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# BEACH CRIMES

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Once upon a time there was a school in the middle of a great big park, the school's name was National Goa School. There were many people there and surprisingly most of them loved travelling, but only one person, Aayush hated travelling. He always said "I get travel sick every time I travel, don't you get travel sick to?" Everyone's answer would always be "No we don't, we enjoy travelling" after saying this they would walk away.



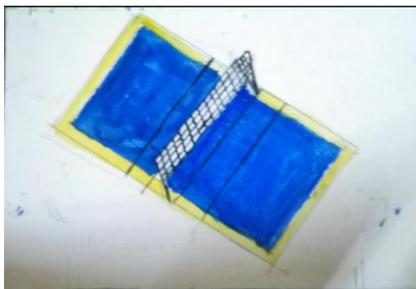
Day by day Aayush started getting irritated and sometimes thought 'I need to find someone who hates travelling', if there was a free period, he would go around asking people if they liked travelling or not [ if he was asked to monitor the class] and the answer he would always get was "oh yes, I love travelling very much, Don't you?" Aayush with sadness and hesitation would say "yes" even though he did not like travelling at all.

The school was filled with so many tourists that in every parent teacher meeting every parent [ except Aayush's parents] would talk about the next tourist spot they should go instead of talking about the

student, that to even the teachers would enthusiastically join the conversation.

There were 2 people [ out of 500] who wanted to befriend Aayush as they felt sad for him, their names were Ashish and Asha they were twins and had always studied in the same class.

After a few days they asked Aayush “we do like travelling but we want you as a friend, do you accept being our friend?” Aayush thought ‘it is better to have a friend who is not like you than having no friend at all’ and he said “Yes oh yes “And after this Aayush, Ashish and Asha were bests friends.



Since volleyball was every tourists’ favourite game, [volleyball is what most people play on the beach] the only court the school had was a volleyball court and as usual Aayush hated everything related to tourists so he never played volleyball.

Most people’s parents were police and detectives yet they were never on schedule due to their travel plans. If someone did not put a leave letter and skipped classes the student would get a scolding, if their reason was “I skipped classes due to a travel trip” they would be left alone. And since it was goa not only that school was full of tourists the whole state was. Anywhere you go if you said “I took leave due to travelling” you or anyone would be free.

Even though Aayush had friends he was still irritated due to tourism, volleyball, travelling and tourists. One day he saw Aashish and Asha talking about volleyball, he immediately broke the friendship between him, Aashish and Asha. It did not matter much for Aashish and Asha as they had other friends as well, it was just going to be a problem for Aayush as he had no friends now.

After a few days they started being asked to stop playing volleyball and going out of the class due to gender differences and fights developing. It was a problem for everyone this time not only Aayush, not only the tourists but the whole school was in huge trouble. There were not only small fights there were big fights with hitting. Boys were in one class and girls in the other. According to me that was wrong because instead of the teachers trying to unite them, they were separating them.

Moving back to the situation It was very hard for Aashish and Asha, they were worried about the school principal's announcement "we might have to build one more school and put only girls in one and boys in one, but this will happen only if these gender differences continue" the principal had said.

Well, Aayush wasn't so sure if this boy and girl's separation would be beneficial for him but after thinking continuously for 2 days day and night, he came to a conclusion that this actually might be useful for him and he could take this to his advantage to irritate tourists [ which had become his goal after seeing people around him doing this he does not like doing]. He had a thought in mind.

Gender differences continued but the principal was still waiting a month till the decision on her announcement.

Aayush decided to start the first part of his plan, it was continuing gender differences. He always told the boys “hey I heard that girl saying that you are very irritating” or something like that even though it was not true, the boy would get angry and harm the girl.



He had tried to make Aashish think that Asha had said something bad about him but Aashish knew she wouldn't do that and had understood Aayush was trying to do something bad but since the principal was getting worried, she decided to issue the announcement that the new school would be built.

Aayush liked that because that was part of his plan and needed that to achieve his [bad] goal.

