curtain raises Vishnu Sharma and his wife are in the lounge. Vishnu Sharma met with an accident last night. With minor injuries he was saved. A scratch on his forehead, elbows, on knees and his leg was twisted. He is weak and tired with body pains. He sat in the armed chair of his lounge. Sudeshna enters.)*

Sudeshna: You say hundred words, you might be bit careful. *(Cynically looking at his wounds)*

Vishnu Sharma: Dear, I am careful. But .....

Sudeshna: But, What? If you were careful, how did it happen? *(Interrupted him)*

Vishnu Sharma: Sudeshna, it is fate. If I am in the house or on the road I should met with accident. It's fate. Nobody escapes from it, certainly we have to bare it.

Sudeshna: *(Fondly)* you are trying to close my mouth

Vishnu Sharma: You crazy stalk! We both are each other, you are for me and I am for you. Got it. Cheer up!

*(A knock on the door, Sudeshna went to open the door. Raja Rao got into the lounge, Vishnu Sharma trying to get out of the chair.)*

Raja Rao: your highness, don't get out of the chair! By the way how is your health?

Vishnu Sharma: Quite fine compared to the previous night, but slightly body pains.

Raja Rao: Sharma, how did it happen? You might be bit careful.

Sudeshna: Brother, I too told it number of times, but he never minds it. I will get you a cup of tea.

Vishnu Sharma: That's my fate Rao. *(Sigh)* How is at home?

Raja Rao: Everything is fine and cool at home. Sharma, can I call doctor? Sudeshna brought tea, Rao is sipping)

Vishnu Sharma: I am thankful to your generous heart, but the visited me at night. He injected me pain killer and gave a prescription. Again he visits me at evening.

Raja Rao: Mr. Sharma, I have an urgent work to attend. With your permission I would take a leave. If time permits me, I will visit you again in the evening. Take care of your health.

Vishnu Sharma: Thank you, thank you very much for visiting me.

*(Raja Rao went out, Sudeshna went in to the kitchen with empty cup. Sharma is busy with newspaper. After a couple of minutes somebody are knocking on the door, again Sudeshna went from kitchen to open the door, now Narayana Shetty and the barber came in.)*

Vishnu Sharma: Oh, Narayana Shetty, come in! Be sit on the chair. (*Shetty sat on the chair, the barber sat on the floor with his box*)

Narayana Shetty: Your highness how is your health?

Vishnu Sharma: feeling better.

Barber: Ayyagaru, the god is cruel, merciless. You never harmed a tiny creature. Such a kind person you are. You met with an accident. It worried us a lot. You are like a god to us..

Vishnu Sharma: Simply we have to face the tests of almighty. That's the decree of the heaven.

(*A washer woman and the servant Gangaiah came. She went in and he stood at the door step*)

Gangaiah: Ayyagaru, how is your health? (*Ayyagaru=Master*)

Vishnu Sharma: Ganga, (*Sharma calls Gangaiah fondly Ganga*) I am very happy today. I never thought of seeing this world again! (All are gazing at Sharma. He wanted to stand out of his chair, his wife stopped him) How can I repay my obligation to you for saving my life. (*Disturbance him*)

Gangaiah: Ayyagaru, being a servant it's my duty to protect you. Your highness, don't use such heavy words to convey gratitude. I did my job, it didn't deserve any gratitude. We work under you. A word is enough to us.

Vishnu Sharma: Ganga, don't say, you are a simple servant. You are my bosom friend.

Gangaiah: Your highness, you say lakhs of words, we are servants to you.

Vishnu Sharma: Ganga, come in sit here.

Gangaiah: Ayyagaru, did I sit at any time in front of you?

Vishnu Sharma: You don't bother about nothing.

Gangaiah: Ayyagaru, if I did any mistake you can curse me, you can punish me. But  
..... *(Interrupted by Sharma)*

Vishnu Sharma: Really, I am ordering you. Come in to sit here. *(Confusion in Ganga)*

Gangaiah: I will sit at this door step. *(Tried to sit at door step)*

Vishnu Sharma: Don't you listen my words!

Gangaiah: Ayyagaru, I am extremely sorry to dis obey your words. *(He sat at the door step)*

Narayana Shetty: Sharma, what happen? You are very disturbed. Behaving queer?

Vishnu Sharma: Yes, there is motive to my odd behavior.

Gangaiah: Disturbed? *(Confusion)*

Narayana Shetty: Motive, motive to your odd behavior!

Barber: we didn't understand, what do you mean?

Vishnu Sharma: yes, I mean, I am old, conservative, religious.

Narayana Shetty: so what? Are we not living in the society as human?

Vishnu Sharma: but living in society as human is not enough. We need to be humane human.

Gangaiah: Humane!

Barber: Humane human?

*(The accident of Vishnu Sharma spread in the village. The villagers started visiting him one by one. The gathering has grown. Sharma sat on the floor with help of his wife. Unintentionally Narayana Shetty stood out of his chair)*

Vishnu Sharma: Um ..... Yes.

Narayana Shetty: Sharma have you gone mad! What is this?

Vishnu Sharma: Yes, my dears, my madness has gone.

Gangaiah: Ayyagaru, we didn't understand? What do you talk about? What madness?

Vishnu Sharma: I am bound with in inflexible tradition, religious obscurity made me tiny, tiny in front of you. Your generosity made tiny, ..... yes, very tiny. Tiny in front of friendliness. Tiny in front of your cooperativeness, kind heartedness and many. In front of those I am tiny. ....

Gangaiah: Ayyagaru .....

Vishnu Sharma: Study can't make a man wise and great. Degrees can give a high materialistic position. But fails to secure him, a position in neighbors' heart. Yes, so far I lived like human in the society. Religion, cast, high, low made me tiny. Here onwards I wanted live like a humane human. *(Grief)*

Narayana Shetty: Sharma, control yourself.

Vishnu Sharma: Yes, so far I see myself as a self-respectable person. But I feel shame of my thoughts. *(Everybody stunned to the peculiar behavior of Vishnu Sharma)*

Gangaiah: Ayyagaru, control yourself!

Vishnu Sharma: Ganga we are living so close to each other but there is a gap, it can't bridge by any sort of bridge.

Narayana Shetty: Sharma, cool down!

Vishnu Sharma: Yes, dear, those differences are not bridged. Ganga, tomorrow onwards my mission is to bridge those differences. Yes, I wanted to fight against to those discriminations, barriers in the society. Now onwards you can see me as a new Vishnu Sharma, a transformed Vishnu Sharma. Let's we celebrate, lets we celebrate together, lets we celebrate all, lets we celebrate the new beginning.

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## 6. THE RUSTIC LIFE

### CHARACTERS

Amar: An IPS officer and the Commissioner

Neelu Bai: A Tribal Lady

Constables

*(Neelu Bai is tribal lady, was brought to the police station, as she tried to sell an infant. So she is arrested and brought to the city commissioner office. As it turned out to be the talk of the town the commissioner himself is interrogating her.)*

Amar: What is your name?

Neelu: Neelu, Neelu Bai!

Amar: Where are you from?

Neelu: Sir, I am from Narayanakhed, Medak District.

Amar: Are you married?

Neelu: Ha, Ha. (Bent her head)

Amar: Then where is he?

Neelu: Who?

Amar: Your husband, didn't he accompany you?

Neelu: Sir ...

Amar: Tell me, where is he?

