SHORT FILM (WORKING TITLE)

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It's an old Verna. Driving it, is KARTHIK, Twenty something, he looks pissed. Beside him in the driver's seat is VIVEK, same age, bearded and depressed. Behind are KAUSHIK & UPENDRA same age. UPENDRA looks tensed and KAUSHIK looks lost outside.

KARTHIK

Peddha king eedu..

He continues to murmur something.

KAUSHIK

Machi paata. Sound pettu.. Radio lo.

UPENDRA

Avasarama ?

KARTHIK

Rey ! Nuvvu rom com chesthava ledha ra ?

VIVEK doesn't give a shit.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Akkada andaru mundhu peedha RGV ayyinattu feeling veediki.

KAUSHIK

Rey lite teesko ee contest vaadiki nachinna genre cheseedam youtube ki.. eltaina adhi win avuthamo ledho ani doubt undhi kadha antha tension enduku.

KARTHIK

Rey nuvvu muyyi. Idhi win ayithey ne inka manaki intlo pressure undadhu. Edho veedhu raase soodhi crime thrillers teesthey padhi mandhi youtubelo choosthey em raadhu..

UPENDRA

Arey mari padhi mandhi ..

KARTHIK

Entha mandhi choosnar ra last time
?

UPENDRA

Around 1000

KARTHIK

Poni 2000 views. Rey okka kukka toilet poyye video upload chesthey lakhsha views osthunnai thelusa?

VIVEK

Rey! Ante em antunnav ra .. Kukka toilet posey video cheddama ?? Em antundu ra veedu ..

KARTHIK

Avunu ra.. aadhi teesina ani choopichchina producerlu ostharu.. Manam teesina short film choopisthey bongu kuda raaru.

VIVEK

Rey baaga balsindhi ra neeku. LOVE STORIES nenu teeya! Em cheskuntavo chesko.. Adhi oka fake emotion, fake storylu nenu teyya..

KAUSHIK

Rey first love story eh teesinav kadha ra..

VIVEK

Ah Vivek sachchipoyindu.

KARTHIK

Tho. Paatha dialogulu kotti kotti .. Ivve raayi ra .. kukkal kuda choodav..

VIVEK

Asal endhi ra nee kukkala referencelu ?

UPENDRA

Rey Vivek..Naa own words lo okkati cheppana? Nuvvu raasina love story script naa deggira undhi ra.. entha bagundho telusa?

He removes a bunch of answer sheets tied together.

VIVEK instantly grabs it,

VIVEK

Itivvu... ippude kaalapedhtha..

KARTHIK

Rey kalusthey pakka samputha ra ninnu.

He takes a lighter out.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Rey Vivek !

KAUSHIK

Endhi ra ee violence arey ..

UPENDRA

Arey karthik car aapu nuvvu first

. .

BLACK. MUSIC STARTS.

TITLES OVERLAY THE SHOTS

IN SLOW MOTION:

VIVEK strikes the lighter.

The papers catch fire.

KARTHIK turns the wheel in haste.

The burning papers fly inside the car.

The car topples in slow motion.

The glass window cracks into pieces.

The whole car rotates in mid air.

BLACK.

TEXT APPEARS. THREE YEARS LATER.

2 INT. CLUB - EVENING

2

A huge party of sorts is in order. It's a wine tasting event, an elite group is assembled.

A group of men and women are surrounding a man in his late twenties, he's dressed in formals, looks sharp and is entertaining the people around him.

A lady dressed in red poses a question.

LADY IN RED

So how about this !

A man in his late fifties, BOSS, watches from a distance & seems to be amused.

KARTHIK

Mari antha professional kaadhu.

BOSS

Come on Karthik. Don't be modest,

KARTHIK

Sarey, if I'm right are you buying this bottle tonight ?

The crowd murmur.

The lady looks straight in his eye as she sips her wine.

LADY IN RED

Done. What if you lose ?

KARTHIK

A candle light dinner in our club, meeku ishtamayina bottle is on the house and nenu.. Complimentary

The crowd is amused.

LADY IN RED

Sure ah ?

KARTHIK

Absolutely.

LADY IN RED

Deal. Here.

She extends her glass to him.

GUY IN THE CROWD

Mee boss mundhu challenge teeskunnav jaagratha.

BOSS

(laughs)

Naaku karthik meedha confidence undhi.

KARTHIK takes a whiff of the glass, nurses it around and takes the glass closer to his nose.

Breathes in.

KARTHIK

Roses. bright red just like you.

LADY IN RED

Oh..

She smiles.

He takes a sip and gargles it around in his mouth and ponders.

KARTHIK

Round, fresh, konchum chocolate and blackberry note undhi..

The lady is red looks surprised, KARTHIK glares into her eyes for an answer.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Chateau Margaux ?

The lady in red smiles in surprise.

BOSS

Year ?

KARTHIK

Pavillion Rouge 2010 sir.

LADY IN RED

Impressive.

KARTHIK

Ayithey meeru bottle konalsindhey.

LADY IN RED

Deal is a deal. So the date is off ?

The banter is interrupted by a sudden sound from the entrance of the club.

KARTHIK excuses himself and walks over to the railing and looks below to the entrance.

The bouncers are arguing with three guys, dressed in T-shirts and jeans.

KARTHIK looks on as his BOSS approaches him from behind.

BOSS

Karthik, konchum elli choodu..
Andaru disturb avuthunnaru.

KARTHIK

Done sir.

3 INT. CLUB ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

3

At the entrance, are the three guys, fighting with the bouncer, as KARTHIK approaches them.

GUY 1

Ey, manager ni piluvu ? Enduku entry ledho cheppu.

BOUNCER

Go outside.

GUY 2

Rey vaadevado osthundhi pilu ra adini.

KARTHIK approaches them, looks up at the BOSS and signals him to go inside and he'll take care.

KARTHIK

Anthony, Leave them.. Boss, Lets go out get some fresh air. Come on. You are blocking the way..

GUY 2

Ikkadane maatlaadu.

KARTHIK looks around to see if anyone is watching.

KARTHIK

Arrey, chill avvandi. Godava chesthey em avuthundhi? Em kaadhu. Bayitiki poyi maatlaadudhaam. Chalo.. Five minutes.. Tension teeskoku.. ra

He holds them gently by the shoulder and accompanies them out.

4 EXT. CLUB ENTRANCE - MOMENTS LATER

4

They are seated outside in a casual manner.

A few well dressed people are allowed inside in the background.

GUY 1

Endhi bhai idhi ? Vallani endhuku allow chesthunnaru ? Maathoti problem endhi ?

The other guy in the group tries to calm him down.

GUY 2

Rey adagani vaadini.

KARTHIK

Nee per endhi ?

GUY 1

Srinu.

KARTHIK

Seenannna, nuvve car lo ochchinave ?

GUY 1

Ee carlo osthe endhi ?

KARTHIK

Chepu.

GUY 1

Bike la ochchina.

KARTHIK

Vallu Audi lo ochchinaru.

GUY 1

Ayithey ?

KARTHIK

Nuvvu t shirt, jeans esukunnav. vallu branded formal shirts esukunnaru. Manam undhedhi hyderabad lo ne .. Kani idhi veere ooru.. Ikkada ivvanni esukunte inko duniya unlock ayithadhi.. Mana oorlone nuvvu new york, sydney, paris choodachchu.. Ledhu nen inthe.. Itlane unta ante inka india la ne untav. Ardhamchesko.. lopalaki raalevu.

They look at each other.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Anna, simple eh.. Aada paina prada bag esukoni dance chesthundhi choodu, aame boyfriend ee clubki entha bill chesthado telusa ? poni manam entha chestham

He points at everyone and murmurs a calculation in his head.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

3000, max 4k.. GST exculded. Vaadu nela ki padhi lakshalu chesthadu, nelaki.. Vaalu antha bill chesi.. manalantollani lopala choosthey em antar telusa seenanna?

A moment of silence.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Dirty crowd. Sad Crowd. Mass place.

He produces a small bottle of wine and displays it to the three guys.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Mimmalni choosthey maa dosthulu gurthosthunnaru. Andhukane chepthunna. idhi endhi ? Wine bottle. Lopala dorikedhi wine. ante fermented grape juice. Anthey. deeni nuvvu oka plastic bottle lo ammu. Homemade wine ani. Maha ante vanda rupaiylaiki podhu.

(MORE)

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

kani ee bottle, ee sticker esi ivvu. Minimum 10,000 ki pothadhi. GST excluded. Anyway. You get the point. Bottle, sticker entha importantoo. Mee battalu, ochchina car. Mee basha. Anni mukhyamu mitrama. this is for you. Tastes like shit. Worth 3000. Ee saturday retro night avuthundhi. Ammayilani esukoni raa. Manchi shirt, shoes esuko. costly car la ochcheyyi. Entry free.

He tosses the bottle on to GUY 3, He almost manages to get a hold of it.

KARTHIK walks in confidently.

GUY 1

Chi em bathuko..

GUY 3

Mari idhi ichheyyana ?

GUY 1

Patkara.. adhaina thaagudham.

5 INT. CLUB MAIN HALL - MOMENTS LATER

5

The lady in red is drunk and is dancing with someone else.

KARTHIK notices and smiles as he passes by.

KARTHIK

(to himself)

Party marchesindhi. Very nice.

The BOSS signals to him from within his office.

KARTHIK walks inside.

6 INT. CLUB OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

6

The BOSS is standing behind his luxurious leather chair.

KARTHIK walks inside.

BOSS

Handle chesava Karthik ?

KARTHIK

Yes sir. Meerenti ikkada ? How is it going ?

BOSS

Nuvvunte naakem tension ledhayya..

KARTHIK

Enti sir.. senti avuthunnnaru..

BOSS

Rey Karthik wanted to talk to you.. Open ga maatlaadutha..

He clears his throat.

As though he's rehearsed this act several times. He turns around.

BOSS (CONT'D)

Maa thathayya goa lo oka fisherman. Chapalu paatte vaaru. Ayana.. melli melliga oka boat konnukkuni.. profits loki vellaka. Maa nannammani kalisaaru. Goa lo the COSTLIEST diamond shop lo ee ring konnaru. It's a solitaire. He gave to my father. ayana maa mother ni idhey ring tho propose chesaru.. Then it was passed on to me.

He slides a tiny velvet box across the table to KARTHIK.

KARTHIK lifts it up in awe.

BOSS (CONT'D)

Will you marry my daughter ?

KARTHIK

Sir..

BOSS

Rey.. Neeku telusu.. Adhi US lo putti peringindhi.. Nee antha street smart kaadhu.. Ee club branch akkada adhi manage chesthey nasanam avuthundhi..

KARTHIK laughs.

BOSS (CONT'D)

Joke kaadhu ra.. Serious.. ninnu akkada pampi daaniki antakadhithey.. Done.. Nenu happy ga malli Goa lo oka branch pettukoni retire ayypotha.. i need someone like you. Neelanti vallu chaala takkuvara Karthik. You are a rare breed. Cheppina maata vintaavu, you work like a dog. Dog ante edho street dog ani insult chesthunna anukoku.. you are a great dane.

KARTHIK blushes.

BOSS (CONT'D)

No.. Pogudthunna anukoku.. Im being honest. Emantav.. ?

KARTHIK

Meeru pogadatledhu sir.

BOSS

Adhi kaadhu.. ah ring accept chesinatta kaadha?

KARTHIK

Sir.. Meeru edhi ante adhi sir..

BOSS

You are great dane ra.

KARTHIK

Thank you sir.

He smiles with pride.

7 INT. KARTHIK'S CAR - NIGHT

KARTHIK waves a goodbye to the security guard outside.

The lights in the club are shut, people behind him are shutting the place down.

Drunk people are getting to their vehicles.

KARTHIK sits inside his car.

He takes a heavy breath.

He takes the ring out and observes it in its glory.

He smiles as the solitaire reflects the light onto his face.

8 EXT. KARTHIK'S ROOM - NIGHT

8

7

KARTHIK parks his car outside a small house.

He walks across the street and gets into a tiny apartment.

He goes to the terrace.

9 INT. KARTHIK'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

9

He opens the door.

Its a tiny room.

He switches on the light.

10

10	EXT.	MARKET -	AFTERNOON

A man, 60s, is on the phone and has a bag filled with vegetables. Beside him is his wife, 55, she's bargaining with the vendors.

KARTHIK'S FATHER Antey ninnu kukka ani thittu thunnadu ?

11 INT. KARTHIK'S ROOM - AFTERNOON

11

KARTHIK is on his bed on a phone call. Beside his bed is a small shelf filled with awards and trophies.

BOSS

Kukka.. Kadhu daddy. Great Dane adhi oka breed.. Ayina meeku ardham kaadhu..Corporate stuff. Intha serious vishyam chepputhunte..Happy feel avvakunda enti meeru ?

12 EXT. MARKET - CONTINUOUS

12

KARTHIK'S FATHER
Happy eh ra.. Neeku promotion
raavalani.. Mee amma oka padhi
gudilu thippindhi.. Adhi chaaaladha
proof ?

13 INT. KARTHIK'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

13

KARTHIK

Idhi promotion eh.. pelli cheskunte Club owneerr avuthaanu US lo directga.. Ayina meere kadha eppudu chepe vaaru.. Graph ila..

He waves his hand up.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Paiki undaali ani..

14 EXT. MARKET - CONTINUOUS

14

Kathik's mother orders the father to get off the phone and help her with the vegetables.

KARTHIK'S FATHER

Ala annana ? Sarey. Machindhi.. Eyina pelli cheskovadam promotion ani chepppinodu neeku evadu ra ? chance unnappude celebrate chesko inka..

KARTHIK

Antha dabbulu levu..

KARTHIK'S FATHER Sampadinchina dabbulu save cheyyakunda ah avasaramleni car konte alane untundhi..

KARTHIK

Nanna.. Adhi car kaadhu investment.. Adhi choosi naaaku ee status ochchindhi..

KARTHIK'S FATHER

Abbbooo.

KARTHIK's mother almost grabs the phone.

KARTHIK'S MOTHER

Rey! Malli cheyyi nuvvu.

KARTHIK'S FATHER

Rey phone pette mundu okka sahala..

KARTHIK

Cheppandi.

KARTHIK'S FATHER

Dayachesi mee friendsni kalavaku..

KARTHIK

Vaalani kalasi enno months avuthundhi.

KARTHIK'S FATHER

Em nashtam ledhu.. kalusthene nashtam. Jaagratha.

KARTHIK

Bye.

He cuts the call.

15 INT. KARTHIK'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

15

KARTHIK puts the phone down and sits up. He looks at the awards and achievements he's displayed beside his bed.

He scans each one of them. Behind the awards, in a corner is a photograph.

It's a photograph of a younger KARTHIK with a few friends.

He takes a good look at it and smiles to himself.

16 INT. DUBBING STUDIO - DAY

16

We see a National Geographic show of two americans camping in a forest.

The clip plays.

CHARACTER 1

MIKE ! Em chesthunnavu ?

CHARACTER 2

Madhayapanamu sevinchuthunnanu steve.

CHARACTER 1

Ori devuda ! Naaku telikunda nuvvu madhyapanamu ela sekarinchavu ee adavilo.. ? MIKE nuvvu chaala

The director is sitting beside a Sound engineer.

NAT GEO DIRECTOR Stop. Adhi malli play cheyyandi sridhar.. Akkadnundi take andi

Inside the vacum room is KAUSHIK, 27, in front of the microphone. His yawn is interuppted by the director's voice. He composes himself and speaks into the mike.

KAUSHIK

Ori devuda !.

Kaushik garu..

NAT GEO DIRECTOR Inkonchum brightga Kaushik.

KAUSHIK

ORI DEVUDA ! NAAKU TELIKUNDA NUVVU MADHYAPANAMU ELA SEKARICHAVU EE ADIVI LO !

NAT GEO DIRECTOR

Adhi.. This is the energy.. Super.

They give him a thumbs up from behind the glass.

KAUSHIK murmurs to himself, while smiling to them.

KAUSHIK

Poyi saavandira ekkadaina !

17 INT. DUBBING STUDIO - MOMENTS LATER

17

There is a man and a woman in the vacuum room.

The director is in conversation with KAUSHIK outside near the mixing console.

NAT GEO DIRECTOR

Ivvala cheque raaledra.. Weekend kalla nenu transfer chesthanu..

KAUSHIK

Parvaledu sir, meedhi ah serial start avuthndha?

NAT GEO DIRECTOR Inka confirm kaaledhu. Ayyithey pakka main role ki nuvve..

KAUSHIK

Pakka kadha sir ?

NAT GEO DIRECTOR
Pakka ra babu.. anthalopu oka short
film cheyyochu ga.. Notice ayithey
chances raavocchu.. Mee team
unindhiga vaalu ...?

KAUSHIK

Andharu okkakka line lo unnaru sir ippudu .. We are growing up. Mundhu kids ippudu adults.. Anyways, next week ostha sir..

NAT GEO DIRECTOR

Done.

KAUSHIK bends over to the mike near the mixing console and presses a button while speaking to the guy inside the vaccum.

KAUSHIK

MIKE, nenu meetho madhyapanam sevinchalenu ivaala maa intlo vallu kasi yatraki veluthunnaru.. So repatinundi manam rachcha rambola cheyyochu.. Ivaala assalu kudharadhu paiyga mana payment kuda ellunde isthanantunnadu ee pisinaari director.. So ellunde madhyapanamu dhumrapanamu sevinchi nasanam avudhamu.. Ok ? Bye!

They exchange a bye. KAUSHIK storms out.

18 EXT. KAUSHIK'S HOUSE - DAY

18

KAUSHIK closes the gate and turns around. In the front yard, his parents are loading the suitcases onto a vehicle. His sister runs up to him, while her husband waves a hello to KAUSHIK and sits in the front seat of the Innova.

KAUSHIK'S SISTER Rey pakka chooskuntava vaadini ?

KAUSHIK looks inside towards the main door.

Standing there is SUBASH, 12, his sister's son.

KAUSHIK

Pakkana manchi kennel undhi akkada ammestha..