Oh, and I forgot to tell you that in this school 12<sup>th</sup> grade was done twice for people who wanted to do detective and police work as the second year was like the first year of training for the future detectives and polices of the school and this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 12<sup>th</sup> for all of them so next year they would be going [in groups] and doing training with actual detectives and polices and then start actually doing their work.



This was 1 month away from the end of the year so the principal thought that we will have to separate the 2<sup>nd</sup> year 12<sup>th</sup> graders into 2 batches and send them into different training camps, after a lot

of thought she decided to separate them into boys and girls.

This was also part of Aayush's plans, separating boys and girls would really help him go to the next step of his [ bad] plan He then went to a polices camp for 1 year and a detective's camp for the next year.

In the police camp he started influencing the boys that tourists are useless and do bad to the world and things like that. He did all this influencing at night time when all the police were sleeping.

This went on for a whole year, early morning at 5 he would get up without saying 1 minute 2 mins and things so that the police men think that he is innocent and won't do anything wrong but he did very wrong.



After a year he went to a detective camp and did the exact same thing except this time he went to a night shift detective camp so he did the influencing in the morning while all the detectives were asleep.

Aashish who felt something very wrong and suspicious is going on kept an eye on Aayush day and night he knew Aayush was trying to get people into bad things.

It was only a week away from all of the boys and the girls gathering and deciding who becomes a detective and who becomes police. Just 3 nights away from this day Aashish heard Aayush talking about something he could not believe he said in his mind 'Aayush you have gone too far this time.

The next day Aashish with the excuse of a stomach ache skipped that shift he called Asha and told her to do the same, he then ran to her camp and told Asha what he had heard the last night. He said "Asha yesterday night I heard Aayush saying something like 'let's irritate all those tourists who are doing bad to the world by destroying a beach". Asha got very scared but her first question was "how are tourists doing



bad to the world?" Aashish replied "oh I don't exactly know but about a month ago I have heard Aayush telling the other boys that tourists skip a lot of classes and influence the world that you should miss studies and all".

Asha immediately understood that Aayush will become a police man because if something wrong happens then police are called first and then only are detectives called. She told Aashish about her thought and that she should try to make all the girl's detectives so that they also

don't get influenced by Aayush and he should also become a detective only Aashish replied "oh yes I will "and he left Aashas camp and went back to his camp.

After two days all of the girls and the boys gathered and Aashas prediction was right Aayush and all the other boys were all becoming policemen [ except Aashish] besides that Asha could also convince all the girls to become detectives!

Aayush became curious and thought 'Why are all the girls becoming detectives and not police women'. But after a few days of being a police officer he stopped thinking about this. He was now trying to enjoy the beautiful beach (Condolin) view however he was not able to do so because the police station was very close to the dump site of the beach and was stinking like anything.

On the other hand, the people who had become detectives were living in private hotel rooms which had a garden view and the rooms were filled with the fragrance of the lavender. The hotel was quite close to the beach's volleyball court. Also, in the hotel you could get free ice-cream every day! When they went for small trips to places to explore few rocks and



other things, they were able to take with them other equipment like magnifying glass, swiss knives, binoculars, thermal sensors etc.

Since the hotel could be seen from the police station Aayush felt jealous of the others and started thinking 'I should have become a detective, I should have become a detective, I should have become a detective'. He became focused on his [ bad] plan again and went on to the next step of his plan "destroying" a beach.

Every night when all of the other senior police men were asleep, he used to wake up the other boys and continue planning, " we should now try to destroy and crush a beach but which one should we destroy" he used to ask things like that and did all this only at night. And every morning he used to ensure he made some nice tea to gain their trust .



But one night a police man heard a few whispers. The next day he called the detective who was training Ashish , Asha and all the others and asked them to send some spies from their camp and check what is going on Aashish and Aasha heard him talking and went to him and said

"Sir,sir all the other detectives are not free right now so can we go and see what is going on in the police camp instead of the senior detectives , please sir" after some thought his reply turned out to be "yes but tell me everything you see and hear".

Aashish and Asha from long ago had known Aayush was going to do something bad and thought this was it . They even saw how Aayush was gaining the other policemen's trust by helping them with their work.

Aayush then started executing his plans.