Neelu: ..... (*Silence*)

Amar: I am asking you. Reply me, where is he? (*Annoyance*)

Neelu: Sir, he passed away six months ago. (*Filled her eyes with tears, ready to burst*)

Amar: I am sorry, your parents and other family members.

Neelu: They deserted me, they abandoned me. (*Wiping tears*)

Amar: You mean?

Neelu: ..... (*Weeps*)

Amar: Control ..... control yourself! Don't weep, when did you come to the city?

Neelu: Three days ago.

Amar: Ok, where were you for the last two nights/

Neelu: ..... (*Weeps*)

Amar: Look here, if you give me clear information I can help you. Weeping is the not answer to all questions. Tell me. Where did you stay the last two nights?

Neelu: Nearby Vaddera Basti.

Amar: Do you have any relatives there?

Neelu: No, I don't have any relative there. (*Looking at baby*)

Amar: Then, where did you stay there!?

Neelu: Saraiah, Saraiah's house (*The baby starts to cry*) oooo..ma, ma.. Don't cry.

Amar: Is it your baby?

Neelu: Ha, Ha, Sir. It is my baby. (*Baby cries loudly*) Don't cry...Don't cry. Do you want milk (*She starts nursing her baby*)

Amar: Neelu, why did you want to sell your baby? (*Surprise*)

Neelu: ..... (*The baby is drinking milk quietly, she weeps*)

Amar: Neelu, tell me, how did your husband die? Why did you want to sell your baby?

Neelu: (*Chocking*) Sir, when I was fifteen I was married to Ragya, who is ten year senior to me and belonged to my neighbor Thanda (*Tribal village*), he has a broken heart and drunken soul. Neither he neither left me nor cared for me; neither loved me nor left me. A terrible life. A miserable life. He needs a female doll. He betrayed my life. I am barren at seventeen

Amar: Rajesh ..... Rajesh

Constable: Yes Sir.

Amar: Bring her a glass of water.

Neelu: ..... (*Weeping loudly*)

Amar: Neelu please, don't cry. Here drink some water.

Neelu: .... (*Drinks water*)

Amar: What happen after your marriage?

Neelu: My husband had three acres of ancestral land. He depended on seasonal crops only. It is completely at the mercy of nature. The first six months of married life saw lots of ups and downs. I didn't understand in the beginning, why often police came for my husband. Once he was arrested for cultivating Ganjai. Since then it became a practice to

the police. For every small and big issue they came to our house and arrested him. Our life turned miserable.

Amar: Can you say that your husband was clean?

Neelu: Yes, because I didn't see him involved in such illegal activities in the first six months of married my life and I am not sure about his past life.

Amar: Ok, I agree with you. What happen after the six month period?

Neelu: Due to his high consumption of alcohol, his liver got damaged, he had an attack of by Jaundice. We identified it too late. By that time everything was out of our hands. I was pregnant. He passed away. (*Dripping eyes, chocks*)

Amar: ..... (*Pity*)

Neelu: After my husband's death my life fell form from pan into furnace. My mother-in-law and father-in-law banished me from my husband's house. I have given birth to my baby in my parents' house, but soon I turned out to be a burden to them. They forced me to leave them.

Amar: Neelu, why don't you complaint in the police station!

Neelu: My illiteracy and social status made me desolate. ....

Amar: ... (*A deep sigh, adjusted his chair*)

Neelu: In search of employment three days ago, I came to city. It's my first trip to the concrete jungle. I had few coins with me. Fortunately or unfortunately, I was seen by Saraiah. He took me to his hut in Vaddera Basti. He brought me wine. Two nights I spent with him, he promised me to marry me. ....

Amar: Good, why did want to sell your baby.

Neelu: If I sell my baby I will get good amount, with that we can live happily and he can clear off all his debts ..... He seduced me to sell my own baby.

Amar: ..... (*Laugh*) Did you believe him?

Neelu: ..... (*Silence*)

Amar: Ok, if you go back with your baby will he marry you?

Neelu: ..... (*Shakes her head*)

Amar: Neelu, I will give you some money to help you go back to your village. Will you? ..... Will you go to your native place?

Neelu: They abandoned me, betrayed me. I should kill my baby and myself.

Amar: Don't be foolish, death is not the solution to any problem. We have to live and fight and overcome the problems.

Neelu: ..... (*Wipes her eyes, changed baby from one side to other side.*)

Amar: ... (*Thought for few seconds*) Neelu, I will provide you an opportunity to start a new life, with employment and accommodation, will you take it?

Neelu: If it is going to change the fate of my baby, I am ready to walk with you to the hell.

Amar: Then come with me I will take you to my house. You have to help my parents in the house hold work.

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## 7. ROBOTIC LIFE

### Characters

Jayanth- A software engineer

Madhuri- Wife of Jayanth and a software engineer.

Time: Evening

*(Mr. and Madhuri eloped from Chandigarh three and half year ago. They are working as software engineers in an MNC, residing in Madapur Happy homes. They wanted to be ideal to the youth. For the last few months their idealism was faded. For every big and small issue they turned like a couple of cats. It was a week end evening, last night they had a quarrel. With a gap of one hour they reached the flat. Jayanth is entering into the lounge.)*

Jayanth: Hi!

Madhuri: ..... *(Turns her face aside)*

Jayanth: Are you angry?

Madhuri: Why not?

Jayanth: What happen?

Madhuri: Don't you know?

Jayanth: How do I know? I came just now.

Madhuri: Ah! Then you don't know. How stupidity! Innocence!

Jayanth: Madhuri don't beat around the bush!

Madhuri: shut up? I am not, you, you wondered around the bushes with some body. So it may late to reach the home.

Jayanth: Don't be foolish, I had a Clint meeting in the evening. So I am late.

Madhuri: I don't believe it, whether it is act or factual. I have observed a change in your behavior for the last one month.

Jayanth: .... No, I don't agree with you. I am truthful.

Madhuri: yes, yes you are truthful, I am a liar.

Jayanth: I don't mean that.

Madhuri: but I mean the same.

Jayanth: Madhuri, how can I make you believe?

Madhuri: why do you?

Jayanth: then, what I have to do?

Madhuri: you did a lot like a fool behind you from Chandigarh to Hyderabad, and blessed me with two kids and all this house hold work being an employee, but no time, spare with your wife.

Jayanth: Madhuri, listen.....

Madhuri: yes, listened four year ago, see this is the result.

Jayanth: try to understand me.

Madhuri: Is it applicable to ladies only? Why don't you too?

Jayanth: Madhuri don't be crazy!

Madhuri: Yes, it is a craze of you, your craze made me mad, ..... sheepish

Jayanth: ..... (*Bent his head*)

Madhuri: Listen? Don't you know?

Jayanth: what?

Madhuri: you made an insane. I have to manage all the house hold work, kids and my office work.

Jayanth: Madhuri, I beg your pardon. Listen, I am not liar, really I am busy with office work only.

Madhuri: yes, you are busy with a bitch.

Jayanth: Believe, she is a new employee into the organization.

Madhuri: yes, the fact is you are busy with her for the last four days, forgot wife. I became an untouchable thing to in short span. So you are busy in back to the new.

Jayanth: Madhuri, don't be stupid?

Madhuri: yes, I am stupid, I didn't understand you. I, I followed you like a sheep. I am a fool. I didn't understand. Four years, like a fool with you, forgot mother, father, brother and all, I am a fool.