She immediately smacks his arm and walks with him towards the door.

KAUSHIK'S SISTER

Rey, please ra three days lo vaadi spanish exam undhi.. Chadhuvetattu choodu ..

KAUSHIK

Done, dana done.

He takes the suitcase from her and loads it onto the taxi.

KAUSHIK'S FATHER

Hero gariki english sarigga raaka telugu dubbinglu chesthunnaramma inka daani pai spanish ah?

KAUSHIK pokes his father in his tummy while walking towards his mother and hugs her.

KAUSHIK

What a sense of humour daddy...

KAUSHIK'S MOTHER

Rey perugu thodeyyi. Motham ivvale laagisthey repu emi undadhu..

KAUSHIK

I'll miss you guys..

KAUSHIK'S FATHER

Vaadu intlo thintey kadha..rey..friends party adhi idhi annavoo.. Bagundadhu.. Chinnodu unnadu vaadini choosi emaina

nerchuko.. ila ra nanna..

Little SUBASH walks up to him.

KAUSHIK'S FATHER

What do you want to be when you grow up nanna? Tell thatha..

He kneels down in front of him.

SUBASH

Astronaut.

KAUSHTK

Chichi.. Intha chaduvukoni vanta chesthav ra vedava ?

KAUSHIK's father gets up and looks at him.

KAUSHIK'S FATHER

Astronaut ra.. Ante moon ki elthadu .. Restaurant kadhhu.. vaadu 30 years varaku plan chesesadu ye university elthado ye ye coursulu chesthado ani.. Adhi plan ante..

KAUSHIK

Dhaaniki spanish exam enduku ? Moon spain lo untundha daddy ?

KAUSHIK'S FATHER

Thoo.

He looks to his wife.

KAUSHIK'S FATHER (CONT'D)

Idhi paristhithi..

They leave.

KAUSHIK's father looks in the rear view mirror.

KAUSHIK waves a fake goodbye.

KAUSHIK'S FATHER (CONT'D)

Naaku enduko doubt osthundhi..

KAUSHIK'S MOTHER

Abba ! velle mundhu ah maatalendhuku ! Meeru mundhu ah BP tabletlu esukondi..

19 INT. KAUSHIK'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

19

KAUSHIK watches them as they leave.

Once they are out of sight, he breathes and looks at his nephew.

KAUSHIK

Hammaya. rey chepra.. Spanish ginish lite gani.. Playstation aadthava?

SUBASH

That's why you are like this.

The kid walks away.

KAUSHIK

Respectable family.

KAUSHIK gets a call on his phone.

He takes a moment to absorb the information. It's KARTHIK.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Namaste anna! Bagunnavane?

A pause.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Endhi ? Pella !?

20 INT. EDITING ROOM - DAY

20

A guy in his late twenties is seen editing what looks like a wedding film on two computer screens.

He plays a portion of it and relaxes in his chair and takes a sip of water.

UPENDRA

Ok na ?

Standing beside him are a couple. The guy is seen towering over the computer screen inspecting every detail while the girl is busy checking her instagram feed on a seat beside the monitor.

COUPLE GUY

Ah pimples konchum teeseyandi.

UPENDRA

(spits out his water)
Pimples nen theeyadam enti ?

COUPLE GUY

Makeup ah roju workout avvaledu so vfx emaina chesi teeseyandi.

UPENDRA

Boss, adhi veelukadhu. Baahubali range vfx adhi. Meerichchna budget lo impossible .. Paiyaga its impossible.. Naa valla kadhu..

COUPLE GUY

Ayithey payment cancel.

He leans back on the wall.

UPENDRA

(sighs)

Sarey try chestha..

He gets back to work and leans into his monitor, adjusts his huge glasses and holds the girl's hand assuming its the mouse and tries clicking it several times.

The girl pulls her hand back and looks at her husband, in shock.

UPENDRA looks clueless.

UPENDRA (CONT'D)

Adhi three nights sleep ledu..confusion lo mouse anukunna..

They stare at him furiously.

21 EXT. EDITING ROOM - DAY

21

KAUSHIK is seen walking up the terrace where the room is.

A slap is heard.

The couple storms out and pass KAUSHIK who arrives at the door.

UPENDRA opens the door.

KAUSHIK

They paid no ?

UPENDRA

No.

KAUSHIK

Oh ! Every day is not Sunday.

UPENDRA

Aap ra nee yedhava Engish nuvvu. Em kavali ? Naaku challa pani undhi..

KAUSHIK

Karthik ki pelli fix ayyindhi.. Bachelor party anta .. time to damage the liver.

A smile grows on UPENDRA's face.

UPENDRA

Mari Vivek gaadu ?

22 INT. VIVEK'S FLAT - DAY

22

A lady in her early fifties opens the door.

It's a man, early forty, in a police uniform.

They look at each other.

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Em chesindu ra vaadu ?

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Em kaale, rounds ki pothunte ochchina.

He enters and places his cap on the table in the hall.

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Rey, correctga cheppu em ayyindhi ? Malla uniform la ochchinav ?

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Abba ! Em kaaledakka ! em chesnav ? Patkara aakalavthundhi.

She murmurs to herself and walks into the kitchen.

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Edho dhachutunnav..

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Ehe aapu! Ekkada vaadu?

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Inkedda untadu.. Ippude lesinattu
unnadu...

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Office pole ?

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Vaani ishtam.

The Cop knocks on VIVEK's room.

A bearded guy, late twenties opens the door.

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Emaindhi office ?

VIVEK

Ivvala ledhu.. ambedhkar
birthday...

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Atlakuda untadha ra mee company la ? Ayina adhi ninna unde...poyi ready avvu..

VIVEK looks at him.

VIVEK'S UNCLE (CONT'D)

Endhi ?

VIVEK makes a "tsk" sound and shuts the door.

VIVEK turns around towards the mirror and looks at himself.

He takes a tape out of a desk of old cassettes and pops it in his old music system.

His eyes look red. He yawns. He wears glasses.

Shot of shower turned on.

Shot of him brushing.

Shot of him buttoning up shirt.

Shot of him brushing his hair.

Shot of him wearing a satchel and walking out.

He storms out of his room.

His uncle is eating a dosa on the dining table, while the mother is in the kitchen cooking.

VIVEK

Bye.

He is walking out towards the main door.

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Aaqu. Thini po.

VIVEK looks at his uncle.

He is at the dining table with his uncle eating his dosa.

VIVEK'S UNCLE (CONT'D)

Intla addaalenduku ra ?

VIVEK

Light ekkva undhi.

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Itla untadhi podhunna ante..

VIVEK's uncle turns around to chek if VIVEK's mother is around and leans towards VIVEK.

VIVEK'S UNCLE (CONT'D)

Ah ammayini inka marchipole ra nuvvu ?

iuvvu :

VIVEK

Ey ammaiyi.

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Thantha pattukoni.. evari gurinchi maatlaaduthunnano thelavadha ra ? nee ex girlfriend..

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VIVEK'S UNCLE (CONT'D)
Adhi vadileshi inni enlu avuthundhi
inka torcher pedhthunnav aa pilla
ni ?

VIVEK continues to eat.

VIVEK'S UNCLE (CONT'D)
Nee bandi number plate teesi ah
ammayi number plate pettukoni
traffic signallu egakottuthunnav ..
Ah finelu vaala intiki pothuundhi..
Valla ayya ochchi complain
chesthundhu naaku.. Em eeshaalu ra
ivvi..

VIVEK

Utthiga antundu..

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Lift ekke mundhu nee bandi number choosi osthunna..

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Inko dosa esthunna..

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Naak chaal.

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Neeku ra.

VIVEK

Chaalu.

VIVEK'S UNCLE

Cheppu ra howla gaani anukunnava ra? Next time dhaani joliki poyinav ante bokkala estha..

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Rey, inkottati thinu .. Penam off chesthunna iga..

VIVEK'S UNCLE

EHEY! ODHDHANTUNTE!! OOKE inkoka dosa inkoka dosa antunnav! odhdhu naaku nee maadipoyina dosa. Aagu jara!

VIVEK gets up and walks off.

VIVEK

ADHI break up chesinappudu malla ! Appudu daani intiki poyi adinava ? Enduku odilesinav maa odini ani ! Adiginava ? Adhi ledha mee law book la ?

(MORE)

VIVEK (CONT'D)

naaku chesina nammaka droham ki idhi neen esthunna chinna fine.. Kattukomanu ..

VIVEK's mother comes storming towards the table.

Both of them watch as he storms off.

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Emaindhi ra ?

VIVEK'S UNCLE Same bava polikal ochchinai veeniki. inko dosa eyyi po.

VIVEK'S MOTHER Penam teesi moothi meedha estha.

23 EXT. ROAD - DAY

23

VIVEK is on the road driving a car. He has a dead look on his face. He zooms past every traffic signal even if its red.

He is outside a huge IT building named "ACL TECH", mostly like Google or Microsoft.

24 INT. ACL TECH - CONTINUOUS

2.4

He puts on his Card around his neck and gets into the parking area.

He sees his spot and parks the car.

The radio plays a fast upbeat song.

VIVEK reaches out for something in the back seat.

He grabs a MC Donalds Takeaway cover, he hits the hand brake.

He reclines his seat and takes out his burger & drink

He carefully opens his soft drink and drinks up nearly half of it.

He then pulls out a 'hip flask' filled with whiskey, smells it & pours the contents of it into the soft drink glass.

He then places his phone onto a holder and searches for "new Hollywood movie trailers 2017"

Plays something and lounges back while he nurses his drink to take a sip of his customized cocktail.

He does all this in a rehearsed manner as though he's done this several times.

The video he's watching is interrupted by a call.

"KARTHIK - DONT LIFT Calling" the screen shows.

He looks at it and continues to ignore it and sips his drink.

The call ends and he continues to watch the video.

The video is interrupted again.

He is irritated by it & leans forward to take the call but decides to ignore it again.

The video continues to play after the call and he linges back again.

The call comes in again. This time its a different number.

VIVEK

Nee amma !

He springs up from the seat. A little bit of the drink splashes on his pant.

He composes himself and answers the call.

KARTHIK

(on the phone)

Hello ?

VIVEK

Umm..

KARTHIK

Ekkadunnav.

VIVEK

Office.

KARTHTK

Ekkada ?

VIVEK

OFFICE ! Inkekaddunta ?!

KARTHIK

Daaniki kukkalaaga arusthav endhi bhe ? Unknown number nundi chestheyne ethuthava ?

VIVEK

Cheppu.

KARTHIK

Naaku pelli fix ayyindhi.

VIVEK pauses for a moment.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Unnava ?

VIVEK

Cheppu.

KARTHIK

Nee.. Ah reaction endhi ra ? sarey kaani. kaludhama ani.. Ekkadaina bar lo kurchundhamani anukunna..

VIVEK

Morning morning alcohol endhi ? nen thaaga.

VIVEK looks at his drink and takes a sip.

KARTHIK

Mari coke glass lo em kalpukunnav ?

VIVEK is startled, looks around.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Nee left ki.

VIVEK looks to his left.

In the car next to him is KARTHIK.

VIVEK

nuvvendhi ikkada ?

KARTHIK

tamaru phone etthar ani officeki ochca directga teesukeldham ani.. payiki podham anesariki meere parking enter ayyaru..

VIVEK

Ekkada ?

KARTHIK

Adhe mana club 8.

VIVEK

Evarevarosthunnaru ?

KARTHIK

Manolle ra.

VIVEK puts his drink back.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Hello ?

VIVEK

Start avthunna pettu.

KARTHIK

naa car ekku, taagesunnav.

VIVEK looks at KARTHIK.

He's got his shades on and stares at VIVEK from his car. VIVEK sighs.

VIVEK puts on his shades & gets out of the car, walks towards KARTHIK's car, opens the door and sits inside.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Hi.

VIVEK

Poni.

KARTHIK reverses the car.

25 INT. BAR - DAY

25

It's a cosy old bar, we see all the friends gathered up and already drinking.

KAUSHIK pours some beer into VIVEK's glass.

VIVEK

Chaalu.

KAUSHIK

Rey over cheyyakunda thaagu bhe.

KARTHIK signals KAUSHIK to stop pouring, in gestures.

KAUSHIK assures its fine. He himself seems tipsy.

UPENDRA is giggling at the whole thing.

UPENDRA

Ayithey ammayi ni kalisaav ra ?

KARTHIK

Rendu moodu sarlu skype lo choosa ra..

KAUSHIK

Love la paddava ra ?

KARTHIK

Eh love give antha em ledhu ra.. Pelli tharavatha chooskundham.

VIVEK looks at KARTHIK as he sips his drink.

KAUSHIK

Aha ?

KARTHIK

First develop kaani life lo.. Migatha sangathulu anni tharavatha chaala time undhi.

KAUSHIK

Masthu develop ayinav kadha ra.. Pedhdha car konnav, Jubilee hills venakane untav.. Just jubille hills eh almost iga.. Avuna ra .. eppudud okka doubt unde naaku.. Genuine doubt.. Nuvvu ee madhya kadukkuntava leka tissue use chesthava ?

VIVEK coughs his drink back into the glass.

UPENDRA hits KARTHIK on his arm and laughs hysterically.

KARTHIK looks embarrassed and smacks KAUSHIK on his head.

KARTHIK

Ekkuva ayyindhi chaal inka .. Melliga thaagu.

UPENDRA

Ivvala nee maata vinee samasye ledhu.. rey nuvvu kaani ra..

KARTHIK

Nuvvu taagatledhu ga ?

UPENDRA

Ivvala tuesday bhe.

KARTHIK

Ayithey vaadini endhuku encourage chesthunnav ra ?

From behind a girl, mid twenties, SHIRLEY along with a Camera man comes along.

SHIRLEY

Hey! Hi im Shirley. Nenu Goa Vibes ane company tho work chesthunnanu. they make Cashewnut fenny.. vodka lantidhi.. tagline ochchi..

She animates her hands.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

"Destiny pilusthundhi" ..

There is no reaction and a moment of awkward silence.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Ala choodakandi.. Its not my idea.. Company lo intern anthey.. Anyways mee peru ?

UPENDRA

Upendra, ayina Kaushik, Karthik and thats vivek.

Everyone wave a hello.

SHIRLEY

So, this is a small promotion. Maa channel lo memu oka collection of videos chesthunnamu. Meeru ok ante we will ask you a few questions.. Prathi interesting answer ki oka gift.

KARTHIK

Ledhu andi.. We are good. chinna work gurinchi meet ayyamu so ..

SHIRLEY

Come on.. Prathi answer ki free round of shot and a grand prize at the end of it.

KAUSHIK

Ante madhu free.. ?

SHIRLEY

Yes, complimentary.

KAUSHIK

Please sit. Kurchondi. Arey uppu nuvvu bandi pakkaki park cheyyi. What is the game ?

SHIRLEY

Simple truth or dare types. Aade untaaru eppudo .. chinnappudu.

KAUSHIK

Ledhu.. Out out aadthunde .. leg touch aadthundhe.. Ivve telusu..

KARTHIK stares at KAUSHIK.

SHIRLEY

Oh ok .. Start cheddama ?

A bottle spins.

The bottle points to KARTHIK.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Truth or dare ?

KARTHIK

Truth.

SHIRLEY

Meeru as a group chesina craziest thing enti ?

KARTHIK

Em ledhu.. maybe idhey..

SHIRLEY

No. Interesting and Honest undaali answers.

KARTHIK

Uh.. Okka saari college lo unnappudu. Ilaane taagesi. Plan cheyyakunda Warangal varuku ellipoyaamu...

SHIRLEY

Oh.. Just like that ?

KARTHIK

Just like that.

SHIRLEY

Ok.. Is he right guy ?

KAUSHIK and UPENDRA nod their heads.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Super. Shots guys ?

The waiter behind hands over a few shots to the guys.

UPENDRA explains to her that he doesn't drink.

They hit the glasses together, shout "cheers".

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Spin!

The bottle spins again.

It points to KARTHIK again.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Again !

KARTHIK

Truth!

SHIRLEY

How boring. Sarey.. As a group meeku edho oka favourite past time untundhi..

(MORE)

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Something that brings you togetehr. Adnhi enti .. ela discover chesaaaru ?

KARTHIK

Peddha story ne..

SHIRLEY

Its ok .. Camera choosi cheppandi..

KARTHIK looks into the camera.

KARTHIK

2007.

TEXT APPEARS : 2007.

26 INT. COLLEGE - DAY

26

KARTHIK, VIVEK, UPENDRA & KAUSHIK are seated in the back bench.

There is a class going on.

VIVEK is busy searching for something on his phone.

KARTHIK

Em ayyindhi bhe ?

KAUSHIK is sleeping.

VIVEK

Aagandi ra.

VIVEK gets a call, He almost immediately silences it and goes below his bench.

The lecturer who looks like a young lady yells.

LECTURER

Evar adhi ? No cell phones in class.

KAUSHIK who looks like he is sleeping mocks a girls voice.

KAUSHIK

Sorry madam !

The class giggles.

LECTURER

Who is that ?

VIVEK takes the call.

VIVEK

(hushes)

Dorikinaya ? .. Enni ra Karthik ?

KARTHIK

Arey uppu osthava ?

UPENDRA

Etu ?

KARTHIK

Happy days.

KAUSHIK

Arey nenguda ostha ra..

KARTHIK

Nalugu.

VIVEK

Four.

He cuts the call and gets up.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

Done.

UPENDRA

Eh show ra ?

VIVEK

Inko half an hour. Manju theatre.

UPENDRA

Ela eltham ?

KAUSHIK

Hello brother, im there no ?

All of them look up at the lecturer in front of them.

She's busy teaching Java.

KAUSHIK sneaks upto the window.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

One ruppee coin.

VIVEK gives it to him.

KAUSHIK starts unscrewing the window grill beside him

LECTURER

Programme export chesin tharavatha em cheyyali ?

The class is silent.

LECTURER (CONT'D)

CHEPPANDI ! Programme export chesin tharavatha em cheyyali ?

KAUSHIK

(bends down)

Quarter thaagi intlo pandaale.