After few weeks from then the authorities realized that the crowd at the sea beach was reduced considerably. All the sea animals started dying and reached the sea shore When the people opened the stomach to see what was happening to the dead sea animals they found a lot of garbage and plastic pieces in the stomach. They thought 'A few weeks ago this was not happening. All the beach animals were living properly and there was no garbage on the shore. This means that somebody is purposefully doing this. We will have to conduct an investigation.

Everyone got worried. The animal lovers who used to go to the beach and give food to the sea animal every day got extremely worried because the beaches were getting closed because of extreme amount of garbage and dead animals on the sea shore.

The policemen and the detectives gathered and started an investigation. They also called the cleaning department so that they can clean all the beaches and get rid of all the garbage on the beach [atleast try to]. They saw what all garbage and plastics were there in the stomach of the animals. They observed that the plastic was made up of special material which was only supplied to the police and detective

department. The police and detectives were worried because the culprits were in either of the departments .

After hearing this Aayush became worried and had to find a way to mislead the investigation from the police department to the detective department. After a lot of thought he found a way. He went to the detectives camp secretly stole the detective department's badge. He put that badge into a plastic cover and threw that in the sea waters. After a few days the investigating officers found a whale with the plastic cover having the detective's badge inside it. The investigating officers seem to be sure that the culprit was in the detective's camp. They decided to stop letting the detectives investigate the case. Aayushes plan was working. Every day the policemen went to the detective's camp to do full scale investigation. Ashish and Asha thought that all this was happening because of Aayush .

They told the senior detectives to check the CCTV camera to check if the detective's badge or the uniform was stolen. After seeing the CCTV footage they got to know that some policeman had come to the detectives' campus, had stolen the badge.



The also checked the CCTV footage of the beach from where the badge was recovered and discovered that the similar looking person wearing the poilce uniform had put the detective's badge and had thrown it in

the sea. But he could not see the face of the person clearly as he was wearing a mask.

They immediately sent the footage to the policemen and asked them to examine it. After looking at the footage the policemen also agreed that this crime was committed by a policeman. Aayush was even more worried now because he knew that soon they might find out who the real culprit was.

Based on the latest findings of the investigation, the investigation was handed over to the detective department. Ashish and Asha were called to join the investigation to nab the culprit. They convinced the seniors that they would go at night and try to take picture of the criminal if he tried to do the same thing again.



But they were not able to find anyone throwing that much garbage on the beach. Aayush was spying on them and while he was doing so, Ashish saw him. Ashish and Asha started chasing him. Aayush was ready for this, he took a bike and ran away. But a piece of the number plate of the bike broke and fell on the ground. Aayush was not aware of the same, but Asha saw this and picked up the broken piece.

The next day they went to the investigation team and told them what had happened at night. They showed them the broken piece of the number plate and asked them to track the bike with an exact match of the broken piece.

Luckily, they were able to track down the bike with the exact match of the broken piece. Amay was arrested. From the police records it was clear that the bike with the broken number plate was allocated to Amay.

During interrogation Amay denied doing any such thing and told them that his bike was borrowed by Aayush for a month because Aayush's bike was under maintenance according to him.

They made a plan. They sent Amay to Aayush's house to recover his bike. He had a small hidden microphone in his pocket. The receiver was with the investigating team. During the conversation between Amay and Aayush, Aayush said "Thank you for giving me your bike. Hope you did not go through any trouble."

Some policemen were right behind him recording what was being said.

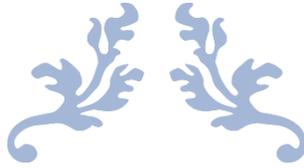
Aayush got arrested. He confessed to his crime. His fingerprints were an exact match all over the garbage and Amay's bike. Aayush had finally understood his mistake.

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## **Blurb**

**A boy called Aayush who is a police man is trying to destroy a whole beach just because he hates tourists. Aayush is influencing other police personnel into doing the same. They all are throwing garbage on the beach and inside the sea reducing the tourism of the beach greatly and killing many animals as they gobble up inedible garbage. Twins, Ashish and Asha realise this and as detectives they try to stop Aayush. Will they succeed?**