Jayanth: Madhuri, cool down.

Madhuri: don't touch me. I lasted the happiness to live. *(Weep)*

Jayanth: Madhuri, listen ...

Madhuri: Move away from me. Let me die myself. *(She closed the bed room door)*

Jayanth: Madhuri ..... Madhuri, open the door. *(Beats on the door)*

Madhuri: Let me die, me peacefully. You can live a happy life. No hurdle to you. Bid me fare well. *(Weep from the closed bed room)*

Jayanth: Madhuri, I love you very much, I can't express it in words. A minute of your last breath, my heart stops. *(Tries to force the door open)*

Madhuri: ..... *(A sound, search for something, inside the bed room)*

Jayanth: Madhuri, open the door! *(Chocked throat, bang on the bed room door)*

Madhuri: God, reach me and my sons to the heaven after death. *(No sounds from the bed room)*

Jayanth: Madhuri, listen, I can't imagine my life without you. I will die before you. You will see me in a death bead a second before you fall to the ground.

Madhuri: Go to doom. *(Sneeze)*

Jayanth: Madhuri, I am very serious.

Madhuri: Go to hell. *(Fall of bottle sound)*

Jayanth: Madhuri, I beg your pardon com out.

Madhuri: ..... *(Weep, few minutes after no sound0*

*(Madhuri poisoned herself along with her two kids, before her last breath Jayanth too poisoned himself. Four were committed suicide)*

*Man can make his life beautiful by living, but not by killing*

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## 8. ILLUSION

### Characters

Kanchana and Kamal: Couple

Doctor

Ward boy

*(It is rural maternity home. Around one year ago Kanchana gave a birth to a baby. Due to their poverty and semi literature back ground and irresponsibility of somebody, they were put into a difficult status. They are unable to know whether their baby is theirs or some bodies. With confusion they entered into the chamber of the senior and in charge doctor of the hospital)*

Kanchana and Kamal: Good morning doctor.

Doctor: Good morning! Be sit. Tell me, how can I help you?

Kamal: Sir, I am in confusion. I am unable understand, where ..... to start? And what, I have to say?

**Doctor:**..... You are emotional. Be cool .... Calm. Ok.

Kanchana: For the last one year we are very cool. We are not emotional. We are very calm. *(She burst into tears)*

Kamal: Kamala, control yourself.

**Doctor:**..... Sorry! *(Laugh and Confusion in doctor)*

Kanchana: I .....My boy. *(Cry)*

**Doctor:** I am sorry. .... I didn't understand. Why are you crying? If you have any problem, bring it to my notice. I will try to solve it. Ok.

Kanchana and Kamal: (*Looking at baby*) ok (*Node*)

Kanchana: Around one year ago I gave a birth to a baby. But... How do I know?  
... (*Cry*)

**Doctor:** See, come to the point. Don't disclose it as a breaking episode?

Kamal: Ok, ok doctor sahib. Around one year ago my wife, this Kamala had given a birth to a baby .....

**Doctor:** Yes, I came to know the same from her. Come to the point.

Kamal: Doctor Sahib two day ago I went to my village officer to ask him to provide us our baby's birth certificate..... (*Interrupted*)

**Doctor:** Yes, yes, ..... I know. The village Panchaith Secretary will provide you birth certificate. But if you provide him the certificate issued to you after the birth of your baby in the hospital. The certificate from our hospital. I know it. Come to the point, what is your problem?

Kanchana: Sahib, don't disturb his flow?

**Doctor:** No, no not at all, I am asking him to come to the point.

Kamal: Yaw, I am coming to the point. Though my baby is girl, he issued a male certificate. ... (*Interrupted by doctor, laugh*)

**Doctor:** Then, you have to ask him! It is not our mistake. The secretary issued the certificate and I am not responsible to change the sex of your baby. I am sorry; you have to contact some other doctor to change your baby's sex.

Kanchana: Sahib, that's not the point.... (*Kamal interrupted*)

Kamal: And we are not here to ask you for change of ours baby's sex.

**Doctor:** Then, what?

Kamal: For the last two day wife is unable to milk her baby

**Doctor:** (*Irritation*) It's not my job. You have to contact the Gynecologist in the second floor.

Kamal: Doctor! (*Frustration*)

Kanchana: Doctor, you did not understand our problem. (*Doctor interrupted*)

**Doctor:** Waite, Waite a second. I understood very clearly. He is Kamal and you are Kanchana. Both of you are couple. Mrs. Kanchana gave a birth to a baby, a year ago, in our hospital.

Kanchana: Yew, yew.

Kamal: Yes doctor, but you issued a birth certificate to our baby and it is stated our female baby as male.

**Doctor:** I sorry, still I am in confusion.

Kamal: I clear doubt, this is my daughter but for this girl you issued a certificate marked sex MALE.

**Doctor:** No, no, is it real?

Kamal: See this certificate. (*Handed over a certificate*)

Kanchana: ..... (*Cry*) .... My son, ..... my baby (*Cry*)

Kamal: Dear, Dear cool down. (*He shook her*)

**Doctor:** Boy, ..... boy bring some water (Held the head, the boy brought water, he drank) Kanchana have some water!

Kanchana: No, no thanks. I want my boy. I .... I don't water. I want my boy. (*Cry*)

**Doctor:** Kindly would you stop your cry. Is not your baby with you? Why do you unnecessarily making fuss. *(Interrupted)*

Kamal: Sahib, enough. Enough, ..... enough what you said. You marked male sex in the certificate after birth in the hospital, but you have given us a female baby. Tell me, where is my son. Whom did you give my boy?

Kanchana: I want my son. *(Sobbing)*

**Doctor:** Kindly, be patient for few minutes. I will look into the matter. I hope it may happen due to some miscommunication.

Kanchana: *(Sneezing)* It's not a miscommunication. It is recklessness, neglect behaviour.

Kamal: Doctor Sahib, our innocence patience made you to sit in your seat or it will be different. *(Interrupt)*

**Doctor:** Ok, I agree with you, if we quarrel, or your shout may not get us a solution. If you are unjustified, we don't leave anybody who involved in this guilt.

Kanchana: You did not understand my problem. When I came to know this mistake, I have a thought; I would have given birth to a male not to a female. I am unable to attention to this kid. I am unable to mil her. I am unaffectionate towards this baby. I feel is as some bodies. I am unable to understand, how a motherly fondness off from me! When I touch the baby, I feel different. *(Weep)* Doctor Sahib, take this bay, give my baby back.

**Doctor:** Kamala, control yourself. How could do say that the baby is not of yours. If it is a written mistake, you are committing an inexcusable mistake to your baby. *(Interrupted)*

Kamal: Sahib, why don't you think from my wife's side? If she would have given birth to a male.....

**Doctor:** Stop it. I understood your problem. Give me a week day time to resolve your case.

Kamal: How do you justify us!

**Doctor:** Boy, call doctor Mohan to collect gene sample from the mother and the kid

Boy: Yes doctor.

**Doctor:** doctor Mohan will collect gene sample from the mother and the kid. Within time of week day we will be getting results. Till then, Kamala, I beg your pardon and I request you to take care of this boy, if it is yours are some bodies. Hope your doubts are clarified.

Kanchana and Kamal: Thank you doctor.