LECTURER

Enti?

KAUSHIK

Quarter thaagi intlo pandaale..

LECTURER

Who said that ? Evaradhi !!

The class starts laughing.

The boys bend down and laugh in union.

LECTURER (CONT'D)

Ippude principal ki complain chestha aagandi.

She storms out of the class.

KAUSHIK signals the gang to move.

He opens the grill and they jump out of the class.

27 EXT. CLASS - DAY

27

The walk in a line on a thin wall beside the class,

They jump from one structure to another and almost cross the main gate. $\,$

The watchman watched them from below.

WATCHMAN

Etu ?

VIVEK

Happy days.

WATCHMAN

Extra ticket unnaadha?

KAUSHIK

Chal bhe saale. Monna ne bottle ichchina.

They jump out together.

28 INT. THEATRE - DAY

2.8

A scene from "Surya s/o Krishna" is playing.

These guys are watching intensely. VIVEK has tears in his eyes.

KAUSHTK

Arey egg puff kaavalnara vivek..

VIVEK

Oddhu.

KAUSHIK

Edusthunnav ra ?

VIVEK

Mooskoni choodu.

The lights are turned on and there is some commotion ahead.

KAUSHIK

Rey evarda light esindhi ! Rey !!

UPENDRA

Arey gautam menon ochchadu ra..

VIVEK gets up and tries to get a peek.

KARTHIK turns to VIVEK.

KARTHIK

Padha photo teeskundham.

29 EXT. THEATRE - MOMENTS LATER

29

The boys are squeezing through a group of guys to meet the Crew of the film.

VIVEK

SIR ! GAUTAM SIR !! Sir ! Nenu kuda direction department.

Gautam Menon looks into the crowd and points at VIVEK and asks him to come forward.

VIVEK, KARTHIK, KAUSHIK and Uppu go to take a pic.

While posing for the picture, they talk.

GAUTAM MENON

Direction department ante emaina work chesara ?

VIVEK

Yes sir upcoming ...

GAUTAM MENON

Short films chesara emaina ?

VIVEK

Yes sir.

GAUTAM MENON

Mee team ?

VIVEK

Velle sir.

GAUTAM MENON

Good good. Team peru ?

VIVEK pauses for a moment.

VIVEK

Vivek and team sir.

GAUTAM MENON

Oh good. All the best.

Everyone look at VIVEK.

The picture looks odd where KAUSHIK, KARTHIK and UPENDRA glare at VIVEK.

30 EXT. TEA SHOP - DAY

All of them are standing and having tea, while VIVEK and KAUSHIK are smoking.

KAUSHIK

Anna, enduku anna phekinav ? Okka photo kosam mammalni howla gaalani chesnav kadha.

VTVEK

Phekudu em le.. Chedaam anukuntunna.

KARTHIK

Vivek and gang endhi ra ?

VIVEK

Aah timela em anipinchindo edhi cheppina.. ayina naa deggara konni manchi ideas unnayi .. Direct cheddam anukuntunna..

KAUSHIK

Ante nee drushtila nuvvu nee cinemala hero .. Memu side characterlu anthey kadha..

VIVEK

Chal atla annana ?

KARTHIK

Nenu enti ra team lo ?

VIVEK

Cinematography.

UPENDRA

Nenu ? Editing.. Naaku already ochchu ra..

30

KAUSHIK

Nenu ?

UPENDRA

Nuvvu pakka comedian ra.

They break into a laughter.

KAUSHIK hits Uppu with a matchbox.

31 INT. BAR - DAY

31

SHIRLEY laughs.

SHIRLEY

Super. So Shekar gari tho okka photo oppurtunity kosam cheppina abbadam nijam ayyindhi anamaata!

KARTHIK has a smile on his face.

KAUSHIK skulls his drink while UPENDRA looks on.

VIVEK is in deep thought.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Emaindhi ah tharuvaatha ?

There's a moment of silence.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

OK lets spin !

The bottle spins, points towards VIVEK.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Vivek right ?

VIVEK

Yep.

SHIRLEY

Shirley.

She extends her hand.

VIVEK

Hi.

SHIRLEY

Truth ? So Director ayyara ?

The camera dollies on to VIVEK.

VIVEK is walking towards UPENDRA, KARTHIK and KAUSHIK. They are busy discussing teh exam.

KARTHIK

Ayyindha babu ? Pass ah ?

VIVEK

Oka beautiful concept ochchindhi.

KAUSHIK

Pass ah fail ah bhe ?

VIVEK

Oka manchi love story raasina.

KAUSHTK

Fail. Deadly ayithey. Iddaram suppliki chitlu pettukovachchu! Yahoo.

VIVEK

Cheppedhi vinu bhe. Exam raadham ani kurchunna.

33 INT. EXAMINATION HALL - DAY

33

VIVEK is looking at the question paper.

A girl enters the class.

She seems to ask the examiner about her seat.

The examiner points at VIVEK.

VIVEK looks nervous.

The girl walks towards VIVEK.

VIVEK sits upright.

The music distorts to reality as she speaks to him.

SHRUTHI

Excuse me.

VIVEK looks up.

SHRUTHI (CONT'D)

You have to move. This is my seat.

VIVEK

Sorry.

He slides to the other side of the bench.

She sits beside him on the same bench.

VIVEK adjusts his posture.

34 INT. COLLEGE CANTEEN - CONTINUOUS

34

UPENDRA interrupts him.

UPENDRA

Aagaagu.. Idhi story ah leka em jarigindhochepothunnava ?

KAUSHIK

Ninnu ikkada kottala leka bayata road meedha kottala ?

VTVEK

Mooskoni inu.

35 INT. EXAMINATION HALL - DAY

35

VIVEK looks at his answer sheet. It's blank He peeks at hers. She's writing like a pro.

He looks at her face.

She catches him looking and signals a "what" to him.

VIVEK immediately shakes his pen vigorously and shows her that the pen isn't writing.

She looks at her case and pushes an extra pen to his side.

He smiles at her, she ignores the gesture and writes on.

He stares at the blank page and starts writing.

She looks at him writing and is slightly perplexed.

A hand raises. It's VIVEK's.

The examiner hands him an additional sheet.

He's filling it with a smile that runs from ear to ear.

He grabs another sheet and start filling it.

The examiner checks him for chits, he finds nothing.

He has the girl's attention.

The girl gets up to submit the paper.

She takes a look at him & coughs.

VIVEK pauses and looks at her.

A moment of nothing.

He looks at the pen he's holding and realizes it's hers.

She signals him to continue and walks off.

He watches her leave.

36 INT. COLLEGE CANTEEN - DAY

36

KAUSHIK is sipping on a coke.

KAUSHIK

Ante ippudu pen vaapas chesinattu poyi daanni kalusthav adhe kadha nee plan.

VIVEK

Thoo.. Oka love story raasina ra ..

KARTHIK gets up and grabs the answer sheet he pulls out from his shirt

KARTHIK

Baagane undhi intro.

UPENDRA

Kaushik gaadu choodu. Nuvve ah ammayai venta pade eveteaser ani cheapga anukunnadu.

VIVEK

Manam chese short film ki heroine amane.

KAUSHIK bends to look at UPENDRA in the eye.

KAUSHIK

Dog's tail is always curved.

37 INT. SHRUTHI'S COLLEGE - DAY

37

The gang is walking towards the canteen.

KARTHIK

Rey, veelu asale peddha posh ollu
.. Anavasanga godava pettukuntaru..

VIVEK

Ednuku bhayapadthav ra.. Ah ammayi no ante elipodham silentga.

They enter the canteen. She is seated at one end and a group of friends are around her.

VIVEK walks up to her.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

Hey. Im Vivek. Adhi ah exam hall lo.

SHRUTHI

Enti pen return chedaam ana ?

VIVEK

Ledhu. Ah pen poyindhi. I wrote a script. Ante nenu short films chesthuntanu. Cheyyaledu but oka script raasanu. Cheddam anukuntunna... i was hoping you could act in it. Ante try .. Anyway..

He hands out the script, it's the same bunch of additional sheets he wrote in the exam hall.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

Script. If you like it. My number is on the last page.

One of shruthi's friend, gets up.

SHRUTHI'S FRIEND

Hello ? Boss. Eh college ? Ra...

He grabs him by the arm and walks him to the gate.

VIVEK looks back, Shruthi is reading the script.

KARTHIK, UPENDRA & KAUSHIK stop the friend.

Another few guys join shruthi's friend.

VIVEK

Boss. Lite teesko. Vere college nenu.

SHRUTHI'S FRIEND

Script enti ? Number enti ah ? who allowed you in ?

KARTHIK

Nuvvu watchman ah ra ?

SHRUTHI'S FRIEND

Rey! em annav ra?

Another friend joins in.

SHRUTHI'S FRIEND 2

Whats happening Rajesh ?

SHRUTHI'S FRIEND

Some local college guys dude. They've come to flirt with Shruthi.

KAUSHIK

Arey happy days, lite teesko pothunam memu. Nuvvu kerchief esinattunav, seat needhe dont worry, ochchina english antha vaadaku.

Before Shruthi's friends can react, Shruthi comes in from behind.

SHRUTHI

Rajesh relax, I can take care of it myself.

SHRUTHI'S FRIEND

Dude these guys..

SHRUTHI

Relax, its fine.

She turns to them

SHRUTHI (CONT'D)

General ga answer sheets exam lo teesukeltharu.. Idhi complete opposite.

VIVEK smiles.

SHRUTHI (CONT'D)

Baagundhi.

VIVEK looks puzzled.

SHRUTHI (CONT'D)

Script baagundhi.

VIVEK smiles. The rest of the gang look relieved.

(FROM HERE TO pg. 23 is a SONG MONTAGE)

38 EXT. SCENIC LOCATION - DAY

38

Shruthi is all decked up.

SHRUTHI

its in the search of a love so pure which keeps me on the run.

A DSLR Camera tracks out from a slider on a tripod.

Behind it is KARTHIK, KAUSHIK, UPENDRA and VIVEK closely watching Shruthi.

KARTHIK

Rey cut cheppu ra.

VIVEK is looking at Shruthi through the view finder.

UPENDRA

REY !

VIVEK

Cut.

Shruthi bursts into a laugh.

SHRUTHI

Thats was so bad !

KARTHIK

It was beautiful.

They rejoice the shot.

Shruthi looks at VIVEK and smiles.

39 EXT. SCENIC LOCATION - EVENING

39

The sun is setting, The rest of the gang seems to be packing up. They get into their car and honk.

In front of them are VIVEK and Shruthi Talking to each other a beautiful setting.

40 INT. VIVEK'S FLAT - EVENING

40

VIVEK is in bed watching a Movie, he's constantly looking at his phone nearby

It finally lights up.

VIVEK grabs it almost instantly and starts messaging.

41 INT. MALL - DAY

41

VIVEK is seen buying a ticket. KARTHIK spots him from inside a shop & waves a hello.

VIVEK signals him to get away.

KARTHIK is confused and looks in all directions.

He spots Shruthi in a corner waiting for VIVEK.

VIVEK ignore KARTHIK and walks away with Shruthi.

KARTHIK looks excited and messages someone.

VIVEK & Shruthi buy popcorn.

They are seen watching a movie together.

42 TNT, KARTHIK HOUSE - DAY

42

Everyone's gathers up, they have a projector and are screening a shot from their short film.

VIVEK imitates her in front of everyone.

She smacks him with a pillow & chases him.

The end up in the balcony and she is in his arms

VIVEK

Baggundantaava ?

Shruthi looks at him

SHRUTHI

It's beautiful.

VIVEK

Bhayangundhi.

SHRUTHI

Ila bhayapadhithe cinema ela teesthav ?

Theres a moment of silence.

VIVEK

"in search of a love that is pure."

He imitates her again.

She pushes him away and he runs.

43 INT. RESTAURANT - DAY

43

VIVEK, KAUSHIK, KARTHIK Uppu & a couple of girls (Shruthi's friends) are seated at a table.

VIVEK covers eyes and gets her over to a cake thats reads Happy birthday.

Beside that is a box. It reads "love VIVEK"

She cuts the cake and hears a sound from inside the box.

She gasps and goes back in delight.

She jumps around as she opens the box.

It's a tiny pup with a red collar on it's neck.

She jumps in joy and hugs VIVEK.

VIVEK carries the pup and places it on her arm.

A few photos are taken.

44 EXT. TEMPLE - DAY

44

KARTHIK, KAUSHIK & UPENDRA walk out of a temple with Shruthi to the end of the street where VIVEK is seen smoking a cigarette.

SHRUTHI

Adhi konchum pakkaki padesthava ?

VIVEK throws it away.

She hands him over a script it's got kumkum smeared over it.

VIVEK

Endhi idhi ? Avasarama ?

SHRUTHI

First feature film script. You need the luck !

KAUSHIK smears some vibudhi on VIVEK's forehead and he snaps. They laugh.

45 INT. COFFEE SHOP - DAY

45

KARTHIK & VIVEK grab a chair and sit in front of Shruthi who's eagerly waiting for them.

She looks at them curiously,

KARTHIK

He screwed it up.

VIVEK gives him a glare.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Dramalu cheyyaku. Such a big producer Shruthi. Konni changes adigaadu. Eedu peeddha hollywood director . Entha rude ga maatlado telusaa.

He goes on.

We see shruthi and VIVEK looks at each other.

VIVEK cant make eye contact.

Shruthi looks on.

VIVEK

Rey! Noor muyyi.. Nee script kadhu kadha .. Naa ishtam.. After all camera handle chesthaav ...naa cinema .. Needhi kadhu.. Muyyi.

KARTHIK gets up and walks.

SHRUTHT

Karthik!

46 INT. CAR - EVENING

46

VIVEK is driving, Shruthi is in the front seat.

No one is talking.

He stops.

Shruthi gets off. She turns around to talk,

He drives off.

Her eyes are welled up with tears.

47 INT. VIVEK'S FLAT - NIGHT

47

VIVEK is watching a movie, his phone is ringing.

He doesn't answer.

He cuts the call.

It rings again. He answers it.

We see him yelling and arguing.

48 INT. SHRUTHI'S HOUSE - NIGHT

48

We see shruthi arguing and yelling over the phone.

She cuts the call.

We see the phone screen.

It reads "add to blocklist"

49 EXT. SHRUTHI'S HOUSE - DAY

49

Shruthi is loading a box onto a truck which reads "movers and packers"

A couple of bikes stop by. It's VIVEK, KAUSHIK, KARTHIK & Uppu.

VIVEK walks over and talks to shruthi.

VIVEK

Block chesava shruthi ?

She ignore him and takes andother box to load.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

Shruthi. Lets talk.

She continues to load the truck.

A man in his fifties stops him and holds him by the arm.

VIVEK immediately twists his arm and pushes him.

Shruthi dahses at VIVEK and slaps himm

SHRUTHI

Thats my dad.

VIVEK takes a moment to recover

SHRUTHI (CONT'D)

Nuvvu em chesthavo chesuko. Naaku ee lifestyle oddhu. Ma parents tho discuss chesa. cinema field ante vaalaki interest ledhu. Antha stress naaaku akkarledu. Paiga nee attitude lo problem undhi. Sorry Vivek. All the best for your future. Naa valla kadhu. This is it.

She walks away.

VIVEK is still in shock.

50 EXT. BASKETBALL COURT - NIGHT

50

VIVEK is drinking from a black cover. KAUSHIK and uppu are beside him.

KARTHIK is on the phone with shruthi.

KARTHIK comes over to VIVEK and places his hand over VIVEK's shoulder.

KARTHIK

Vivek. It's over ra.. I dont think its going to work out inka.

VIVEK pushes KARTHIK's hand off him.

VTVEK

Rey! Em maatladthunnav.. Fights anni common ra.. Choodu malli repu phone chesi..

He stops.

Every one turn towards the direction he's looking at.

A medium sized dog with a red collar wanders in to the basketball court.

The guys run towards the dog. They inspect it and look around.

There's no one.

VIVEK's eyes well up with tears and he skulls an entire bottle down.

KAUSHIK tried to stop him.

VIVEK smashes the bottle on the ground.

VIVEK (CONT'D)
Love ledu naa bondha ledhu, Thoo!
Innocent pure my foot!

51 EXT. VIVEK'S FLAT - EARLY MORNING.

51

VIVEK's mother opens the door and starts working on her "muggu"

There is a pair of shoes in front of her.

She looks up it's VIVEK.

He's trying hard to balance. He's drunk.

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Rey! Time endhi? Ekkada ...

Even before she can finish.

He falls on her "muggu"

His face slams to the ground and the powder from the "muggu" explodes in the air.

FADE TO BLACK.

52 INT. BAR - AFTERNOON

52

Everyone looks at their drink, while VIVEK is staring into thin air.

There's an awkward silence.

VIVEK gulps his drink down.

SHIRLEY looks on.

SHIRLEY

Ok.. Ah tharavatha ?

KARTHIK

Ah tharavatha anni accidents eh.

KARTHIK nurses his drink around.

53 INT. VIVEK'S ROOM - DAY

53

A timelapse of shots of VIVEK drinking in his room.

He covers any light that falls on his eyes with a pair of wayfarers.

Camera dollies to the view outside the door of his room, shows multiple shots of his mother yelling, threatening him, throwing a plate of food, warning him with a kitchen knife & the door is slammed shut.

There is a sequence of repeated shots of him hitting the ground.

Just half an inch above his wayfarers is a Band aid.

It's peeling off, he puts it back in place.

54 INT. VIVEK'S FLAT - DAY

54

KARTHIK, KAUSHIK & UPENDRA are in conversation with VIVEK's mother.

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Em cheppalo ardham avvatledhu Karthik. Ten days ayyindhi vaadu bayatiki ochchi. Roju raatri 12 ki bayatiki poyyi ah mandhu bottle edho konukkoni room la taaguthunnadu..

KARTHIK & UPENDRA look at each other.

KARTHIK

Mem maatladutham aunty.

KARTHIK knocks the door.

A bearded VIVEK opens the door.