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## 9. MIRAJ

### Characters:

Mohan

John

Imran

*(Mohan, John and Imran are good friends since their childhood. They studied together school and college education. Johan and Imran met, Mohan two day ago. They are worried about his well being of life for his inability to meet them. They dialed him but his mobile is switched off. So they decided to visit his house. Mohan sat in sofa, they are entering into the hall.)*

John and Imran: Hi, Mohan!

Mohan: Hi! Be sit.

Imran: What bro! We didn't listen from you a word for the last two day? What's the matter, are you busy with any private work. *(Laugh)*

Imran: Mohan are you ok? We worried a lot about you.

Mohan: Yaw, yaw, I' m ok. *(Tried to convince them)*

Imran: Mohan, you are dull, pale. Looking nervous? ....

Mohan: I said, I' m ok.

John: Is it from your heart or from lips?

Mohan: What do you mean?

John and Imran: We mean, you said a lie.

Mohan: John, I said, I am ok.

Imran: It's queer; I never witnessed secrecy in our friendship. ....

John: I mean still you are liar.

Mohan: No, no, no you are mistaken.

Imran: Mohan, do you know friend is a divine gift to hare personal suffering. So don't keep us afar to your personal suffering. If you are unable to share it what is the use of a fried and friendship?

Mohan: Imran, I agree with you, but ....

John: But, But what? If you really value our friend ship, you will not keep us away from your suffering. *(Pat on shoulder)*

Mohan: Dears, I am sorry. I misunderstood you. I mean I feel shame to disclose, the stupid work I did.

John and Imran: Misunderstood, stooped work you did. What is that? *(Anxiety)*

Mohan: Yes, I did. *(Bent head)*

John: Mohan, we didn't understand. Why do you bent head?

John: You looked down our friendship.

Mohan: Friends don't mean so. Four day back I got a mail from "Taggart Construction PVT Ltd.", of Canada.

Imran: Good, you got a job. Is it so?

Mohan: ... *(Agony)*, Imran, see these papers.

*(Imran took a paper from Mohan, started reading loudly)*

Imran: Attention,

Our office got your resume CV relating to the direct employment going on in our company for consideration.

To proceed further in this recruitment program, you are to provide the following details;

1. Answers to the interview questions on the attached copy (2). Genuine and Valid Educational qualifications Certificates scan copies (3). Scan Copies of your International passport.

Your qualification and work experience can be considered in line with a number of vacant positions will currently needs qualified applicants to fill up. Our HR senior officials shall review all the interview responds provided by all applicants and their educational qualification certificates.

Proper self introduction interview will be conducted in our company office in Canada if selected to enable the company management know you better.

All selected applicants will be given appointment letter soft copy to enable them makes plans to come and resume duty with the company.

Regards,

Mr. Jude White

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Your serious and good responds to the questions below can enhance your chances of being selected as one of those that will be given appointment letter after this process.

As a foreign applicant, what do you understand about our company before sending your application CV for consideration?

1. Have you ever work for a foreign company before outside your country?
2. Explain the major reason why you choose to seek for employment in our company?
3. What current position are you holding in your current company?
4. Why do you resolve to drop your current job and position?
5. What can you contribute to the progress of our Company as an employee if you are selected?
6. Based on the recruitment program and the expected resumption date, can you relocate to Canada if employed by 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2012?
7. Are you ready to relocate your immediate family to Canada as a new employee?
8. Tell me how you are ready to comply with the employment rules and regulations if your CV is considered for employment?
9. What are your future expectations from this company and how long do you intend to work with this company if employed?

10. Have you been a team leader in your previous or present job and what are the challenges of associated with team leadership?
11. Explain and give me an example of a time when you had to explain some new procedures to your co-workers for quality service delivery, how did you go about it?
12. As a good company employee, can you report your supervisor to the company management if he or she is going against the company interest in his or her actions?
13. Explain in details how you would react to an unexpected incident when your supervisor or manager is not around to give instructions?
14. Explain how you intend to work under pressure to meet up with deadline target?
15. Give details on how you intend to handle a challenging position you are posted to manage unexpectedly as a company staff?
16. What are your greatest strength and weakness as an individual relating to your official assignments?
17. As you achieve greater success with the company after some years, Will you like to be a share holder in our company?
18. As stated in the job offer notification, Is our basic salary of \$7,450.00USD, good for you if employed?
19. Between educational qualification and practical work experience, give us a brief explanation on your practical experience in your past Endeavour that you performed well to the satisfaction of your past or present employer?

20. Give details of your interested designation, the post you are interested to serve the company better and explain why you think you can serve the company better in such position if employed?

21. In case of any eventuality, who is your next of kin?

I declare the answers above are provided by me to the very best of my knowledge.

Full Names.....

Direct Mobile No.....

Home Address.....

Exact Age.....

Fathers Full Names.....

Family Address.....

Refusal to provide the expected answers with sense of responsibility will result to failure and disqualification, these questions will help the office responsible for your consideration to make a final decision on your application.

Submit the scan copies of your educational qualification for proper verification of such documents.

Mr. Jude White  
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Human Resource Department  
Taggart Construction Limited

John: Very good, soon you are moving to Canada.

*(Mohan Handed over one more paper to John. He started reading loudly)*

Attention,

The Human Resource Department of Taggart Construction Company, Canada, office wish to inform you that, your application CV has been properly reviewed with your educational qualification. Submitted details and your interview responds has been approved by the Employment Directorate office in charge of employment Confirmation.

Your Name has been considered for employment with our Company as one of our new employees who has successfully passed the Email Interview as it was expected. Your qualification experience and eligibility to work in our company has been confirmed by Taggart Construction Company Canada office Management. So you are expected to get all your travelling documents ready through the assistant of our zonal coordinator on travelling Visa fast approval, who is a senior officer working with Canadian High Commission in India.

You are to contact our Zonal Embassy officer in India because of the express travelling approval of Working Visa documents, considering the documents that you may be required to present before the Canadian High Commission and the nature of interview that you might face, the time and Visa delay, which might not be all that favourable to you, thereby resulting to refusal of the visa to you. We therefore, decided to establish a responsible cordial relationship with senior Diplomats in the Embassy for fast approval of Work Visa to our selected applicants without delay and long visa protocol.

Note: Now you have to send this Intent Appointment Letter to the Respected Senior Diplomat at the Embassy via mail for confirmation in the Canadian High

Commission India, this will prove that you are our employee and all necessary help should be availed to you. Kindly find the attached document soft copy of Intent Appointment letter in this mail. Your documents have been submitted to the Canadian High Commission in India for further processing and confirmation. Your file will be open by the Officer in Canadian Embassy office in your country on your behalf for the Visa process.

As it was stated in the appointment letter soft copy; (a) You are to take responsibility for your Visa fees. (b) That the Company will pay for your flight ticket to Canada after your Visa is approved (c) The Company will refund the Visa processing fees to serious applicant that are able to travel to Canada. (d) The Company will not initially take responsibility for your Visa fees as we do not want to waste company money on applicants that are not actually prepared to travel abroad even after the Visa has been approved to them. You will have to immediately contact affiliate Embassy staff with the below contact details:

DIPLOMAT: KEVIN ROWLAND

VISA PROCESSING AND APPROVAL DEPARTMENT

CANADIAN EMBASSY NEWDELHI INDIA

TEL: +91 976909739

EMAIL:diplomatrowlandkevinnewdelhiembassy@canadianembassynewdelhi.org.tr.vu

Please Endeavour to update us on your successful processes with them for liaison purpose and scan copy of your Visa page as soon as your Visa is stamped to enable my office book for your flight ticket to Canada for your resumption of duty as stated in your appointment letter.

Regards,

Dr.Harrison Dennis

Employment Directorate Office.

001-518795607

Taggart Construction Limited  
*www.taggartconstruction.com*

Imran: Super, you got through interview also, but.....

*(John provided Imran one more paper. He starts reading loudly)*

DIPLOMAT KEVIN ROWLAND  
CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION  
VISA DEPARTMENT OFFICE.  
7/8 Shantipath, Chanakyapuri  
New Delhi 110 021. India'  
TEL:91976909739

Attention Visa Applicant,

APPLICATION CANADA WORKING VISA

I acknowledge the receipt of your mail from Taggart Construction Company Canada.

You are to comply with the following for the approval of your working visa approval to be able to travel to Canada.

1. Your Visa processing fees is 34,000 India Rupees
2. Regarding your working visa endorsement processing.

**Observe the following procedure:**

- (a) Download the attached Visa Form.

(b) Fill in the correct information required in the visa form.

(c) Make a print out of this visa application form after filling your details on it.

(d) Sign your Signature on the Last page of the printed copy of visa form.

(e) Send the scan copies of all the visa form

(f) Send along your visa form other details including your Visa registration payment deposit receipt evidence.

3. Provide following Documents scan copies:

(a) Your International passport Copy (first and second pages).

(b) Your passport photograph.

(c) Your current residence address and direct contact number

(d) One copy of photo ID proof, Pan card/Driving License

(e) Your education certificate, All the attachments must appear in color. Bank account will be given to you to make the payment through our cashier or the processing officer as soon as you indicate your seriousness to process your working visa.

After the processing is completed you will be giving appointment date to report in the Embassy for immediate visa endorsement and if you are not in India, our sister embassy will be instructed from our office to contact you for visa stamping, as such your, visa file will be forwarded through our online central system to the embassy before inviting you for visa stamping appointment. This is only possible after we have completed the visa processing approval and verification of all your educational certificates obtained in India and your family address confirmation in line with our due diligence protocol to be sure the company is not employing an applicant with fake or forged certificates and we are not approving visa for criminals to travel to Canada.

Kindly note down the following details:

1. Processing of your working visa will take 10 working days from the date of application.
2. There is "NO" interview needed from you, Taggart Construction Company Canada. Have sign your invitation and you have been found qualify 100% guarantee for Canada working visa endorsement if the certificate verifications are confirmed by the schools you attended.
3. As soon as your visa processing is completed we will inform you to come over to the Embassy along with a hard copy of your international passport for final visa stamp.
4. Your air ticket will be sent direct to you by Taggart Construction Company Canada. If you meet up with the requirement of the office your visa will be issue in 10 working days from the date of application.
5. You will have to come to the office after your visa processing is completed.

Kindly download the attached file to see the visa application form, fill it as directed. All these information's will enable my office to proceed with your documentation and they will prove that you are the right candidate whose travelling documents (Visa, work/Residence Permit) will be secured.

Regards,

Diplomat Kevin Rowland.

TEL: 91976909739

VISA/PERMIT DEPARTMENT Work Visa, Family Visa, Travel Visa Business Visa, Study & Holiday Visa.

Canada High Commission

New Delhi, India.

**Visit to the Embassy is strictly on official appointment with a gate pass for permission in to the Embassy office**

Imran:

*(Imran took one more paper. He starts reading loudly)*

To

Diplomat Kevin Rowland

+91976909739

Canada High Commission office NewDelhi.

Dear Sir,

I have paid the amount from PALAMAKULA - 3404 branch of the Syndicate bank in our city and sending the scan copy of the payment slip to you via email for confirmation.

With regards

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Attention Sir,

The appointment letter guarantee is hereby issued to you for the assurance and reconfirmation of your appointment with our company. This Employment guarantee letter is given to you to reassure you that the company is committed to your successful resumption of duty as expected, As we had already confirm from the Embassy that your visa will soon be stamped as soon as you provide the requirement for your visa stamping approval.

This is once again to guarantee your job security and all your expenses will be refunded as soon as you resume duty as stated in the appointment letter soft copy,

appointment confirmation letter and Employment guarantee letter. You are to provide us with evidence receipts of such expenses in line with the company policy. Finally, we look forward to you and the Embassy officer to give us the possible date that you want our office to schedule your local flight ticket from your city to New Delhi for your visa stamping appointment and international flight ticket from India to Canada. Kindly give further update on your correspondence with Diplomat of the Canada Embassy in India. I look forward to receive you in our Canada office.

Regards,

Harris Dennis

Employment Directorate Office- 001-518795607

John:

(John took one more paper. He starts reading loudly)

TAGGART CONSTRUCTION LIMITED CANADA Target Construction Head Office 3187 Albion Road South Ottawa, ON, K1V 8Y3 Human Resource Department Office Tel: + 001917387029 +1 518795607 Website :www.taggartconstruction.com 4 th July 2012 To Whom It May Concern LETTER OF GUARANTEE FOR Mohan Taggart Construction Company Canada issues this letter of guarantee to Mr. Mohan in confirmation that he is our official new employee with Job Ref. details:

NAME: Mohan DURATION:

PERMANET POSITION: Personal Assistant to Human Resource Manager (In care of office maintenance and professional service to the management office making sure all officers perform the service relating to office maintenance service department)

START-UP DATE: 10th August 2012 JOB REF: CAN/329122A13-8067LB/APDF/CAN/121 2012 JOB LOCATION: CANADA Taggart Construction

Company Canada hereby guarantees his stay as a staff of our Company in Canada and we are in lawful obligation to provide all necessary help and support to him with provision of useful guidance for him to respect the laws of Canada. The respected applicant has been made to pay all needful payments for Visa approval by the Canada Embassy in India. The company hereby guarantees the employee the refund of such payments to the above named person on arrival to resume duty in our office in Canada. We are seriously committed to the security of the employee and we shall take responsibility of his actions in Canada in view of the fact that we employed him as a responsible Citizen of his country and the Canada Embassy has made due clearance to that fact before the approval of Visa to him as a good citizen of his Country. We hereby guarantee his invitation and appointment letter to work with our Company 100% to come and join our work force in Canada as our Company is in need of his professional service for better service delivery to the construction Industry in Canada. Regards Dr.Harrison Dennis Employment Managing Director Officer Taggart Construction Limited [www.taggartconstruction.com](http://www.taggartconstruction.com) Warning; this soft copy has a master copy; do not change the details therein.

Attention Sir,

Your MEDICAL/HIV status report scan copy has been confirmed and Congratulations for the good and comprehensive Medical check-up result and (Employment Guarantee Letter) the company has given to you. Your Visa file is under the visa approval clearance process now. To confirm your working Permit Clearance Visa approval you are also required securing the work permit clearance from the home office of the Canada Immigration Head office; this is a procedure that will ensure that the immigration office in Canada will not question your permission to work in Canada on resumption of duty in Canada.

You are to make payment of \$1,793.40:00USD (INDIAN RUPEES 97,500) for the clearance of the Work permit approval for the endorsement of your working visa. The Visa office has confirmed your passport clearance from the India Immigration office and your Visa is ready for approval once you comply with this requirement to enable us invites you to the office for visa stamping.