KARTHIK, KAUSHIK & UPENDRA take a moment to recognize him.

55 INT. CHAI CAFE - DAY

55

KAUSHIK, KARTHIK & UPENDRA are siting around VIVEK.

There a cup of tea in front of him.

KARTHIK

Taagu.

VIVEK doesnt respond. He just started at the tea with his hands folded.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Daanlo kuda emaina posthey taaguthava ?

VIVEK gives him a glare.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Deeniki em thakkuva ledhu.. enni rojulu ani pichhodo laaga ala room lo untav bhe ? ame akkada hayi ga kottha boyfriend tho facebook lo likes kottesindhi ..

VIVEK looks at everyone.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Oho facebook ante endho thelidhu emo ? Ela thelusthundhi ? Nuvvu room lo kurchoni edhusthey.. the world is moving on.

KARTHIK leans back and sips on his chai.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Choodu ra games ki time ayyipoyidhi. Kalisi cinema cheddham anukunnam. intlo pressure solid padhuthundhi. kalishi cheddam ani confidentga bayata gaaliki thiruguthunnam. Idhi ika last year manaki. Script raasi short film cheddam ante ok. 48 hr contest occhhindhi. Daantlo gelisthey producers kantlo padutham ledha nuvvu shruthi guruchuni alonchi.

VIVEK signals him to stop.

VIVEK

Contest eppudu ?

56 INT. STUDIO - DAY

56

There is a huge crowd of filmmakers. On the stage is a huge board that reads " make a film in 48 hours"

There are a few judges and hosts on the stage.

The anchor is reading out the rules.

ANCHOR

" ok guys so malli repeat chesthunnanu. Meeku genres ante topics or themes ee hat lo nundi teeyali.. Lucky draw anamaata .. Teesina tharuvatha mee 48 hours start avuthundhi.. Meeku occhina topic/genre gurinchey meeru 10 minute short film two days lo raasi, prodiucer chesi final product submit cheyyali.. detailed rules mee kit lo..

She goes on.

At one corner of the auditorium are KARTHIK, KAUSHIK, VIVEK & UPENDRA.

KARTHIK

Poyi genre select cheyyi.

ANCHOR

Team Kanyaraasi!

VIVEK walks up to the stage.

He picks the chit from the hat.

It reads " ROMANTIC COMEDY."

The anchor asks him to announce it on the mike.

VIVEK grabs the mike.

VIVEK

Romantic comedy. Arey karthik, kauhsikga. Nenu sachchina cheyyanu. No. Im not doing this. Lite teesko.

Everyone murmurs.

The people on the stage look perplexed.

KAUSHIK runs up to the stage and grabs the mike away from him.

KAUSHIK

Joking. Thank you! All the best to everyone.

57 INT. CAR - MOMENTS LATER

57

VIVEK, KAUSHIK, KARTHIK & UPENDRA are seated in the car.

There is a moment of silence.

CUT.

They start arguing. Complete chaos.

CUT.

CLOSE of papers being burnt.

CUT.

CLOSE of steering being turned.

CUT.

The car turns around in SLOW MOTION.

CUT.

BLACK.

58 INT. HOSPITAL - EVENING

58

The four of them are seated on the waiting area with bandages.

The camera dollies on to them. Around them are what looks like their quardians or parents, we don't see them.

From behind we hear them argue and scream.

KARTHIK'S FATHER

Short films ! INKO sari films cinema annavo kallu irragkodtha rasacal !

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Rey! Siggu ledha neeku.. Thaagi thaaagi ollu paaduchesukoka accidentlu kuda na?!

NURSE

Excuse me ! Silence ! Ikkada aravodhu..

KARTHIK'S FATHER

Asalu first veelinka kalvodhu andhi.. Poyi aah basketball court lo mandhu cigarttelu..

KAUSHIK'S FATHER

Maa ode encourage chesuntaadandi.. First vaadini vere state ki pampishthey vellaina baagupaduthaaru.

The camera dollies in on their faces. They dont have a word to say.

59 INT. KARTHIK'S HOUSE - DAY

59

KARTHIK, UPENDRA and KAUSHIK walk into the hall. KARTHIK's father is seated and is in a heated discussion with the house owner

HOUSE OWNER

Eppudu isthaav ayya! Siggundha neeku? chettantha peddha abbayi kuda unnadu. Em laabam? antha veelu kaakapothey verey areaki shift avvandi! ee arealo undaali ante rent timeki kattali..

KARTHIK's father looks at him and puts his head down.

KARTHIK stands in silence, shocked.

60 INT. CHAI CAFE - MOMENTS LATER

60

VIVEK puts his tea cup down and storms over to his bike.

KAUSHIK, UPENDRA & KARTHIK try to stop him and then follow him.

61 EXT. KARTHIK'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER

61

KARTHIK abruptly stops his bike and runs towards the apartment.

As KARTHIK, KAUSHIK & UPENDRA enter, they see VIVEK holding the House owner by his collar.

VIVEK

Manushulante viluva ledhu ra neeku ! Dabbulu kaavali develop avvali anthey ra mee bhatukulu ??

KARTHIK goes and pulls them apart, The house owner is threatening to call the cops.

KARTHIK pushes VIVEK and slaps him.

VIVEK rushes to react and stops, glares at KARTHIK.

KARTHIK

Avunu ra dubbulu mukhyam.

VIVEK storms off.

KARTHIK watches on.

62 INT. CAMERA SHOP HYDERABAD - DAY

62

KARTHIK puts out a camera body, a lens kit on the desk of the shopkeeper.

The shopkeeper inspects it closely.

63 EXT. CAMERA SHOP HYDERABAD - DAY

63

KARTHIK walks out with a bunch of notes that he tucks away in his jeans & starts his bike.

64 INT. KARTHIK'S HOUSE - DAY

64

KARTHIK places the bunch of notes in his father's hands.

KARTHIK

Inka meeku ee paristhithi malli raaneyyanu.

He hugs his father.

The background song in the TV is distorted and they look curiously towards the TV.

65 INT. BAR - AFTERNOON

65

The whole gang look at each other and look towards the centre of the Bar.

A karaoke is in session.

KARTHIK

Evadra vaadu ?

KAUSHIK

Paadutha teeyaga programme avuthudhhi aada.

SHIRLEY looks at her crew. She then looks at the rest of the gang.

They don't say a word.

SHIRLEY

Im sorry guys.

KARTHIK looks up at everyone.

KARTHIK

Why sorry ? Antha baagane undhi ippudu. Im going to the US. Getting married.

SHIRLEY

Oh congrats !

KARTHIK

Vivek ki oka super job undhi!

SHIRLEY

Is that so ?

VIVEK smiles just a little.

KARTHIK

Upendra editing job chesthunnadu.. Kaushik..

KAUSHIK

Actor avuthunna.. Tvaralo actor avuthunna..

SHIRLEY

Thats super ! Cheers to that !

She gets a round of drinks.

They down it all.

She gets up.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Ok! Meeru chaala baaga participate chesaaru! Thank you so much. Intha content isthundhi anukoledhu.. Anduku oka chinna gift from the company and me.

She places a hamper in the middle of the table.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Meeku four complimentary passes to the DESTINY fest, Goa. Bachelors plan chesthaaru ga.. Inka complimentary bottle for Vivek.

KARTHIK, KAUSHIK & UPENDRA look at VIVEK.

VIVEK looks at her.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Ah baadha ela untundho telusu. Dont worry. you are not alone. You'll come out of it.

VIVEK

Thank you.

SHIRLEY

Take care.

She walks away.

UPENDRA

Unte moodu nelalu undaali pain.. Eediki aidu enlu ayina pain undhi ante adhi brain cancer ayyi undaali.

KAUSHIK looks at VIVEK and her leaving

KAUSHIK

Evaru ra ah akka ? Ekkado putti ekkado perigi. Manaki ivvala kalisi. Manaki mandu posi .. Company ichchi pothundhi ! so many great people to everyone my salute.

KARTHIK

Ante ?

UPENDRA

Endaro mahanubhavulu ani.. Sarey kaani.. arey Vivek, ekkinattu undhi neeku ?

VIVEK

Chalo thaagandi.

Shots are lined up.

UPENDRA

Arey vivek.. chaal ra inka

VIVEK

chalo thaagandi bhe.

KAUSHIK

(to UPENDRA)

Iniki ekkindhi. pakka.

UPENDRA

Alcoholic.

VIVEK forces a shot down KARTHIK's throat.

KARTHIK

Rey !! Rey washroom washroom !!

KARTHIK looks like he's about to puke.

VIVEK holds him.

VIVEK

Gentlemen, Dont worry. Nen teeskapotha.

KAUSHIK

Mmm.. Chana shades unnai ra nee lo. Go go..

VIVEK carries KARTHIK to the washroom.

A waiter enters the frame.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Yes, whats the problem ?

WAITER

Sir, bill.

KAUSHIK

We dont want.

WAITER

Sir..

KAUSHIK

Maakoddhu bhe.. inkevvarkaina ivvu po..

UPENDRA

Ittivvandi.

UPENDRA inspects the bill.

KAUSHIK

Avuna eduntav anna nuvvu ?

WAITER

Me sir ?

KAUSHIK

Yes you sir.

WAITER

I stay near station area sir.

KAUSHIK

Mari enduku ra eeda suit esukoni english la maatladuthav ?

UPENDRA

Hello.. Ee bottle kuda charge esaaru enti ? Adhi ah ammayi complimentrayga ichcharu.

WATTER

No sir adhi chargeable.

KAUSHIK

Ey ! She paid no ?!

WAITER

No.

KAUSHIK springs up.

KAUSHIK

Em maatlaadthunnav bhe ! Ah angel akka maaku company ichchi, bottle ichchi poyyindhi kadha bhe.. Evvan bar ra idhi ? manager evadu..

A bouncer and a manager come over.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Endhi bhe idhi ? Ah ? First ah sound aapu ! Evadra vaadu juraasic park la dinodsaur lekka eduthundu.. Karaoke na deeni peru ..

VIVEK walks in.

VIVEK

Problem endhi ?

KAUSHIK

Arey evado akkada raagam thaalam lekunda isthamocchinattu paduthundu ra first vaadini aapu po.

VIVEK

Sarey.

Vivek walks towards the side where a guy is seen singing with a microphone.

UPENDRA

Rey vaadiki endukura cheppav.

KAUSHIK

Marchipoyina ra.

VIVEK slaps the guy on the neck as he sings.

The guy falls in front, gets up and swings the microphone towards vivek.

Vivek ducks. The microphone lashes foward.

Kaushik & Upendra watch the micrphone.

It passes by and hits Karthik on his head.

KARTHIK is knocked over to the glass table in the middle and lands on his back.

VIVEK

Karthik rey .. ?

KARTHIK is on the bar floor, we see everything from the aerial view.

Around him is a discussion.

The camera slowly dollies in.

KAUSHIK

Maa odi ne kodthava bhe ! Saale !

UPENDRA holds him back.

UPENDRA

Rey! Karthik gani moothi thokuthunnav!

VIVEK beats the bouncer.

KAUSHIK

Shit. Vaadu endhi ra nijanga kottindu.

The bouncer strangles VIVEK.

UPENDRA

Arey karma ra babu, enni enlu baagane unnam kadha ra.. Malli start ayyindhi penta.

66 EXT. ROAD - MOMENTS LATER

66

The camera is still in aerial view, KARTHIK is in the same position, on the ground.

Around him are KAUSHIK, VIVEK & UPENDRA.

UPENDRA

Enduku ra animals la behave chestharu. Rey kaushik nenu cheppana vaadiki rendu drinks paiga odhdhu ani..

KAUSHIK

Arey nene rendu drinks paina pothey controlla unda .. Naathoti em chepthunnav bhe..

UPENDRA

Cha! Motham penta ayyindhi.

VIVEK

Em ayyindhi bhe. Em ayyindhi? Ippudu veedi bachelor party manam chesthunnam! anthey.. Nenu decide ayyina..

UPENDRA

Rey! Pichchekkindha.

VIVEK

Cab ochchindhi nadu.. First Karthik gani room ki podham .. Battalu pack cheyyi.

A cab pulls over beside KARTHIK.

67 INT. KARTHIK'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

67

The camera is still in aerial view, KARTHIK is in the same position, on the floor.

Around him are KAUSHIK, VIVEK & UPENDRA.

UPENDRA is packing.

UPENDRA

Ento ra.. Malli endho peddha issue avuthundhi.. Tickets book ayyaaya asalu ?

VIVEK

Declined.

KAUSHIK who is lying down beside KARTHIK speaks up.

KAUSHIK

Endhi declined ?

VTVEK

Your card is declined.

KAUSHIK

Ekkadno vinna ra nenu kuda idhi..

VIVEK

Uppu gaadini adugu ra kaushik.

KAUSHIK lifts UPENDRA's head and turns it to VIVEK's side.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

Uppu card undha ?

UPENDRA

Arey naaku em ardham avvatledhu ra.. nannu irritate cheyyakandi!

KAUSHIK

Nice tactic.

VIVEK

Book ayyindhi.. Karthik card pani chesindhi.

KAUSHTK

Great ra veedu.. Peter england.

He rolls over KARTHIK.

68 INT. AIRPORT - MOMENTS LATER

68

The camera is still in aerial view, KARTHIK is in the same position, this time he is lying on a couple of trolleys over luggage.

UPENDRA, KARTHIK & VIVEK are pushing him inside.

A couple of security guards come by.

SECURITY GUARD

Tickets.

VIVEK displays his mobile phone.

SECURITY GUARD (CONT'D)

Peeye huve ho kya ?

VIVEK

Nahi..

SECURITY GUARD

ID card.

Another security guard calls for backup.

VIVEK

Ok?

SECURITY GUARD

Bahar chaliye..

KAUSHIK

What is the problem ?

SECURITY GUARD

Chalo! Niklo

They push a trolley.

KARTHIK falls off balance.

KAUSHIK

Rey !

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69 EXT. AIRPORT - MOMENTS LATER

The camera is still in aerial view, KARTHIK is in the same position,

Around him are the gang.

UPENDRA

Arey lite ra intiki veldham.

VIVEK

Muyyi ! .. Karthik gaadi bandi ekkada ?

UPENDRA

Evadu naduputhaadu ra ?

VTVEK

Nuvve.

KAUSHIK starts laughing hysterically.

KAUSHIK

Abboo.. Epic ra idhi.

70 EXT. ROAD - MOMENTS LATER

70

The camera is still in aerial view, KARTHIK is in the same position, he is tied on the car roof.

The car is in motion.

UPENDRA

Rey idhi over ra vaadu padi pothaadu..

KAUSHIK

Vaade kadha bhe .. Gaali aadthale gaali aadthale annadu.

UPENDRA

Ante maatram ala paiki kattesthaav ra ..emaina ante ah psycho gaadu kodthunnadu.. Entha penta chesaaro repu thelusthundhi.

KAUSHIK

Arey! Sarey ra naina.. Pakkaki aapu tharavaaatha.. Lopala kattestha vaadini.

The camera dollies into KARTHIK's face.

71

Light transitions over KARTHIK's face. A crab crawls over it and He wakes up.

It's a sunny day.

KARTHIK brushes it off while asleep and slowly sits upright to see a beautiful beach and the sun rising.

There's a smile on his face.

KARTHIK

Beautiful.

He turns around, there's a shack in his sight.

He slowly begins to realize that he isn't dreaming.

He immediately springs up and looks around.

He touches himself and finds himself hurt.

He realizes he is on top of his car.

There's a bandage on his head.

He jumps down in panic. He notices UPENDRA in the drivers seat, bangs the window.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Rey! Rey! Ekkadunnam ra?

UPENDRA slowly wakes up. He looks scared.

Rolls the window just a little.

UPENDRA

Karthik, nenu cheppedhi vinu ra.. Koddhi sepu aagu.

KARTHIK

Tension avuthundhi cheppu ra..

UPENDRA

Em kaale ra ..

KARTHIK

Ekkada unnam ra ? Vizag ah ?

UPENDRA

Goa.

KARTHIK

Enti?

UPENDRA

Goa.

KARTHIK

Shit naa ring !

UPENDRA

Eh ring ?

KARTHIK

Naa engagement ring ! Maa boss ichchindhi ! solitaire diamond dhi !

KAUSHIK slowly gets up.

KAUSHIK

Bar ki techchinava ?

KARTHIK

Pakka.. Naa deggarne unindhi! Bar lo meeku choopinchinatu gurthu..!

KAUSHIK and UPENDRA get down.

KARTHIK opens the boot and throws his luggage down.

He searches his suitcase desperately and heads over to VIVEK.

He's sleeping beside the driver's seat.

He searches his pant pockets desperately and finds his wallet.

He searches inside it and he finds a box.

He opends the box it's empty.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Poyindhi ! Fuck, poyindhi ra. Inka promotion ledhu udhyogam ledu..

UPENDRA

First pelli ledhu..

VIVEK wakes up.

He sits upright and looks around.

VIVEK

Ekkadunnam ra?

KARTHIK looks at KAUSHIK & UPENDRA.

KARTHIK

Ayyo ayyoo... ayyayyooo

He sits down on the beach in disappointment.

A kid, SUBASH, KAUSHIK's cousin springs out of the back seat.

SUBASH

Can you guys stop shouting and order breakfast. Naak aakalovthundhi!

VIVEK and KARTHIK turn towards SUBASH and look in shock.

They then look at KAUSHIK.

KAUSHIK

Ah luggage naadhe.. Explain chestha.

KARTHIK cant believe anything.

72 EXT. SHACK - DAY

72

VIVEK, KAUSHIK, UPENDRA, KARTHIK & SUBASH are at the Shack & there's breakfast served in front on them on the table.

SUBASH is eating away to glory.

KARTHIK is drowning is head into his palms against the table.

VIVEK is in conversation with KAUSHIK.

VTVEK

Intha chinna pilaganiki French exam endhi ra ?

SUBASH

Hello ! Chinna pilagadaina .. Mee andarikante smart.. Idiots.

VIVEK gives KAUSHIK a glare.

KAUSHIK

Lite ra.