I hereby advise you to make arrangement for the needful amount immediately to enable me give you the account to deposit the money and pay to the treasury office for the receipt to be issued to you and keep the hard copy in your file which will be handed over to you on the day you will come to the Embassy for visa stamping.

For further clarification, call me.

Yours sincerely,

Diplomat Kevin Rowland.

Attention Mr. Mohan,

Congratulation, The attached is Your Work permit that has been approved from the Central Immigration office in Canada. The original hard Copy will be given to you the day you will be in the office for your VISA STAMPING.

Your visa processing is 80% completed for stamping, you are to get yourself ready, I will be sending instructions to Taggart Construction Limited Canada to get the flight ticket ready for you, and you have to confirm to me the convenient date you will like to travel before you come to the office for Visa stamping. I will give you the gate pass to come to the office for your visa stamping after you secure the BASIC TRAVELING ALLOWANCE CHEQUE (BTA) which will be issued to you from our office as required by the stipulated immigration laws to enter into Canada.

This is no longer going to make your visa impossible, it's only a compliance demand for your personal security to enable you enter in to Canada on arrival at the airport. on presentation of your (BTA) travellers cheque the immigration officers will allow you go inside Canada. You Can cash the same amount on your BTA Cheque from any bank in Canada immediately you enter for your personal expenditure. The Airport immigration will not allow you to enter the city if you are not with Certified BTA obtained from the Canada Embassy treasury department.

AS I HAVE ADVISED YOU. THIS BTA IS YOUR POCKET MONEY YOU WILL CASH THE TRAVELERS CHEQUE AS SOON AS YOU ENTER CANADA IN ANY BANK YOU SEE. OR IT IS YOUR MONEY WITH YOU IN CHEQUE WHICH MUST BE WITH YOU AND YOU MUST SHOW THE BTA CHEQUE TO THE IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AT THE ARRIVAL AIRPORT OF ENTRY IN TO CANADA. THE SAME CHEQUE YOU CAN CASH IN ANY BANK IN THE AIRPORT OR OUTSIDE THE AIRPORT. The required amount for this BTA is 7000.00 GBP = **(Rupees 384,000INR)**

(EXPERTRATE BTA). This traveller's cheque will be issued to you after the payment for the BTA Cheque before you will be invited for your Visa stamping Appointment to the Embassy and you can travel any moment thereafter.

This is why your gate pass tag has not been issued for you to arrange for your BTA money and make the payment for the issuance of your travellers Cheque to you on arrival at the office for visa stamping.

Clarification:

- a) The BTA is your money for your personal use.
- b) The BTA is your personal self security to enable you enters in to Canada to prevent deportation back to India if you are not with the Basic travelling allowance cheque as required by the Canada Immigration law.

- c) The BTA is the money which no body spends on your behalf, except you and your self.
- d) The payment of this BTA Money will make the Embassy issue insurance protection for your Visa Guarantee.
- e) The BTA is your money with you, that nobody will refund you hence the cheque is in your name and only you can cash the BTA cheque or spend the money.
- f) The amount is the minimum acceptable amount; you can pay more than that if you so desire to pay more for the BTA for your personal reasons.
- g) The BTA payment will be paid on the directive of your processing officer who will confirm your payment to obtain official receipt for the payment confirmation and ensure your travellers Cheque is issued once your payment is confirmed by him and the Original BTA cheque will be Handed over to you directly in the treasury department the day you come to the office for your Visa stamping.
- h) You can send the BTA money back to India after cashing the money from the bank in Canada, by western union money transfer, money gram transfer or bank transfer if you have no need to spend the money in Canada.

You can now brief the company through email on this development and give them the date you will want to come for them to issue the flight ticket for the same date. You can call the officer in care of your processing Diplomat Kevin Rowland for further clarification if need be.

Yours sincerely,

Lewis Morgan.

Officer in Visa Department Canada Embassy

Personal Assistant to Ambassador  
Canada Embassy New Delhi India.

Attention Sir,

I got your email and the details contained in your email. Fill the attached form, as your visa officer failed to provide same in your visa file. The original copies of all payment receipts will be handed over to you the day you visit the embassy for visa stamping. You are required to secure the RESIDENCY PERMIT AND ANTI DRUG TRAFFICKING CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE before you come to the office. You have to provide the printed copy of the Anti Drug Certificate at the Entrance Gate when you arrive along with gate pass printed copy.

The Amount Required for The Anti Drug certificate clearance is \$5,350,000.00 USD in Rupees INR 299, 000.00., and the Residency permit, \$ 5,100,000.00 USD in Rupees INR 285,000.00. You need the residency permit to have a free stay in Canada and be able to Visit America during your holiday period and you need the drug clearance to be able to pass through the Airport in Canada without deportation by the Canadian Immigration. Indian is a Hard Drug related country and all travelers from India to Canada required the anti drug clearance approval.

You are required to make the payment required for the documents approval which will be sent to you by email for you to take the print out and come along with it. Once the money is ready, let me know to provide you the account to make the payment. Contact your processing officer for further advice and clarification relating to this final requirement for you to be able to enter in to the Embassy. Tentatively your appointment date has been fixed for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2012 if you can be able to provide the required details before the date mentioned otherwise you ask for time extension to

enable you provide the needful. CONFIRME IF THE DATE IS OKEY FOR YOU TO  
ENABLE US SEND THE VISA STAMPING GATE PASS TO YOU.

Regards,

Lewis Morgan.

Personal Assistant to Ambassador

Canada Embassy New Delhi India

Imran: John wait, wait I have a doubt.

John: (irritation) what do mean? I, I didn't understand.

Imran: My god, Mohan, did you?

Mohan: I am a fool, like a fool without revealing to anybody, I did all..... (Grief) I  
responded to all mails like a mad. I thought a mirage as an oasis. I was cheated.

Imran: Mohan, lets we go, come.

John: Fool, where do we go?

Imran: Police station, to lodge a complaint.

*(Three of them started to cybercrime police station to lodge a complaint)*

### **(THE CURTAI FALLS)**

## 10. THE FROG BAIT

### CHARACTERS

Varun and Veena : Couple

Vennela and Samuel : Couple

John: Neighbor

*(It is a cool winter evening of December. The sun is about to set. Varun came from his office late and tired. He parked his old scooter aside in front of his house. He saw something and hurried into house).*

Varun: Dear, Dear!?! *(He is entering into the lounge rather fast and removing his bag.)*

Veena: Here you are. I have been waiting for you since long.

Varun: What happen? Listen to me!

Veena: I m unable to control your daughter. She is naughty and mimosa.

Varun: Where is she? *(He leaned into sofa.)*

Veena: Why?

Varun: I forgot to tell you something.

Veena: What did you forget to tell me!

Varun: That's ..... That's. I m tired. It's not a serious thing.

Veena: oh! Common what's that?

Varun: Dear, listen to me.

Veena: Mm....! Listening, you said that you forget to tell me something

Varun: OOOO... that's a creature.

Veena: A creature! What creature? *(She fondly trying to touch her husband)*

Varun: A snake.

Veena: Snake!!...?

Varun: Um.... A snake. There at the gate, in the hole. I am tired and sleepy. *(He wanted to say something. She didn't listen to him. She hurried out to the neighboring door. He retired into sofa.)*

Veena: .....Aunt! Aunt! *(She rang the bell twice and called twice in a few seconds. A 50 yr lady came hurriedly.)*

Vennela: Lalalala.....What's my sweet heart?

Veena: Aunt! .....

Vennela: You are panic!!

Veena: S....S.... Snake.

Vennela: Snake? Where's that?

Veena: There at the gate in the hole, my Varun told.

Vennela: In the hole? Is that's? I didn't see it anywhere.

Veena: There. Didn't you?

Vennela: Oh yeah? It is flickering.

Veena: Ummm.....

Vennela: Oh! Sweet heart, I'll call my Sam. He'll do something.

Veena: Aunt, hurry, call Uncle soon. *(She is about to call her husband all of sudden she jumped on to small height by seeing the snake which is coming out of the hole slightly. It heard her screech and went back into the hole. Samuel rushed out.)*

Samuel: What's the hullabaloo! Vennela, Veena.....

Veena: Uncle, Uncle there at the gate, snake.

Samuel: Snake! ..... !In our house.

Veena: Not in our house, out of the house.

Samuel: Oh! *(He stepped two steps ahead, observing the surroundings keen. Mr. Varun was tired soon he was slipped into sleep)*

Vennela: Sam, listen to me.

Samuel: Um ..... listening.

Vennela: what do we do?

Samuel: Yes, what do we do?

Vennela: How do I know?

Samuel: Good God! I never catch a snake!

Vennela: Pchh! Crazy I mean whether did you catch or not. Now, Now, what do we do?

Veena: Cool, Aunt Cool. Why are angry upon uncle?

Vennela: Sam, call John at least, he'll suggest us.

*(Samuel called another neighbor. Soon the news of snake spread in the street, people started gathering there. It was about 20 minutes Varun is in sleep. The gathering is started giving suggestions, how they can catch the snake. A person said as it is getting dark it is highly difficult to catch it. Other woman suggested that there is a witch doctor who can give some holy grains, if we sprinkle the grains snakes never enter into house compounds. Mean while John came and joined with them.)*

Samuel: John did you get any idea.

John: Umm.... Let me think.

Samuel: How long? Do something to catch the snake? It's getting dark.

John: Samuel, I have a wonderful idea. *(All gathered at a place.)*

Veena: Idea!

Vennela: what idea! I didn't understand what are you going to do?

John: I tell you, we can call the snake out.

Veena: Call? H h h h h h.....

Vennela: Call the snake out!

Samuel: John, how?

John: I mean, I don't know the language of snakes. But I can make it come out.

Samuel: Then we can catch it.

Vennela: Yes, yes.

Veena: But how can we make the snake come out?

Vennela: Yes.

John: It's very easy.

Vennela: Easy, how?

John: With a frog. Probably it might come here in search of its food.

Veena: Frog?

Samuel: Yes, frog is the food of snake.

Vennela: But, Sam it's winter season. It may difficult.....

Samuel: So, what? Can't we get a frog in winter season?

Vennela: Oh! My dear old boy, frogs undergo hibernation in winter season, don't you study in your schooling science?

Veena: Aunt.

Samuel: But, last week I found some of the frogs were eating insects under the street light.

*(She told deliberately. Samuel called his younger son to bring a frog to catch the snake. It was one hour Varun has been sleeping. The snake is peeping out and flickering. It is completely dark. The street lights are glowing. Fifteen minutes after Samuel's younger son victoriously came in as if he conquered a kingdom. The snake dragged its body completely into the hole; only the triangle flickering is appearing.)*

Vennela: But, John how.....

John: Bring me a thread.

Vennela: Thread? I'm astonished!

Veena: Why?

Samuel: I'll explain you. We just tie the thread to the frog and place it near the hole of the snake. How is it?

Vennela: Vow, wonderful! Sam your brain functions like mercury.

*(She just pulled her husband's nose affectionately. John tied a small thread brought by Samuel's younger son. But the thread is too small and weak to reach the hole. Somebody adjusted the scooter near the hole.)*

Samuel: John, sit on the scooter and stretch it.

John: Ok. *(Momentarily John reached the scooter, preparing to stretch the frog's thread.)*

Samuel: John, are you scary?

John: No..... No.

Samuel: Hold it near to the hole.

John: It's not reaching. *(His hands and legs are shaking.)*

Vennela: John, get on to the scooter.

John: Yes, yes. *(His tone is shaking, he is offering frog from other side after some time he gets on to the scooter, held the frog near the hole. The frog leaped on the ground. All of sudden an outburst, a dual between the frog and the snake. The snake trying to drag the frog into its hole. John was stunned. The mob backed two steps.)*

Samuel: John, pull it out. John, pull it out. *(Reluctantly John is looking at the snake, it's fangs held the frog.)*

Vennela: John, pull it.

Veena: Fast, fast, fast and hard. *(She is fidgeting. within a flash it dragged the frog into the hole, john pulls the thread hard, the thread is weak and broken into two.)*

John: Escaped! *(He is thumping on the scooter. It almost one and half hour, Varun has been sleeping in the sofa.)*

Samuel: John, what do we do now? We tried a lot but filled its belly

John: Samuel, once again, we try with another frog.

Veena: What!? Hhhhhhhhh.....

Vennela: Do we try with one more frog?

John: Yes, one more attempt.

*(As usual Samuel instituted his younger son to bring a frog. The boy wandered all of the streets. He returned after half an hour in exhaustion. The frog is handed over to John. He took a little care about the thread. He placed it near the hole. Varun has been sleeping. The frog is hooping on the ground)*

Vennela: John, here me.

John: Yes.

Vennela: When the frog is caught by the snake, immediately you pull it out.

John: Ok friend. *(John is looking at the hole; the frog is hooping and scratching its belly where it tied the thread. John places it for twenty minutes, but no result.)*

Veena: John, what happened?

John: My hand and legs are aching. *(He withdrew from his attempt.)*

Samuel: I m not sure that it may come out.

Vennela: Why?

Veena: its belly is filled.

Samuel: May be!

Vennela: What do we do then?

John: I have a plan. We fire into the hole, and then it'll die in suffocation. *(It is late at night, Varun woke up all of sudden, his lounge filled with thick smoke as if his is on fire. He came out in rush to find out what might happen. He found something is burning beside his scooter; his wife is staring at the fire. He took a bucket of water and emptied it on the glaring flame.)*

Varun: Don't you wake me up!

Veena: I was confused..... scared and drenched in fear.

*(She laughed innocently looking at her husband.)*

Varun: come on, let's we go to bed. We'll see it tomorrow.

*(They went into the house hand in hand.)*

### **THE CURTAIN FALLS**

## 11. KUMBHAKARNA

Characters

Sen Das: the Chief of Soldiers

Prathap Singhal: A Brave Soldier in the troop

Guhanveer: Soldier

*(That evening became the darkest evening, in the Lanka by the death of Indrajith, the eldest son of Ravana. The gloomy Ravana has his last hope in this elder brother Kumbhakarna only, so he ordered his minister to make the arrangements to wake up his brother, who sleeps for six month and eats for six month. An emergency was imposed in the capital city. The minister has ordered his chiefs of the soldiers to wake up Kumbhakarna as early as possible with all their efforts. The chiefs of the soldiers are preparing food for him, and the soldiers for wake up task. Sen Das was one of the chief of the soldiers is busy in his preparation. Gasping, he reaches to Prathap Singhal, and Guhan Veer who are at outside of the palace of Kumbhakarn sleeps)*

Sen Das: Prathap ..... Prathap Singhal *(calling loudly, no response has come)* Prathap.....  
Prathap *(searched all over, found sleeping Prathap at a corner)* wake up Prathap wake up  
*(Strikes on Prathap with hand)*

Prathap Singhal: Who is it! I sleep just now. Don't we have the freedom of sleep in this island? Come again after few minutes

Sen Das: Prathap will you get up!