VIVEK

Sarey le inka ayyindhedo ayipoyindhi. Oka one two days undhi enjoy chesi elipodham ..

KARTHIK gets up.

KARTHIK

Evvadu poyedhi ledhu.. Ring dorike varaku ekkadaiki poyedhi ledhu.. Nenu inni enlu kukka laaga panichesi ee offer kottukunna ra..

VIVEK

Offer endhi ? Pelli offer ah ra ?

KARTHIK

Avunu bhe offer eh..

VIVEK

Rey nuvvu malla start cheyyaku

KARTHIK

Naaku eh pelli chesukunte promotion oshtadhi.ah club owner avutha ra.. Dollars .. Dollars lo sampadistha.. Naaku idhi offer eh ! Nenu mundhu laaga bewarse ga thirigi life spoil chesukolenu..

UPENDRA

Ayina ah ring ekkadani ethukutham ra? motham hotel ayidhu sarlu ethikam. Hyderabad ki call chesi adigam. Inka adhi poyinatte undhi

KARTHIK

Pothey nuvvu pothav first.. Naaku telidhu ra.. Ethakalsindhey ra.. Goa motham..

He stops & realizes something.

He gets up and takes his phone out, he makes a call to his BOSS.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Hello sir !

BOSS (V.O.)

Morning Karthik.

KARTHIK

Sir, oka three days nenu club ki raalenu. Konchum pre engagement work.

BOSS

No problem boy ! Every dog has its day ! Get it ?

He laughs to himself, while KARTHIK fakes a smile.

KARTHIK

Good one Sir. Sir, i was just talking to few of my relatives.. Andharu ah ring gurinche maatladhuthunnaru..

BOSS (V.O.)

(laughs)

Maatladukomanu kaani dont let them touch it .. Ah shine pothundhi.. It's very very delicate.. Jaagrtha..

KARTHIK slams his head on a wall beside him.

KARTHIK

Sir veelu ah ring ekkada konnaro aduguthunnaru. Meeru goa lo edho antique shop ani cheppinattu gurthu address emaina undha?

BOSS (V.O.)

Yeah north Goa lo ah shop undedhi.. Ipuudu undho ledho teleedhu.. But yeah address raasko.

KARTHIK grabs a tissue and a pen from somewhere.

KARTHIK

Cheppandi sir.

73 EXT. ANTIQUE SHOP - DAY

73

We see all of them standing on the opposite end of the road.

They are staring at a shop with a sign that reads "ANTIQUE JEWELRY"

74 INT. ANTIQUE SHOP - DAY

74

All of them enter the shop and clearly look like misfits.

The shopkeeper walks towards them and KARTHIK takes his phone out and shows him a pic of the ring.

KARTHIK

Do you have a similar one ?

The shopkeeper looks at him from top to bottom and then looks into the phone.

He inspects it thoroughly and points towards the center of the shop where inside a display is a similar looking ring.

The whole gang circle around it and look at it in awe.

KARTHIK compares the picture with the one in the display

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Same undhi.

SHOPKEEPER

Same no difference at all.

KARTHIK slowly stands up and looks at the shopkeeper.

KARTHIK

So how much ?

SHOPKEEPER

5 lakhs change.

KARTHIK

Oh no problem, i'll just come back please keep it aside.

SHOPKEEPER

Sure.

He smiles.

75 EXT. ANTIQUE SHOP - MOMENTS LATER

75

They walk out and KARTHIK throws a fit outside the shop.

KARTHIK

FIVE LAKHS AH !! Nee amma ! 5 lakhs ra.. Oh shit ..! ekkada nundi theevali ra antha dabbu !

UPENDRA

Andharam pool in cheddam ra .. Naa deggara antha ledhu kaani oka 20,000 daaka elthayi.. Ayina Vivek ACL kadha .. Arey nuvvu easyga oka 1 -2 lakhs arrange cheyyochu kadha ra ?

KAUSHIK

1- 2 lakhs ah ? Ninna ne barla vaadi cardlu anni decline ayinavi..

Everyone look at VIVEK.

VIVEK

Naa job poyi 11 months avuthundhi..

KARTHIK

Join ayyi ye 1 year avuthundhi kadha ra ?

VIVEK

One month tharavatha alcohol thaaguthunte office lo pattukunnaru..

KARTHIK

Aha.

He claps.

KAUSHIK

Rey.. Konchum maturega alochinchandii.. Manam Goa lo unnam unna dabbulu teeska poyyi patthalaaadudhaam.. Okka night la minimum triple chestha.. (MORE) KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Oka two nights addithey pakka 5 lakhs chesthamm.. Em antaru.. Pratical plan.

Everyone just glare at him.

All this while SUBASH has been purchasing an ice cream from a vendor nearby.

He comes back with an ice cream cone in his hand and a poster in the other.

He goes upto KARTHIK.

SUBASH

Idhigo, practical plan.

UPENDRA begins to read it.

UPENDRA

48 hr short film contest. Prize money 6 lakhs. contest begins tomorrow venue calingute plaza, calingute.

UPENDRA, KARTHIK & KAUSHIK read it aloud at once and look at VIVEK who's standing in front of them.

VIVEK looks at KARTHIK.

VIVEK

Inkem option ledha ?

KARTHIK

Ledhu.

They stare at each other.

A wide of them standing on the road, UPENDRA, KAUSHIK, SUBASH, KARTHIK on one side & opposite them is VIVEK.

The poster flies away from KARTHIK's hand towards the camera.

It reads "SHORT FILM CONTEST"

The text animates to :

INTERMISSION.

76 EXT. SHACK - DAY

76

VIVEK, KAUSHIK, UPENDRA & KARTHIK are looking at what looks like their ID cards.

KARTHIK

Namme tattu undha ?

KAUSHIK

Arey deeni thoti pothey eh college la ayina admission ochchesthadhi manaki..

UPENDRA

Almost real..

77 EXT. FEST - MOMENTS LATER

77

These guys are dressed colorful to look young.

They are see walking towards the entrance.

KARTHIK

Youth laaga unnama ra ?

KAUSHIK

Nenaiythey unna ra.. Vaadu choodu ippude zoo nundi paaripoyi ochchinattu unnadu..

VIVEK is walking with SUBASH away from the rest of the gang. He gives them a glare.

78 INT. FEST - DAY

78

A crowd is assembled around a podium, a couple of guys are announcing the rules.

The gang stands out and is listening keenly.

ANNOUNCER

So guys, you know the rules. You have 48 hours to make your film but you a good five days to think of your story. Remember you can only work on the genre you pick from the Hat. So lets start!

VIVEK goes upto KARTHIK and whispers to him.

VIVEK

Chit endhi ra malla ?

KARTHIK

Rey norru muskoni poyi chit theeyi.. Naa life antha dheeni meedha depend ayyi undhi!

VIVEK

Nenu short film story raastha direct chestha kaani naa ishtam dhe..

KARTHIK

Nee ishtam ochchindhi chesi pettukoniki idhi emaina painting exhibition ah ra ?

KAUSHIK and UPENDRA try to break it up.

KAUSHTK

Rey rey rey malla modhal pettakandi bhe.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Team Kanya raasi..

UPENDRA

Arey evodo okkadu stage ekkandi ra babu..

VIVEK

KARTHIK nuvvu malla notikochchinattu maatladuthunnav.. Choosi ..

SUBASH

ROMANCE !

The gang slowly turn their head towards the stage, SUBASH is standing there with a piece of paper in his hand.

SUBASH (CONT'D)

Romance! We got romance.

The announcer takes the chit from the kid's hands and reads it to verify and announces...

ANNOUNCER

Romance it is for team Kanya raasi!

KARTHIK, KAUSHIK & UPENDRA turn to VIVEK.

79 EXT. BEACH - DAY

79

VIVEK is storming off the venue, behind him is the gang.

UPENDRA

Rey VIVEK, aaqu..

VIVEK ignore their every call.

UPENDRA looks at KAUSHIK.

UPENDRA (CONT'D)

Cheppu ra nuvvaina..

KAUSHIK

Naaku oopika ledhu ra bhai..

KARTHIK walks upto VIVEK, holds his arm.

KARTHIK

Rey! Ednhi ra nee problem!

VIVEK

Nenu Love storylu raayalenu!

KARTHIK

Endhuku !?

VIVEK

Adhi poyionappudu nundi naaaku okka mukka raayanu iythaledhu!

The gang is looking on.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

Arey edhaina raayalante inspiration undaali ra. Em raastha ? oka roju kurchoni love story raadham ani page teesthey .. Okka mukka.. Okka mukka kuda raale mind ki.

He stop to catch some air.

The friends & SUBASH look on.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

Ippudu sudden ga raayalante etla ra? Inspiration ledhu kurchoni raayalante..

KARTHIK

Rey, inka kurchoni daane alochisthey ela ra..

VIVEK cuts him off.

VIVEK

Cheppudu masth easy..addamaina salahalu iyyaku, Muyyi.

VIVEK sits down.

KARTHIK

Rey idhi pothey inka illu car .. US lo ah club anni pothayi ra..

VIVEK

Neeku pelli kaavalna House, Car, US visa kaavalna ? Nee baadhendhi clearga cheppu..

KARTHIK sits down beside him.

KAUSHIK, UPENDRA & SUBASH come and sit beside them.

UPENDRA

Arey VIVEK, nenokati cheppana ? Naa own words lo cheptha vinu..

KAUSHIK

Aagetattulevu nuvvu ivvala.

UPENDRA

Okka saari accident ayyindhi ani bandi tholadam aapesthava?

VIVEK gives him a stare.

VIVEK

At side poyi kuso.. Po..

UPENDRA silently gets up and sits beside KAUSHIK, away from VIVEK.

KAUSHIK gives him a hand shake and looks at UPENDRA in the eye.

UPENDRA

Ela undhi ?

KAUSHIK

THOO.

UPENDRA

Inthaki food ela ?

KAUSHIK

Nice question. Most important question. Food. bed ekkada ?

KARTHIK

Oka manchi Five star hotel undhi..nen teesuketla.

80 EXT. CAR - EVENING

80

All five of them are standing looking at the car.

KAUSHIK

Mazak cheshnava ra ? Nenu inka nijanga cheppinav anukoni ..

KARTHIK

Evvadi deggara dabbulu levu.. unna dabbulu vaadithey food undadhu.. Inka manaki idhey five star hotel.

VIVEK

Naak em problem le..

UPENDRA

Neekemundhi ra ? Elago sagam jeevitham carlo gadipessevaadivi.. Ayithey poyi dickey lo paduko..

VIVEK

Champa vaasthadhi.

SUBASH

Front seat for me.

SUBASH runs.

KAUSHIK

Rey aagu bhe.

KAUSHIK tries to outrun him.

81 INT. CAR - NIGHT

81

They are all squeezed in the car.

UPENDRA plays some music.

KAUSHIK

Em paatal ra avvi.. Edho lift lo pothunattu undhi.. Saakkaga pettu ra nee kaal mukkutha..

UPENDRA

Ayithey poyi bayata paduko..

KAUSHIK

Chat. Em torcher ra..

A moment of silence ensues.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Arey !

He springs up.

KARTHIK

Em ayyindhi ..

KAUSHIK

Coupons ra !?

KARTHIK

Eh coupons ?

KAUSHIK

Arey .. Ah angel akka ichchindhi kadha ra .. Free party..

KARTHIK

Emo.. naakem gurthuledhu..

KAUSHIK

Thoo. gammuna kuso..ninn evadadigindubhe Neekanni gurthunte manandaram itla titanic la car scene lekka enduku pantam ra.. Uppu ga .. Please ra poyinayi.. Ani maatram cheppak..

KARTHIK

Naa ring pothey expression kuda ledhu kani afterall ah party tickets pothey..

KAUSHIK

Anni free ra akkada ! Em manshivi ra nuvvu..

VIVEK gets up and puts the coupons in the air.

VIVEK

I have it.

KAUSHIK

Theyya ra bandi!

82 EXT. STAGE - EVENING

82

It's a beautifully lit place, a young crowd is seated in pockets.

It's organized by the festival guys, A girl is strumming away a song on a guitar & it's soothing to hear.

Everyone enter the place.

There's music playing from the centerstage.

VIVEK is drawn towards it.

He just stands there and watches her sing.

He is mesmerized. It's SHIRLEY.

She spots him and smiles.

He smiles back.

She asks him about his friends.

He points towards them, They wave back.

His friends watch him from behind, decide to spend the evening there and sit down.

VIVEK looks like he's thinking of something.

He rushes to the bar near by and signals the bartender to give him a tissue and a pen.

The girl watches him from the stage as she sings.

The friends get up to see what he's upto.

KAUSHIK

Em ayyindhi ra vaadiki ?

KARTHIK

Inspiration.

83 INT. SHACK - NIGHT

83

KARTHIK, VIVEK, KAUSHIK, UPENDRA & SUBASH are seated at a table. It's a buffet.

KARTHIK is done reading whats written on a tissue paper.

KARTHIK

The end..

VIVEK looks at KARTHIK for an answer.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Beautiful !

KAUSHIK yells out in celebrations and bumps fists with SUBASH & UPENDRA.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Baagane raasthav kaani starting problem ra neeku .. Super.

VIVEK calls a waiter and signals him to send something to another table.

UPENDRA

Em chesthunnav ra ?

At a distance in the same Shack is SHIRLEY, she's chatting away with a friend.

The waiter interrupts her and gives her a tissue.

She looks at the tissue, it reads - "Thank you for inspiring me."

She looks at him.

VIVEK raises his glass.

She takes a moment & raises her glass and smiles.

KAUSHIK looks at the whole thing and turns to VIVEK.

KAUSHIK

Veedu break up ayyi depression lo unnadu ani evvadaina inkosaari ante cheppu teesukoni kodtha..

Even before he can finish, a waiter comes and gives him a tissue.

VIVEK grabs it and reads - it says "how exactly did I inspire you ?"

VIVEK gives the story that he wrote to teh waiter and signals him to pass it by.

The waiter shakes his head in disbelief.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Manchigundhi ra mee mouna raagam cinema.. Sarey aithey .. Shooting ki anni ready kadha ? em ra KARTHIK ?

KARTHIK

Equipment ?

UPENDRA

Naa contacts unnaru mana hotel ki exact five kilometres lo oka camwra rental shop undhi..

KARTHIK

Enthavvochu ?

UPENDRA

Oka.. 5D, lens kit, basic lights, audio kalapi .. One day rent.. Around 25,000 ra..

KARTHIK

Ammo.. Almost nil adi pothey..

VIVEK

Investment anuko.. Pothey malla win
avutham kadha ?

KARTHIK

Antha nee daya saar.

SHIRLEY & her friend, a foreigner, late twenties are at their table.

SHIRLEY

Beautiful story.

VIVEK looks up.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

This is Ginny. My friend.. Ikkadane untundhi

VIVEK shakes her hand.

VIVEK

VIVEK.

SHIRLEY

Meeru ikkadi ostharani assalu anukoledhu.

They have a moment. She looks at the others..

VIVEK looks at them.

VTVEK

Friends.

KAUSHIK leans to UPENDRA.

KAUSHIK

Thoo... manaki perlu leva ?

KARTHIK stands up and leans forward to GINNY.

KARTHIK

KARTHIK.

VIVEK

He is getting married.

KARTHIK looks at VIVEK & sits back.

They make place for them.

GINNIlooks at SUBASH and finds him cute.

GINNY

Hi, GINNI!

SUBASH

SUBASH

KAUSHIK cuts him off.

KAUSHIK

Hi, KAUSHIK.

GINNY

GINNY. Sorry my english is bad, Im french..

KAUSHIK

Me too.

GINNY

You are french ?

KAUSHIK

No.. Weak in english.

GINNY

Oh.

SUBASH

Actually, im learning French i have an exam in four days.

GINNY

Oh! I can help!

KAUSHIK

Hammayya! Problem solved ra.. Neekemaina doubts unte atthayyani aduqu..

SUBASH

Oho neeku attha avuthundha aame ?

KAUSHIK pinches him as he fakes a smile.

KAUSHIK

Neeku beta.

At the other side of the table, we see VIVEK & SHIRLEY engaged in a conversation.

SHIRLEY

So mee brilliant plan malli chppandi ? Short film chesi. Win ayyi. Ah dabbulo tho ! Wow. I like your confidence. Anyway, story chaala baaga raasaru. meeru love stories raayaru ani anukunna ?

VIVEK

Nice memory.

SHIRLEY takes a pause, looks around

SHIRLEY

Car lo night out ela undhi ? Nidra pattindha ?

VIVEK

inka kaale.. Ikkadiki ochcham. repu morning cheptha.

SHIRLEY

Dont worry. GINNIki ikkada illu undhi.. You can stay there for couple of days.. GINNI?

GINNY

Absolutely .. No problem. As long as you make her play music for your short film.

VIVEK nods.

VTVEK

Meeku ok ayithey naaku ok !

SHIRLEY

Try chestha! Ayina meeku ikkada em peddha options levu.

She smiles.

UPENDRA

Done ! Hammayaa ! Music director confirm..

KAUSHIK turns to VIVEK

KAUSHIK

Mike! Chaala pagatbhandhi ga plan chesaav mike.

VIVEK smiles at him.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Navvuthunnava ra ? Please odhdhu ra.

Music plays.

SHIRLEY

Oh god, i love this song.. Dance ?

UPENDRA

Dance ah ? Maa vaada ? Maabu gaadu..sacchina cheyyadu.

VIVEK

I cant dance..

She grabs his hand and forces him to the beach where there's some song and dance happening.

GINNIjumps in and SUBASH follows.

UPENDRA runs behind.

All of them are seen dancing around a bonfire.

VIVEK is standing in the middle. Everyone is dancing around him.

SHIRLEY

Come on. Just move.

VIVEK

Naaku raadhu.. andharu navtharu..

SHIRLEY

No body is watching ! Trust me.

He denies it again and just stands while they dance around him.

KARTHIK & KAUSHIK walk towards the dance.

KARTHIK

Manodu dance cheyyadu.

KAUSHIK

Adrushtam choodu aanidhi.. Bhathukamma panduga lekka aadoolandharu vaani chuttu aaduthunnaru.. vaademo aavu peda lekka madhyala atlane unnadu.

KARTHIK

Neeku ala anipinchindha?

KAUSHIK

I will go join my french girl in the festival of bhatukamma. Bonchey..

KARTHIK

Bonjour adhi..

KAUSHIK

Yeah ok man. Just die.

KAUSHIK joins them, KARTHIK smiles and watches from a distance.

They are all having fun.

KARTHIK's smile fades away as he ponders away.

84 EXT. GINNY'S HOUSE - NIGHT

84

The car arrives in front of Ginny's house.

85 EXT. GINNY'S TERRACE - NIGHT

85

SHIRLEY, GINNIand SUBASH put out a couple of mattresses.

KARTHIK

Thank you !

GINNY

Thats ok. Are you sure you'll be fine here.

KARTHIK signals a "yes".

KAUSHIK

Maa vaadu ekkada ?

GINNY

He's sleeping in our room.

SUBASH smiles at KAUSHIK, as they leave.

SUBASH

Good night maama !

KAUSHIK looks on.

All of them are lying down on the terrace facing the skies.

The camera dollies out (aerial view)

KAUSHIK

raahukalam la puttina ra nenu.

UPENDRA

Poni raasipetti undaali.

KAUSHIK

Andukane ra mana group peru Kanya raasi ani petina ra nenu... mana daridram atla edisindhi.

UPENDRA

Padukunnava ra KARTHIK ?

KARTHIK

Ledu.. Naaku raatri nidra pattatledhu.. one year nundi..

KAUSHIK

Oho.. Mana group nenookadini maatrame manshi lekka unta anamaata.

UPENDRA laughs.

UPENDRA

Ala nuvvu anukunte saripodhu ra.. janalanukovali.

VIVEK

Enni rojulu ayyindhi ra manam itla night out chesi.

UPENDRA

Avunra almost three years ah ?

KARTHIK

Four years.. Last time KAUSHIK gani cousin room lo ..

KAUSHIK

Correct.

A moment of silence.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Appudappudu manam itla kalisi night out cheyyali ra..

UPENDRA

Nannadigithey at least monthly okka sari ayina. Life lo addamaina tensions marchipovochchu..

KARTHIK is snoring.

KAUSHIK

Thoo. Pannadu. Nidra paattadhu pattadhu ani jurrasic park ki background score vayisthundhu choodu.

86 INT. GINNY'S KITCHEN - DAY

86

SHIRLEY is preparing breakfast in the kitchen, GINNIis packing up her food and about to leave.

They have a conversation about the food and GINNIleaves.

VIVEK just enters the area, he's just woken up.

GINNY

Oh you've just woken up.

She goes up to him and holds his face with her two hands and inspects his face.

GINN

Bad hangover ?

VIVEK

Mmm..

GINNY

Dont drink so much ! Akkada lime juice undha.. Am i saying it right?

VIVEK

Undha.. Kaadhu undhi..

GINNY

Undhi.. Akkada lime juice undhi.. I have to go! See you later.

VIVEK smiles and waves a bye. GINNIrushes out, she has a guitar strapped to her back.

SHIRLEY is humming a song as she prepares breakfast.

VIVEK

Ekkada mavollu ?

SHIRLEY

Edho camera equipment ani vellaru..

VIVEK

Oho.

She puts a couple of plates on the table.

VIVEK sits down.

It looks like a steaming hot breakfast.

SHIRLEY

Lets dive in.

VIVEK smiles and begins to eat.

VIVEK

Thanks.

A moment of silence.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

So meeru music chesthunnatte na ?

SHIRLEY

Yes, of course.

VIVEK

Story nachchindha ?

SHIRLEY

Love story raadhu love story raadu ani chaala baaga raasaru.. Kani ending ela ?

VIVEK

Naaku adhey problem.. Etla end avthundho idea ledhu..

SHIRLEY

Enduku ala ? Mee story sarigga end avvaledhanna ?

A moment of silence ensues.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

"Sorry, it was great while it lasted. But i think i need to move on. It's not you. Its me.." standard breakup .. Anthey ga..

VIVEK gives her a stare & continues to eat.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Antha tension teesukovaddhu.. Lite.. Aameki ah adrushtam ledhani move on avvali..

They continue to eat.

SHIRLEY (CONT'D)

Correct time ki correct ammaiyi thaakuthundhi le.. Appudu varaku life ki shutter esukoni kurcholemu ga..

VIVEK signals her to stop.

VIVEK

Thanks. Thinochcha?

SHIRLEY looks up at him in a stern manner.

SHIRLEY

Ayithey ee attitude tho nenu music cheyyalenu..

They look at each other in the eye.

VIVEK

Correct time ki correct ending thaakuthadhi. Appudu varaku life ki shutter esi kusolemu.

A moment of silence ensues between them.

Slowly SHIRLEY's anger transitions to a smile.

VIVEK smiles as well.

They laugh.

87 INT. CAMERA RENTAL SHOP - DAY

87

KARTHIK, KAUSHIK & UPENDRA are staring at a load of equipment lying on the table.

The shopkeeper, 70, looks like a no-no sense guy.

SHOPKEEPER

You want or don't want ?

UPENDRA

Price kum Karo little.

SHOPKEEPER

No.

UPENDRA

We have only some some cash.

SHOPKEEPER

Then go to some some shop.

Shopkeeper tries to snatch away the bag.

KAUSHIK

Enduku Ra penta chesthav. Uncle, idhar dhe do.

KARTHIK takes a look at another lens nearby. It's a rare prime lens.

KARTHIK

Yeh kitna hai uncle ?

SHOPKEEPER

It's not for rent. It's private.

KARTHIK

Uncle please can we have it ? Double price I will give.

Shopkeeper nods his head in denial and goes back to reading his paper.

UPENDRA

Endho veedu.

KARTHIK

Cha. Adhe deadly lens Ra. Cinema level lo untai ah lens to shoot chesthey.

KAUSHIK

No giving that one ?

SHOPKEEPER

No it's personal collection not for rent.

KAUSHIK

Pettukoni em chesthav Ra musloda.

KARTHIK

Sarey inka discussion oddhu. Entaindho adugu teesukoni eldham.

UPENDRA

Mari ah lens ?

KARTHIK

Adjust cheddam.

He declares as he walks out of the shop.

He gets a call.

It's his BOSS.

88

88 EXT. CAMERA RENTAL SHOP - CONTINUOUS

KARTHIK is seen walking out of the shop. He is on the phone.

Behind him, UPENDRA, KAUSHIK & SUBASH are catching up.

KARTHIK

Hey sir ! Cheppandi. Free eh unna sir. Parvaledu cheppandi.

He keeps a walking for a while and turns around.

His face is struck with horror.

KAUSHIK, UPENDRA & SUBASH walk upto him.

KAUSHIK

Em ayyindhi naina.

89 EXT. ROADSIDE - MOMENTS LATER

89

All of them are seated while SUBASH is busy reading from a book.

UPENDRA

Engagement prepone avvadam enti ? Ammaiyi US lo unte ela osthundhi Ellundi kella ?

KARTHIK

Skype engagement.

UPENDRA

Enti?

KARTHIK

Ante webcam lo iddharam choosukoni, family ni add chesi.. Rings exchange chestham.

KAUSHIK

Etla chestharu ?

KARTHIK animates a movement.

KARTHIK

Itla computer screen lo nundi estha..

KAUSHIK looks at UPENDRA & KARTHIK for a brief moment.

KAUSHIK

Atlane Computerla kaapuram chesi CD la pillani pampukondi. Thoo.. Em zamaana ra.

UPENDRA

Mari short film ela ?

KAUSHIK

(in the NAT GEO tone)

Eh, Mike, Nuvvu joke chesthunnava? Manam ila ee advilo aadivaasula laaga gochi gudda esukoni thirigedhi veedi ungaram kosam, ah engagment eh prepone ayithey inka manam short film chesi em peekutham Mike? I think neeku...

UPENDRA

Ayithe inke !? Happyga chesko ra .. Skype eh kadha.. ey coffee shop lono kurchoni enganement chesko..

KAUSHIK

Mari ah ungaram mee thathagaru testhara Mike ?

UPENDRA

Mike, ah ungaram fake oh real oh.. Computer screen lo nundi thelidhu mike.

They turn to KARTHIK.

KARTHIK

Emo ra life lo jarigey events meeedha control lekunda pothundhi.

KAUSHIK gets up.

KAUSHIK

Rey ippudu emaindhi..

He takes a look at KARTHIK's face hung in disappointment.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Uppi ga, ah buddodini teesukoni ra.

KAUSHIK starts walking away.

UPENDRA

Rey etu ?

90 EXT. CAMERA RENTAL SHOP - MOMENTS LATER

90

KAUSHIK inspects a small window behind the camera rental store, while the others watch out for anyone.

KAUSHIK sizes up the hole and goes upto everyone.

He finally lands up at SUBASH.

SUBASH

Are you mad ? Im a small kid.

KAUSHIK

Correct andukane nuvve correct. Padthav.

SUBASH

Hello ! Pattukunte police case .. naaku chaala dreams unnayi.. Astronaut avvali ante em emi cheyyali telusa ?

KAUSHIK

Emaindha ra neeku, puttinappudu edchinava leka chemistry formula cheppukunta ochchinava ? Plan A B C anni planlu raasinaka ninnu kannattu unnaru.. Rey thammi...

He bends down to him.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Fail avvale appudappudu.. konte panlu cheyyala appudappudu.. aarogyaaniki manchidhira.

SUBASH

Edisaav.

KAUSHIK

Itla kaadhu.. Nuvvu ippudu ah lens patka raale ante. Manam short film cheyyam.. Cheyyaka pothey dabbulu raav.. raakapothey eedane untam.. Nee exam miss ayithadhi.. Restaurant avvalevu..

UPENDRA

Astaurent ra.

SUBASH

Sarey kani.. But please inko sari astronaut ane word anadaniki try cheyyakandi.

KAUSHIK looks at UPENDRA & KARTHIK.

UPENDRA signals an ok with his hand.

KAUSHIK

Ok, its a deal.

91 INT. CAMERA RENTAL SHOP - MOMENTS LATER

91

UPENDRA walks into the shop and faces the old owner.

He recognizes him and frowns. UPENDRA looks tensed and fakes a smile.

UPENDRA looks beyond into the shop.

He spots SUBASH being pushed through a small window.

Immediately he strikes up a conversation.

UPENDRA

Kaisa hai ?

The shopkeeper raises an eyebrow.

SHOPKEEPER

What do you want ?

UPENDRA

Tera number kya hai re ?

SHOPKEEPER

Card mein hai. Le lo.

Theres a bunch of cards lying near him.

SUBASH is creeping upto the LENS KIT.

KAUSHIK is signaling him to go further.

SUBASH hits something, a sound is made.

The shopkeeper looks towards the lens, almost instantly UPENDRA yells at him.

UPENDRA

Arey suvar ka aulad.

SHOPKEEPER

Kya bola ?!

UPENDRA

Yeh ded kilo ka haath jab moh pe padtha .. Insaaf dilata..

SHOPKEEPER

What are you saying .. Paagal hai kya ?

Shopkeeper springs up from his chair.

UPENDRA looks at SUBASH.

He's reached out for the lens and runs towards the window again.

UPENDRA

Arey zindagi nahi melegi re dobara..

SHOPKEEPER

Bahar nikal! Get out.

UPENDRA

Entha sep ra nee ayya !!

He spots SUBASH's behind wiggling out of the window.

The shopkeeper runs behind UPENDRA.

UPENDRA runs out. The shopkeeper only follows him till the outside of his shop and stops.

92 EXT. ROADSIDE - DAY

92

UPENDRA is still running, he looks at KAUSHIK, SUBASH & KARTHIK and orders them to run.

All of them run towards the beach and fall.

They are seen panting and laughing.

SUBASH seems to have enjoyed the rush of it all.

KAUSHIK takes the Lens and hands it over to KARTHIK.

KAUSHIK

Panikochchinaara ra mee jubilee hills friends ippudu ? marredpally ra!

KARTHIK has a smile from one ear to the other.

He lifts up the lens against the setting sun.

93 INT. SHIRLEY'S MUSIC ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

93

SHIRLEY humms a tune and plays a few chords.

VIVEK stands and watches.

SHIRLEY

Maybe vere progression.. Lemme try open C & D..

VIVEK is just nodding.

SHIRLEY smiles and plays another chord progression.

Both of them instantly like it.

She sings a few lines.

VIVEK is pleasantly surprised.

Moments later, VIVEK is seated behind a drum set and starts drumming. It's just noise.

SHIRLEY has a notebook and she's scribbling something. She walks towards VIVEK.

Goes behind him and instructs him to play in a certain way.

VIVEK gets it.

Together they jam a little.

94 EXT. GINNY'S HOUSE - DAY

94

KAUSHIK, UPENDRA, SUBASH & KARTHIK are walking towards the entrance.

SHIRLEY is on a bike, behind her is VIVEK.

He tosses to KARTHIK a bound script as he passes them.

The gang stops to look at the script.

VIVEK & SHIRLEY stop in front.

KARTHIK has a smile on his face.

VIVEK has weird look of pride in his face.

KAUSHIK swirls his hands around VIVEK's face like he's taking his 'Dhrishti'

95 INT. ROOM - DAY

95

KARTHIK yawns, he gets up.

In front of him on the table, are few lens.

He stretches his hands, he inspects the camera body.

Like a pro, he assembles the camera battery, lens and interchanges them in a jiff like he's loading a machine gun.

In the whole act, he slips and almost loses a lens to the ground but catches it again.

Behind him, UPENDRA, who has just woken up, gives him a slow clap.

96 EXT. BEACH - DAY

96

KAUSHIK & UPENDRA are seen talking to various people around the city, asking for auditions.

KAUSHIK is seen flirting with some tourists.

97 INT. ROOM - DAY 97

KARTHIK records a few auditions with VIVEK seated right beside him.

A series of people are seen auditioning in front of the camera.

None of them seem to catch VIVEK's attention.

He spots KAUSHIK around the hall and drags him in front of the camera.

KAUSHIK performs.

A smile grows on VIVEK's face.

98 EXT. CAR RENTALS - DAY

98

KARTHIK & VIVEK pick an open top car for their shoot.

UPENDRA is seen paying the money.

KAUSHIK starts the vehicle and zooms away while the others jump in.

99 EXT. SHOOTING SPOT 1 - DAY

99

KAUSHIK & GINNIare in a shack coyly exchanging looks, revealed behind them is a tiny crew of VIVEK, KARTHIK yielding a small DSLR mounted on a rig & UPENDRA following KARTHIK with a boom mike.

They are seen trying to catch a close up of GINNIsmiling and sipping on her drink. She cannot manage a straight face thanks to KAUSHIK's antics from behind the camera.

VIVEK spots the problem and laughingly kicks him and orders him to get away. The crew shares a laugh.

100 EXT. ROAD - DAY

100

They are seen walking the road with their equipment.

It's a similar frame of the famous Beatles cover.

101 EXT. DIL CHAHTA HAI FORT - DAY

101

They are talking selfies and videos of themselves at the DCH fort.

102

The gang is driving on a highway.

VIVEK is driving, he spots a hill or something scenic.

He points to it and hurries KARTHIK to take a shot.

KARTHIK takes a shot but he isn't satisfied.

KARTHIK Stands up in his seat, VIVEK is startled but he maintains his course.

KARTHIK takes a deep breath, as his shirt flutters in the wind, He takes his shot.

VIVEK looks at him inspired.

They exchange a smile.

KAUSHIK who was sleeping in the back, slouches back further puts his hat on his face smiling.

The car is driving towards the setting sun. It's scenic.

103 INT. SHACK - EVENING

103

UPENDRA is editing a clip they shot.

KARTHIK is advising him to change the shot. UPENDRA signals him to shut up and leave.

KAUSHIK, GINNI& SUBASH approach the laptop and insist UPENDRA to play the clip.

The clip is played. The audience watches with rapt attention.

KAUSHIK & GINNIin a coffee shop - clip is played.

SUBASH turns to KAUSHIK and animates his face praising KAUSHIK.

KAUSHIK smiles back to him.

He immediately notices VIVEK & SHIRLEY in the distance sharing a beer.

He turns every attention to him and turns the laptop in the direction of the couple.

He makes his hand into the shape of a directors frame and from the laptop screen which displays a frame of KAUSHIK & GINNIon a date in a coffee shop, he pans up to behind the laptop where VIVEK & SHIRLEY are seated.

The whole gang is in splits.

VIVEK springs up to attack KAUSHIK.

KARTHIK break the fight up and announces.

KARTHIK

Guys ! Last scene ! Let's finish it up.

MUSIC FADES OUT:

104 EXT. BEACH - NIGHT

104

KAUSHIK is standing on the beach with GINNY.

GINNIcomes up to him.

GTNNY

(in French)

KAUSHIK, why are you here ?

KAUSHIK recognizes that she is behind him.

GINN

Too cold. Isnt it ?

KAUSHIK takes a deep breath, pulls out a cigarette and lights it.

GINN (CONT'D)

(in French)

Hey! I thought you quit.

KAUSHIK

Hmm, entha akkara no neeku..

He turns to her.

GINNY

What ?

KAUSHIK

(In french)

You quit me.

GINNY

Dont start this again. It's for the best.

KAUSHIK

Why not ?

GINNIwalks away.

KAUSHIK grabs her by the arm.

GINNY

LEAVE ME !

KAUSHIK

Cheppu! Nenen thappu chesano cheppave! Chalu. Naaku reson kaavali. Correct reason! Nenu love ani cheppana! Nuvve kadha ne paadesindhi!

GINNIstruggles to let go.

GINNY

(in French)

LET GO! Its not going to work out! There is no reason! We are poles apart! There's no way we can exist together! Can you not understand?!

KAUSHIK

Reason cheppu! Cheppave!! I need to know why!?

GTNNY

Because I HATE YOU VIVEK !