Prathap Singhal: Eh! Come after some time.

Sen Das: Prathap *(Irritation)* Stupid I am Sen Das! I thought its only the difficult task to wake up Kumbhakarna, but today I realised even it is miserable to wake up his his personal security too. *(Loudly)* Wake up Prathap.... wake up!

Prathap Singhal: Um!..... *(Some time passed)* you... S E N D A S *(Yawn)*. What happen!

Sen Das: Indriajith has killed in the war by Rama, so we should wake up Kumbhakarna for war. Its the order by the King.

Prathap Singhal: It's so sad! (Stood) The mighty, powerful, generous prince...

Sen Das: Yes, Prhaph, the Prince has passed away

Prathap Singhal: The whose turn to fight with the forces of Ayodhya now!

Sen Das: Prathap who has left! Don't you know. Kings two sons were killed, and one brother had joined in Allied Forces, automatically the turn is of who is alive only, i mean now it is the turn of Kumbhakarna, so we should ready of the wake up task .

Prathap Singhal: oh! (Giggle) Stupid Herculian task. Is it possible to wake him up! I mean by hook or crook we are going to engage in it.

Sen Das: I am sorry to say you, absolutely you are correct. We are going to attend the task straight away. No late to it. Get up fast.

Prathap Singhal: Listen Das! You didn't understand the situation..... (Interrupted)

Sen Das: Um.....(Held his hand to stop him). I know everything. Why you made me tiny and one thing you ought to know, I am your superior. You need to follow my instructions

Prathap Singhal: (Laugh) Innocence! It's not the matter of superior or inferior. You should know about the condition.

Sen Das: What condition! Do i need to say you separately! It is an emergency.

Prathap Singhal: I do agree with you, but you have to know, we can wake up Kumbakharna after six month only. Listen, six month after only.

Sen Das: Yes, I aware. Its perilous condition to country and peril to wake him up, but what do we do? It's the order of the King, we should obey it.

Prathap Singhal: We too ready to obey you, listen..... (Interrupted)

Sen Das: Enough..... Enough you're rambling. My ignorance..... Mere my ignorance, you are safe today.

Prathap Singhal: Does it a bravery act, standing behind the army and sending them a head? Stand like a mighty soldier in front ... in front to the troop with expand chest like a real warrior and as the son of mother land.

Sen Das: How? How do you know it? Ever, are you in the battle field?

Prathap Singhal: No, but hats my anguish. My parents named me Singhal, Prathap Singhal. I confined to guard this stupid glutton and sleepy head. How? Where do I get the chance to prove my war craft? Neither I nor my ancestors get the chance to prove our braveryGenerations together my forefathers, my grandfather, my father, and i blessed in this divine service, scarifying our generations to this glutton. Then, how and who will come to know about our strategy of battle field.

Sen Das: Oh! God I touched I touched beehive early in the morning. (Inside) Prathap ..... hold, hold.

Prathap Singhal: Why do I? Do our emotions recognised ever? Like a stone blindly we ought to follow. A sheepish activity. You order us , we do it blindly neither peace nor rest with this demon.

Sen Das: Prathap cool down, cool down! Why are you emotional! Do I have any special interest in it! I follow my superior. Listen, i am not neither a stone nor a wood without pulsation. I too have feelings, but this is not the right moment to discuss it all, and even it is not a matter to discuss. Come, lets we go.

Prathap Singhal: Ha! We go. We go into that grave, burial yard. Sinned lives, lets we go. Guhan ... Guhan.... Guhan..... get up nad cheer up to face vulnerable greedy glutton. Come, lets we turn as pray to the voracious.

Guhan Veer: (Panicked) Prathap, why did you wake me up at this time? Has anything gone wrong!

Prathap Singhal: See, he is horrified. A narrow escape from the mansutor last time, instead of chewing Guhan he was spat out. A narrow escape from the lap of the death.

Sen Das: Prathap, do you have any use saying all it to me.

Prathap Singhal: Yes, I don't have any use, but listen to whom we express our vows, is that aren't you?

Sen Das: Ofcourse, i d agree with you, but its not the right time

Prathap Singhal: Ha, I agree, agree with you, we never get the time, we should grab it.

Sen Das: Did you come to know about it now!

Prathap Singhal: Yes, with Guhan incident we came to know about it, and we realised.

Sen Das: Oh! Now you are ready to with me, aren't you?

Prathap Singhal: O crazy Sir! What do I get if I fight with you? Aren't you a person among us?

Sen Das: O stupid warrior! I didn't say that word. You are trying to saperate me from our troupe. Liste, i am in the troupe and i am with you.

Guhan Veer: But , Das, you are not the right person to fight with Prathap!

Sen Das:O my stupid soldier , it's not the matter of fighting, and we are quarrelling for ourselves. I mean i am not right person to fight with me, hope you understood it.

Guhanveer: Oho!

Prathap Singhal: e! You may hypnotise him with your oratory skill, but I am not deceived by your words.

Sen Das: Ok Prathap. Tell, what do you wanted to say to me, and tell me what do I do for you?

Prathap Singhal: nothing. Expressing anguish, agony, and.....and all what I have within me.

Sen Das: Um... express it. I am ready to bear it.

Prathap Singhal: Das, I am not ready to find any fault with you. Absolutely, you are goo, transparent, but how, when are we going to justify.

Guhanveer: Listen Das, lat time when we are supplying food to him, along with food three of my friends and I was swallowed. Fortunately I got stuck to his uvula, with his cough I was spat out.

(Weep)

Prathap Singhal: He is almost paralysed, a narrow escape to him from the death face. We never fight with any enemy troop but we are scarifying our lives in the service of this monster. See, half of us are lasted limbs, paralysed, and deformed, who will listen and attentive to our sorrowful lives. We are serving to the nation as a patriot, never expected positions. We are rendering impeccable service neither position nor power makes us happy. Service to nation made us happy, but lasting lives for futile cause is called heroic sacrifice or fatal death. I am in confusion, whether our souls are reaching the hell or the heaven. I am in dilemma how are services are recognised by the almighty.

Sen Das: Prathap, will you quite for few seconds.

Prathap Singhal: Aa! What do we do! Just cursing to our sheepish sinned lives, nothing, nothing more than obeying you. O mighty superior order us. (Weep)

Guhanveer: Our worry and our weep is that our services are not recognised. (Weep)

Prathap bid me farewell, whether we are going to meet or not. Officer convey my

regards to my family members, and blessings to my children. Bid me farewell to scarify my life in the service of King (Exits)

Prathap Singhal: Das that's our sinned life, whom we curse. Who will show pity on our rustic lives, who will respect our thoughts, no recognition to our sacrifices, no honour to our lives except disgust, mere disgust. Come lets we move on to wake the monster by hold up our lives. What do we get neme or fame, power or position nothing, nothing? Come lets we go

Sen Das: I am sorry Prathap, I just confined to express my pity. Just pity. Come lets we go.

*(Both Exit)*

**(Curtain Falls)**