KAUSHIK lets go.

GINNIis trying to catch her breath. Theres an air of silence.

KAUSHIK spits his cigarette out and looks at her.

His eyes are welled up with tears.

BOOM.

Theres a flash and sound.

GINNIfalls on the beach sand.

A tear rolls out of KAUSHIK's eyes.

He turns around, throws his gun into the water and explodes into a fit of tears & throws himself on the waves.

From behind comes a faint voice.

VIVEK

Brilliant. Cut.

UPENDRA runs towards KAUSHIK.

KAUSHIK stands up and turns towards UPENDRA with a wide smile.

KAUSHIK

Thanks ra!

UPENDRA

Pakkaki jarugu.. Gun pothundhi..

Upednra jumps in to find the gun.

SHIRLEY chats with GINNIabout the scene.

KAUSHIK goes up to KARTHIK and VIVEK who are reviewing the shoit.

VIVEK looks at KAUSHIK and holds his shoulders.

VIVEK

KAUSHIK! You are a fine actor brother.

KAUSHIK

Thanks ra

KARTHIK

Etla ra KAUSHIK ?

KAUSHIK

Emundhi ra.. Chethha overacting cheyyadam kashtam.. Manchi natural acting chesudu easy. Kani naakoka doubt ra..

UPENDRA comes in with the gun.

UPENDRA

Odhdhu..

VIVEK

Adugu ra .. Doubts adagali .. As an actor you can have freedom .. Nee character ni nuvvu own cheyyali..

KAUSHIK

Em le ra.. Anta bagundhi.. Manchi love story undhi .. Sudden ga ending lo psycho gani lekka sampesthundu pori ni .. nenemaina mentalganna ?

VIVEK instantly slaps him.

VIVEK

Cheppindhi chey. Anthey.

He storms away to a nearby shack.

UPENDRA tries not to crack up.

KAUSHIK

Psycho naa koduku.

KARTHIK comes up to him. SHIRLEY & GINNIgather around as well.

KARTHIK

KAUSHIK gaadu cheppindhi correct. Ending chethhaga undhi.

KAUSHIK

Rendu nimishalu mundu cheppaka poyinav.

KARTHIK

Cheppedhi vinu.. Manam inkoka ending shoot cheyyamani convince cheyyali..

UPENDRA

Evadu chesthaadu ?

KARTHIK

SHIRLEY ?

SHIRLEY

No way.. He's not going to listen.

KARTHIK

KAUSHIK ?

KAUSHIK

Bagunnar ra .. Vaada oka real gun teeskochchi psycho gaan lekka nannu sampi ee samudram odduku poyi edusthadu .. Meerochchi naa shavam chuttu dance cheyyandi.. baaga vaadukuntunnaru ra nannu.. Im happy.

UPENDRA

Rey best cheppana ..? vaadu elogo ippudu oka bottle taagi out avuthadu .. Ayyaka manam oka alternate ending shoot chesi.. Adhi repu vaadiki choopidham.. Convince ayithey pettesdham.. Ledha vaadi ending tho submit cheddam..

KARTHIK

Perfect! Nenu ready ra..

KAUSHIK

Naaku sketch esuthunnav kadha ra nuvvu ?

UPENDRA

Ehe aapu nee gola okati..

From a distance VIVEK's voice is heard.

VIVEK

KAUSHIK !

KAUSHIK

Saar osthunna! 90 eshinattu unnadu psycho gaadu.

UPENDRA

Arey smile chesthu undu ra.. smile chesthunte kottadu vaadu..

KAUSHIK

Nenemai

They walk towards the shack.

105 INT. SHACK - MOMENTS LATER

105

VIVEK has his arm around KAUSHIK.

VIVEK

Feel ayyinava ?

KAUSHIK scared shitless, pretends to be calm and smiling.

KAUSHIK

Ledu ra. Nenemi feel avvale.

VIVEK gulps his drink down.

KAUSHIK looks at UPENDRA at a distance editing, he calls ut for him

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Uppu..

UPENDRA

Enti!?

KAUSHIK

Come here once.

UPENDRA

Ellu bhe.

VIVEK

Nenu ayyina..

He gulps another one.

KAUSHIK

(Smiling nervously)

Mellaga thaagu VIVEK.

VIVEK stares at him for a moment seriously

KAUSHIK keeps the smile up.

VIVEK grabs KAUSHIK's face and shakes it vigorously.

VIVEK

Em acting chesnav ra.. Neelo nannu chuskunna ra..

He takes a moment.

KAUSHIK

Thanks ra

He genuinely smiles and turns to the table.

VIVEK

Em dount unde ra neeku ?

VIVEK skulls his drink.

KAUSHIK turns towards him slowly again.

KAUSHIK

Ledu ra VIVEK.. Im clear.

VIVEK

Le le cheppu ra.. Notla unchinava kadha beach meedha ..

VIVEK turns towards KAUSHIK and puts his arm on KAUSHIKs shoulder.

KAUSHIK

VIVEK, I am just puppet ra.. Nuvvu director. Nuvvu etla aadamante nenu atla aadutha.. Remmeber it.. Im puppet ra. KARTHIK, uppu please come here once.

VIVEK

Malla endhi bhe nuvvu adigindhi!

KAUSHIK gets startled. Everyone gathers around them.

VIVEK swoons back and falls.

KARTHIK

Hammaya! Out ayyadu ra.

UPENDRA

Rey KAUSHIK neekemkaaledhu kadha ?

KAUSHIK

(shouts out loud)
Thinadam pandadam, Inkemaina
panundhara neeku !??

UPENDRA

Mana short film edit chesthunna ra

KAUSHIK

Peddha bahubali adhi.. After all short film, chaviti jaffa ga ! Sense undha ? Nimishaniki moodu thriller cinemalu choopinchindhu vaadu naaku .. Idiots ! padeyyandi vaadini room lo.

KARTHIK

Sarey inka manam shoot cheddam

KAUSHIK

Gattiga anaku ra nayana.. Cha.. manishi kaadhu ra veedu taagithey.. Thaagudu meedha virakthi ochchindhi veedini choosi.

106 EXT. BEACH - MOMENTS LATER

106

KAUSHIK is on the beach with GINNY.

KAUSHIK

Nenu ee prapanchanni vadhili velipodham anukunna..

He takes his gun out.

GINNY

VIVEK

KAUSHIK

Kaani nee gnapakaalu nannu ikkada nee tho ne bandhi chesasesthunnai.. Ika dheeni avasaram ..

A police siren is heard.

Cops come right around the cast.

One constable aims his lathi at KAUSHIK

CONSTABLE

Kya chal raha hain idhar.. ?

KARTHIK

Sir shooting.

CONSTABLE

Konsa shooting... kisko kar rahe ho shoot ?

CONSTABLE 2

Konsa gang ? Yeh russian hai kya ?

KAUSHIK

French uncle.

CONSTABLE 2

Kaun hai tera uncle ?

KAUSHIK

Uncle film shooting .. Dummy gun.

CONSTABLE 2

Neeche rak usko..

KAUSHIK

Uncle raktha .. Raktha.. Tyro..

The constable beats his hand with the lathi.

The gun falls down from his hand.

CONSTABLE 2

Chalo, jeep mein bait.

All of them are in the jeep, except VIVEK.

UPENDRA

At least VIVEK gadu escape ayyadu..

The jeep starts and stops in a few seconds.

In front of the jeep, a silhouette appears.

It's VIVEK, he can barely walk. He drags himself to the back of the jeep

VIVEK

Nan odhili ekkada podhaam anukunnaru ? Ah ?? Move .. Move.

He struggles to get inside.

KAUSHIK looks at UPENDRA.

UPENDRA

Nuvvu kadhu ra veedu puttaadu raahukaalamlo..

VIVEK taps on KAUSHIK's shoulder.

KAUSHIK slowly turns towards him.

VIVEK

Hotel pothunnama ?

KAUSHIK turns towards UPENDRA

KAUSHIK

(to UPENDRA)

Veediki inka aa pilla breakup enduku chesindoo answer kaavaalanta..

(MORE)

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Arey uppu ah constable ni gun teesukoni kalcheyyamani cheppu ra nannu.. Please..

107 INT. POLICE STATION - DAY

107

VIVEK just gets up in a cell to the noise of people around him.

He wakes up to see KAUSHIK & UPENDRA beside him.

He crawls upto KAUSHIK.

VTVEK

Ekkadunnam ra ?

KAUSHTK

Mana room upgrade chesnar ra.. Suite room idhi.

VIVEK looks around.

He slowly gets up and sees KARTHIK outside.

He calls for him.

VIVEK

Rey, endhi ...

KARTHIK

Ninna taaginaaka policelu pattinaru..

VIVEK

Endhira .. Thaagoddha ?

KARTHIK

Abba.. Andaram lolli chesthuntepattukunnaru ra..

VIVEK

Malla nuvvenduku bayatunnav.. ?

KARTHIK

Naaku ippudu skypelo engangemnet undhi..

VIVEK

Skypelo enganement ah ?

KARTHIK

Avunu.. Permisiion teesukoni ah moolalo engangement chesukunnaka motham explain chestha.. Nuvvu silentga undu..

VTVEK

Malli submission ki time ayyipothundhi kadha ra..

KARTHIK

Vaadu edit chesthundu lopala tension padaku.. SHIRLEY vaala contacts evaro maatladutharu anta

KARTHIK goes upto the constable.

VIVEK turns around to KAUSHIK & UPENDRA.

KAUSHIK is looking at the laptop screen and speaking the dialogues of the film.

KAUSHTK

Kaani nee gnapakaalu nannu ikkada nee tho ne bandhi chesasesthunnai.. Ika dheeni avasaram ..

VIVEK

Endhi ra adhi.

KAUSHIK

Nee abba.. Correctga adhe dialogue ki break osthundhi..

VIVEK walks upto the laptop.

108 INT. POLICE STATION MAIN AREA - CONTINUOUS

108

KARTHIK is on the laptop neatly dressed, he's looking sharp.

Beside him is a constable whacking a person with a contraption.

The offender is crying in pain.

The Skype call rings.

KARTHIK

Bhai, thoda udhar jaake maaro na please.. Mera engagement hora hain..

The contable looks at the inspector.

The inspector signals him to move and the constable follows.

The skype call is taken.

We see BOSS, A 25 yr old girl, KARTHIK's parents on a conference.

BOSS

Hey pellikoduku!

KARTHIK

Morning sir.

BOSS

Inka sir enti.. Uncle anu ..

KARTHIK'S FATHER

Hi ra..

KARTHIK

Hi!

BOSS

So guys start cheddama ? Lets keep it simple and quick ..

109 INT. POLICE STATION CELL AREA - CONTINUOUS

109

KAUSHIK looks nervously at UPENDRA.

VIVEK is trying to snatch the laptop from them

UPENDRA

Rey odhulu ra..

VIVEK

Choopi bhe !

KAUSHIK

VIVEK be gentle.

VIVEK

Veedu english lo matlaaduthundu antey endho penta chesinaru .. Choopi.

He finally gets a hold of the laptop.

He's watching it.

He cant believe his eyes.

KAUSHIK

Arey nuvvu itside ra..

VIVEK

Nenu lekunda shoot chesinara ra inko climax ?

His eyes are red and he looks like he's going to explode.

KAUSHIK

VIVEK, I am just puppet ra. Ela aadipisthunnaro ala aaduthunna..

VIVEK

Muuyyi ra ****

He tosses the laptop to UPENDRA.

He clutches KAUSHIK's collar.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

Nee abba..

He runs towards the cell gate.

KAUSHIK

Arey vaadi engagement ..

VIVEK

**** engagement. rey!

110 INT. POLICE STATION MAIN AREA - CONTINUOUS

110

KARTHIK is busy on the laptop with his Skype conversation.

VIVEK is yelling at him from one end.

KARTHIK'S FATHER

Evarra adhi ?

KARTHIK

Paalodu.

BOSS

He's extrememly late i guess.

KARTHIK

Yeah, bill kattaledu late osthunaadani .. Andukane.. Scene chesthunddau.

VIVEK

entha phekuthav ra inka.. Reyy

KAUSHIK and UPENDRA try to back him off.

KARTHIK

Sir, ignore it manam kaanidhaam

KARTHIK'S MOTHER

Enduko .. VIVEK voice laga undhi ..

KARTHIK

Ah sarey.. Neeku andaru .. Poni inka.. Kaniddham engagement.

VIVEK

etha dhammu ra neeku ! Naa short film ending change chesthava ! (MORE)

VIVEK (CONT'D)

Nuvvu evadivi bhe...naa script naa film.. selfish ga

KARTHIK immediately puts the laptop aside & wishpers harshly to VIVEK

KARTHIK

Sarey bhe ! dayachesi noor musuko bhe ! Nee ending eh pettudham.. Naa engagement paadu cheyyaku ra..

VIVEK

Arey thoo! siggu ledhu ra neeku..? adhi oka engagement eh na ra? Asalu manasu petti alochisthunnavu ra?

The voice is heard stongly in the backgroud while KARTHIK is intesly waiting the event to get done.

BOSS

Who is that ?

KARTHIK

Sir, konchum thodara.

BOSS

What ?

KARTHIK

THONDARA ! FAST !

He yells, The BOSS looks shocked.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Ring eyyi !

BOSS'S DAUGHTER

Ok.. ?

She takes a ring and animates it towards the screen, she isnt sure and its awkward.

VIVEK

Rey! KARTHIK em chesthunnavu ra? Maredpally nundi jubilee hills. Akkada nuni US. Idhey na nee idea of development ante? Nuvvu entha jubilee hills ki shift ayina US ki shift ayina. nuvvu marredpally eh. Adhi realize ayina roju neeku haayiga nidra pattutadhi.. gurthupettuko... assal ikkadiki raanniki reason nuvve ra.. Nenu kaadhu!

111

111 INT. BAR RESTROOM - DAY

VIVEK drags KARTHIK to the bathroom.

Both of them are peeing beside each other.

KARTHIK

Rey VIVEK ..

VIVEK

Mmm..

KARTHIK

Ee engagement endho.. US endho.. Naak assal interest ledhu ra.

VIVEK

Em antunnav bhe ?

KARTHIK

Ledhu ra.. Naaku .. nuvvu, KAUSHIK gaadu, Upuu.. Short films.. Itla eppudo okkka saari night outs.. Idhi chaalu ra..

A person beside VIVEK chuckles.

VIVEK turns to the guy beside him and turns to KARTHIK again.

VIVEK

Em antunnav ra .

KARTHIK

eppudu anukunedhi gurthundha neeku ? Goa ki velli short film theeyaali ra andhram kalisi ani. Em ayyindhi ra idea .. ? anthey naa inka ? Inka life lo cheyyalema ? Naak ippudu ellalani undhi ra ..

A person peeing beside VIVEK laughs.

VIVEK turns to the person.

VIVEK

Endhi bhe ? Enduku navvuthunnav..

PERSON

Ekkuvayyinattu undhi mee friend ki.. ippudu goa elthaadanta..

VIVEK

Posinava ? **** idi kelli..

He turns to KARTHIK.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

Manam ivvala pothunnam ra Goa ki!

112 INT. POLICE STATION - DAY

112

KARTHIK is stuck.

The BOSS, parents and the girl on the screen look lost and dazed.

BOSS

KARTHIK.. ?

KARTHIK looks on.

KARTHIK

SIgnal weakga undhi.. Okka one hour lo malli chestha..

KARTHIK'S FATHER

Rey..

He closes the laptop.

He puts his head down and rests on the bench. He feels defeated.

A moment of silence.

SHIRLEY

guys ah short film poyi submit cheyyochu. Time ayipothundhi.

SHIRLEY & GINNIare standing with an inspector, who orders the constable to release the gang.

113 EXT. ROAD - MOMENTS LATER

113

KARTHIK is driving, VIVEK is sitting beside him. Behind him are KAUSHIK and UPENDRA who are fidgeting something on a laptop between them is SUBASH.

KARTHIK

Rendering entha ayyidhi?

UPENDRA

96 percent.

KARTHIK

Shit.

KAUSHIK

Enni saarladigina.. Adhi daani speedlane pothadhi.

VIVEK

Sorry KARTHIK..

A moment of silence ensues.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

Naa,...

KARTHIK

Odhdhu em maatladaduku.

VIVEK

Naaku sumbit cheyyalani ledhu.

KAUSHIK

Ending nuvvanukunte pettinam kadha ra inkendhi problem.

VIVEK turns around and gives him a glare.

KAUSHIK (CONT'D)

Your wish VIVEK. Im just a puppet.

UPENDRA turns to KAUSHIK.

UPENDRA

Thoo.

VIVEK

Naa short film naa ishtam.. Naaku evvariki choopinchey avasaram ledhu

KARTHIK

Nee degaarne pettuko ra.. Pettukoni em peekuthav.

VIVEK

Rey ipuudey sorry cheppina manchiga maatladu..

KARTHIK

enti ra ? Peddha favour chesinnatu maatlaaduthunnav ?? Chinappudu nundi choosthunna.. 8th class lo text book chimpesaavav. ah tharavaatha naa favourite cricket bat iragkottinav..

VIVEK

Nenu daaniki sagam paisal pettina..

KARTHIK

Two thousand lo sagam entha ra KAUSHIK ? 500 ah ?

KAUSHIK

Nenu mathsla weak ra. nannu involve cheyyaku

VIVEK

Naa playstation etla poyindhi ra ?

KARTHIK

Ela poyindhi ra ?

VIVEK

Summer holidays la mee cousins osthunnarani teeskapoyinav.. Peekindhi.

KARTHIK

Rey daanikante mundhu kotila pirated cdlu petti petti sagam paadayyina console ichchinav naaku

UPENDRA

Rey bandi paakkakaapi discuss cheyyandi first..

KARTHIK

Entha ayyindhi ra ?

UPENDRA

Ayipoyindhi usb lo copy pedthunna.

VIVEK

First aapu nuvvu.

UPENDRA

Rey nuvvu mundhu sarigga kurcho.

VIVEK

Uppu laptop eyyi lekunte college trip lo em chesnava andariki cheptha.

KAUSHIK

Oho.. cheppu ra.

KARTHIK

Rey uppu vaadiki iyyaku ra.

UPENDRA

Arey psychoga nee problem enti..

VIVER

Laptop iyyu !

SUBASH

Oye! Whats your problem! chinna pillal laaga.. Brain peragaledha meeku??!

VIVEK

Aani muyyi ra KAUSHIKga.

KARTHIK

Copy ayyindha ??!!!

VIVEK

Nuuvu bandaapbhe!

KARTHIK

Cheyithey bhe saale !

The car swerves off to a corner almost hitting another car, misses, goes off the road and hits a huge tree.

Almost everyone is yelling.

There's smoke from the bonnet of the car.

KAUSHIK

Vaamo vaamoo.. Psychoga..

UPENDRA

SUBASH ? Ok na ??

SUBASH

Im fine. Idiots.,..

UPENDRA

Arey KARTHIK ?

KARTHIK slowly turns towards VIVEK

KARTHIK

*****, ******, thoo!

KAUSHIK

Rey KARTHIK kids ra..

SUBASH

Its ok thittani. nene thidtham anukunna..

KAUSHIK

What a generation.

Everyone takes a moment to breathe.

VIVEK

Naak bhayam avuthundhi.

KAUSHIK

Endhi anna ? bhayam avuthundha ? wow. what a cute fellow.

UPENDRA

Bhayapadetodu evvadu ila horror cinema choopiyaadu ra .. yedhava maabu face nuuvu.

KARTHIK

Aagandi ra.. Edho edusthunnav kadha edu..

VIVEK

Nen cheppa malla edipistharu..

KARTHIK

Cheppu teeskoni kodtha cheppu bhe.

VIVEK

Nenu bhayataki atla kanipistha kani nenu chaala sensitive.

KAUSHIK

Aha ? Aparichithudu ra nuvvu.

VIVEK

Meeru kuda aame odhilesi poyitharu ani bhayam. Already izzat poyindhi. Ippudu idhi bayata choosi anadaru comments chesi izzat pothey malli manam kalisi itla work chesthama? Cheyyamm. Evari daarila vaalam elipotham. Andukane manam chesina 8 short films la okkatikuda bayata pettale..

UPENDRA

Adhenti ? Avvani hard disk corrupt ayyayo .. Leka finish avvaledhu ani release cheyyaleka poyaam ga ?

VIVEK

Anni finish ayyinayi.. Naa deggarene unnayi..

KARTHIK

Em antunnav ra !!??

VIVEK

Bayata pedthey izzat pothadhi ani pettale..

KAUSHIK hits himself on the head, KARTHIK rests on the steering wheel. UPENDRA covers his face with his hand.

UPENDRA

Naaku kadupulo thipputhundhi ra baabu.

VIVEK

Bayata vomit cheyyi malla lopala car padavthadhi.

KARTHIK & KAUSHIK look at him with shock.

UPENDRA almost throws up.

He opens the door and vomits out.

Everyone gather around him.

KARTHIK

Rey ok na?

VIVEK

Baa.

KAUSHIK

Rey! Ungaram!

UPENDRA looks at it and throws up again.

KARTHIK

Time please ra.. babu.. time please..

114 EXT. BEACH - MOMENTS LATER

114

KARTHIK is on the laptop.

There is a skype conversation.

BOSS

KARTHIK ! Whats ahppening !

KARTHIK

Sir, Nenu ready lenu. I cant do this marriage. nenu emo anukunnanu. Naa valla kaadhu.. Thodara padi..

BOSS

Andhantha sarey.. ring ekkada ?

KARTHIK smiles to himself.

KARTHIK

Undhi.. Naa deggere undhi.

He displays it to the camera.

BOSS

Ok.. Hammayya. First nuvvu ah ring teesukoni office ki ochcheyi..

KARTHIK

Bye.

He shuts his laptop.

He puts the laptop aside. Beside him is VIVEK.

KARTHIK (CONT'D)

Antha easy ga ok antaadu ani anukoledhu ra.. ah engagement kante ekkuva vaadiki ah ring gurinchi tension paddadu..

VIVEK

Nuvvu kuda anthey kadha bhe..

KARTHIK & VIVEK are seated on the beach facing the ocean.

KAUSHIK is playing with SUBASH in the sea, while UPENDRA is cleaning himself up.

Theres a moment of silence.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

School days, college days eh baagunde ra.. Em tesnionlu levu.. Evvaru adige todu ledhu.. Ippudu em chesyyalanna bhayam avuthundhi..

He eyes seem welled up.

A moment of silence ensues.

KARTHIK takes out his shades, tucked away in his breast pocket.

He plays around with it.

KARTHIK

VIVEK, neeku fifth class gurthundha?

VIVEK

Umm..

KARTHIK

Oka rooju mid term exams tharavatha. School lo essay contest ayyindhi. nenu essay raasa ..kaani motham school mundhu cheppalante bhayam..

VIVEK remembers the incident.

115 INT. SCHOOL - DAY

115

Kid KARTHIK is standing nervously in front of a podium he's supposed to enter.

A Teacher annouces his name and gets away from the mike.

There are about a hundred kids & teachers in front.

The mike squeaks.

Kid KARTHIK is holding a piece of paper and seems nervous.

Kid VIVEK is right behind him.

KID VIVEK

Emaindhi ?

KID KARTHIK

Bhayamavuthundhi ra.. Naa valla kadhu choodu entha mandi unnaro ..

KID VIVEK

Correct eh .. chaala mandhiunnaru.

They sit down on a bench nearby.

Kid VIVEK opens his bag. He produces a pair of sunglasses from the bag.

He displays it to KARTHIK.

KID VIVEK (CONT'D)

Rey KARTHIK, ivvi Mr.India Glasses. Idhi eskunte nuvvu evvariki kanipiyyav.

There is a huge smile that grows on Kid KARTHIK's face.

He puts it on and walks towards the mike.

He announces his name on the mike & turns towards Kid VIVEK.

Kid VIVEK gives him a Thumbs up, Kid KARTHIK smiles.

116 EXT. BEACH - CONTINUOUS

116

KARTHIK looks on at VIVEK.

VIVEK is all teared up.

KARTHIK gives him his wayfarers.

KARTHTK

Adhi naa first award ra.

A tear rolls down VIVEK's face.

He instantly laughs and hugs KARTHIK.

VIVEK

Sorry

KARTHIK

Antha ok.. Kaani inko saari nannu jubille hills ani anaku..

VIVEK

Done.

KARTHIK

Short film submit cheddam ah ?

UPENDRA

Ring dorikindhi kadha ra. inkendhu submission ?

KARTHIK

Ring ledhu, job ledhu, car ledhu.. Meeru, short films.. samvatsaraaniki ilanti okka trip.. Chaalu..

VIVEK smiles.

117 EXT. SHORT FILM FEST - DAY

117

It's the film festival submissions. There's a lot of commotion and festivity happening all around.

VIVEK is carrying a laptop in his hand, he is wearing KARTHIK's wayfarers.

Behind him are KARTHIK, KAUSHIK, UPENDRA and SUBASH.

They arrive in style.

118 INT. SHORT FILM FEST - MOMENTS LATER

118

A usb drive is slammed on the desk at the submissions area.

VIVEK

Team Kanyaraasi.

ORGANIZER

Too late.

KAUSHIK

Just fifteen minutes. Its ok take it.

ORGANIZER

Please leave respectfully.

KARTHIK

Please take it respectfully.

ORGANIZER 2

Which college are you from ?

All of them mumble at once.

KARTHIK

SVIT

VIVEK

MJIT

UPENDRA

RVIT

KAUSHIK

IIT

All of them give KAUSHIK a glare.

ORGANIZER

Exactly. your ID card says IIT.

VIVEK

Yeah we are from IIT.

ORGANIZER

There is no IIT in Kerala.

KARTHIK

What ?

ORGANIZER

Your Fake ID says IIT kerala.

KARTHIK, VIVEK, UPENDRA turn to KAUSHIK.

VIVEK

Kerala lo IIT endhi ra ?

KAUSHIK

Akkada literacy rate ekkava kadha ra.. Untadhemo anukunna.. anyway, its a small spelling mistake. Don't mind.

119 EXT. SHORT FILM FEST - DAY

119

A few bouncers are holding the guys and throwing them out.

In slow motion, they are being tossed out of the gate.

They have a smile on their face, like they are actually enjoying the whole act.

They are pushed out.

KAUSHIK

Rey! Nuvvu marredadpally ki raa ra idly seenu thoti kottipistha. bloody bouncer.

All of them are seated on a bench nearby.

SUBASH comes walking upto VIVEK.

SUBASH

I want to tell you all two things.

KAUSHIK

Aboo. Endhi ra adhi.. Izaat teesthav anthey kadha ..

SUBASH

1. You are guys are awesome. Last few days .. I had the best time. Thank you.

KAUSHIK is shocked. He goes upto him on his knees and hugs him and pecks him on his cheek.

KAUSHIK

Naa bangaram ra nuvvu.

SUBASH

Second thing cheppani.

All of them lean closer to SUBASH.

SUBASH (CONT'D)
Appudappudu fail avvali..
Aarogyaniki manchidhi.

Everyone slowly breaks in to a laugh.

KAUSHIK

Mike idhi chaala telivaina kothipilla mike..

He wrestles with SUBASH.

Everyone is laughing. VIVEK gets up.

VIVEK walks up to the beach.

The rest of them look on.

UPENDRA

Ekkadikelthunnadu ?

KAUSHIK

Samudram la kalisipothunda endhi ?

KARTHIK

Thaguthaadu malli..

He looks at the Hip flask.

He opens the knob smells the contents.

VIVEK

Sorry, it was great while it lasted. But i think i need to move on. It's not you. Its me.. Bye.

He kisses it and flings it in the sea.

He turns around and wears the way farers.

VIVEK (CONT'D)

(to himself)

Inka bhayapadedhi ledhu..

120 EXT. GINNY'S HOUSE - DAY

120

Ginny is helping the boys load some luggage on to the car.

She waves a bye as everyone get into the car and Kaushik says something back in french.

Vivek walks up to her and enquires her about Shirley.

VIVEK

Shirley ?

Ginny smiles and responds.

GINNY

(In FRENCH)

I already told you, she's in a meeting and she asked you to stop by if you can.

Vivek looks confused.

Ginny realizes that she's spoken in French and steps forward to translate.

Kaushik signals her to relax and steps in front of Vivek.

KAUSHIK

Shirley oka important meeting la unnadhanta. Manam poye thovala ne office. Okka sari kalisi bayaladherumannadhi..

VIVEK

Nee ippudu French ardhamaithundha ?

KAUSHIK

Language of love.

Vivek stares at Kaushik, smiles and shakes his head in disbelief.

120A EXT. SHIRLEY'S MEETING - DAY

120A

Shirley is busy in a meeting, speaking to a few colleagues.

Vivek comes over and stands outside a glass building,

He watches her as she makes a presentation.

He knocks on the glass.

She turns around to see him outside the glass and takes permission from the people around her.

Vivek watches as she walks up to him and signals him to come through in the front entrance.

Vivek watches her as she enquires him about his phone and signals him to call her.

Vivek takes out his phone and shows her the screen.

It displays a music player.

He signals her to plug in the earphones.

She turns around and wonders whats wrong with him,

He puts on his earphones and plays the music.

She slowly follows suit.

The friends watch in amusement.

He places his hand on the glass.

She looks at it smiles and places her hand on it.

He swings to his right and she moves along.

The music pumps up as he dances with her, both on either sides of the glass.

He then signals her to turn around and places his hand on top.

She swiftly rotates and falls on the glass laughing.

He places his head on hers and laughs.

He signals a bye and walks away.

She knocks on the glass this time.

He turns around, she breathes into the glass, creating a foggy spot.

She then inscribes a "call me"

They exchange a smile & he walks away towards his friends & the car.

They applaud.

KAUSHIK
Birthday eppudo kannuko ra .. Kukka
pilla konidham.

Vivek smacks him on the head.

120B EXT. CAR - DAY

120B

A shot of the gang travelling on the roads of Goa.

Vivek breathes as he sticks his head out of the car.

The car then stops outside the antique shop.

120C EXT. ANTIQUE SHOP - DAY

120C

Subash gets down from the car.

He walks upto the counter.

He has his wayfarers on.

He snaps his fingers and the shop owner removes the newspaper and watches him.

Subash places the bag of equipment over the counter and then takes out a wad of 2000 rupee notes and places it beside the bag & signals a salute.

The owner realizes something and looks at subash to enquire.

He isn't there, as he approaches the main door, he watches a car zoom by.

Upendra yells out.

UPENDRA

Dhanyawaad setji!

The owner's anger transitions to a smile.

121 EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

121

All of them are in the car on the road.

KARTHIK is on top of the car shooting pictures.

The miles stone shows 300 kms to Hyderabad

122 EXT. CLUB - DAY

122

KARTHIK gets off the car, followed by UPENDRA. While KAUSHIK and VIVEK stay back in the car $\,$

KARTHIK walks upto the entrance.

He is stopped by the bouncer.

BOUNCER

Sorry sir.

KARTHIK looks up.

The BOSS looks down.

KARTHIK shows him the ring and gives it to the bouncer.

He turns around and looks at his friends behind him.

He smiles as he walks away from the club.

123 INT. COUPLE HOUSE - DAY

123

UPENDRA and KAUSHIK are in front of the guy who's wedding film UPENDRA was editing.

He gives him a hard disk.

UPENDRA

Mee wedding film nen inka cheyyalenu .. idhi footage.. Inkevvarikaina ichchukondi

COUPLE GUY

Ayithey dabbulu eeyyanu..

UPENDRA

Meere pettukondi..

UPENDRA walks away.

KAUSHIK looks at him, removes a hundred rupee note and hands it over to him.

KAUSHIK

Fair and lovely konukko.. Pimples pothayi..

He smiles at him and walks away.

124 EXT. KAUSHIK'S HOUSE - DAY

124

An innova enters KAUSHIK's house.

KAUSHIK's family knocks on the door.

The door opens, it's KAUSHIK.

KAUSHIK'S FATHER

Nee phone em ayyindhi ra .. Edho hindi baashalo not available ani ochchindhi ?

KAUSHIK

Dont joke daddy ..

KAUSHIK'S SISTER

Ekkada ra vaadu.

SUBASH is studying inside. He waves.

SUBASH

Bonjour momma !

KAUSHIK turns to him.

SUBASH winks.

125 EXT. VIVEK'S FLAT - DAY

125

VIVEK, KAUSHIK, UPENDRA & KARTHIK are standing outside VIVEK's house.

VIVEK's mother opens the door.

Everyone smile and wave.

VIVEK's mother drops whatever she has in her hands and stands in shock.

VIVEK'S MOTHER

Malli kalsinara ra meer antha!?

Everyone look at each other.

126 INT. CHAI CAFE - DAY

126

All four of them are seated inside sipping chai.

VIVEK is busy staring into a mobile phone.

VIVEK

Cha. Upload chesina okka short film ki kuda veyyi views kante ekkuva raale ra..

KARTHIK

Inka chaala work cheyyali ra.. Ala easy ga raadu ra..

KAUSHIK

Cha. Intha kadhtapaadaalna ra .. Itlaithey manam eppudu viral avvale... eppudu producer phoen cheyyale.. Eppudu cinema teesi stars avvale..

UPENDRA turns to VIVEK.

UPENDRA

Rey poni ra.. Ippudu naa own words lo okkati cheptha. Ippudu game aadinappudu cheatcodes esi adithey em avuthundhi.. game bore kotti inka aadey moodu pothundhi.. Alane idhi kuda.. Full success dabbulu osthey inka life lo em undhi.. Konchum kadhtapadali .. Appudey interesting ga untundhi..

VIVEK gives him a look.

UPENDRA gets up and sits beside KAUSHIK.

KAUSHIK gives him a hand shake.

KAUSHTK

Welcome.

KARTHIK

Em cheddam ayithey.

VIVEK

Em undhi .. Inka konni short films cheddam.. Meanwhile naakoka.. Manchi rom com idea ochchindhi.

KAUSHIK

Wow.. Horror lekka untademo..

VIVEK

Simple story ra.. Oka abbaiyi side family innova lo pellichoopulu ki elthuntaru... andulo mana KAUSHIK gaani lekka okka howla gaadu untadu gang la..

FADE TO BLACK.

ONE YEAR LATER.

127 EXT. ROAD - DAY

127

A food truck labeled "SPITFIRE BBQ" to the side is being driven on the highway.

In the driver's seat is VIJAY DEVERAKONDA, beside him is PRIYADARSHI.

Behind them is UPENDRA yielding a michrophone close to their faces.

VIJAY

Rey VIVEK.. Entha sepu ra action cheppu.. enda kodthundhi..

Beside the food truck is a maruthi OMNI van.

Inside the VAN is VIVEK in the deat beside the drivers.

Driving the van is KAUSHIK, behind it operating the camera is KARTHIK.

VTVEK

Aagu konsepu.. Emaindhi ra KARTHIK.

KARTHIK

Two miniutes.. Focus set ayyindhi..

VIVEK

KAUSHIK speed altalne maintain cheyyi..

KARTHIK

Rey Slow ellu KAUSHIK..

KAUSHIK

Nannu hero chestharu anukunna aakarki driver chesnaru.. Tho..

VIVEK

VIJAY ! Slow..

VIJAY

Rey brake padthale ra..

VIVEK

Endhi ?

VIJAY

Rey brake padthale !!

PRIYA DARSHI

Dude.. What are you saying ..

VTJAY

Darshi.. Handbrake kottu. .

Darshi pulls the hand brake it comes off in his hand.

PRIYA DARSHI

Dude VIVEK ! Chethiki ochchesindhi

UPENDRA

Rey !!!

VIVEK

KAUSHIK mana bandi thippu ra..

KAUSHIK takes a steep left.

IN SLOW MOTION - They Crash as the titles appear.

CREDIT SEQUENCE.

END.