

THE SPY CASTLE



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This time, he has woven his thoughts and imagination around an incident full of *mystery* and adventure for our young readers to enjoy.

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Chapter 1

THE SINGH FAMILY

The Singh family had been living in Bangalore for several years. **Swati**, the grandmother, was an old and a simple lady. She was very graceful and loved all her three grandkids. **Rahul**, the kid's father, was a very hardworking man. He was a very loving father but was also strict with the kids. He loved playing sports and occasionally played various sports like Cricket, Tennis and Football. **Sunita** was a very caring mother. She took a very good care of the family and she used to love cooking various kinds of foods for the family.



Anwar was the eldest of the three boys. He liked playing video games. **Govind** was the youngest and the brightest of the three in the studies. He liked eating junk food a lot. **Aarush** was the middle one. He was extremely mischievous and played lot of pranks. He once tied a rubber snake to his mother's saree with a very thin string. Upon seeing the snake, his mother got extremely scared and ran around the house. Later, everyone had a hearty laugh.

Chapter 2

BUYING THE MANSION

One day, the Singh family decided to go for a picnic to *outskirts* of the city. It has been many months since they had last gone. The next day, early in the morning, the family left for their trip in their Mercedes SUV.



They all wore warm clothes because it was cold in the morning. One hour later, they reached a small village that had some historical places. They decided to eat their breakfast post which they planned to visit those historical places. After their breakfast, their first visit was to an old temple.

On the way to the temple, they saw an old, big and beautiful mansion. It even had a big **garden** with a **fountain** in front of it. The garden had many beautiful plants of roses and marigold flowers. The mansion had two floors. It had a big door at the entrance. The family immediately fell in love with the mansion and decided that it would be a perfect get away home for them.



They asked people nearby if the mansion was *on sale*, but they did not know. Suddenly they saw a man going inside the mansion. Rahul rushed towards him to ask if the mansion was on sale. After some thought, the man said "yes, the mansion is for sale". He also said that the actual **owner** of the mansion is his best friend **Prem**. Since he had shifted out of the country, Prem had asked his friend to take care of the mansion and if possible, find a buyer and sell it. After much negotiations, the Singh family became the proud owners of the beautiful mansion.

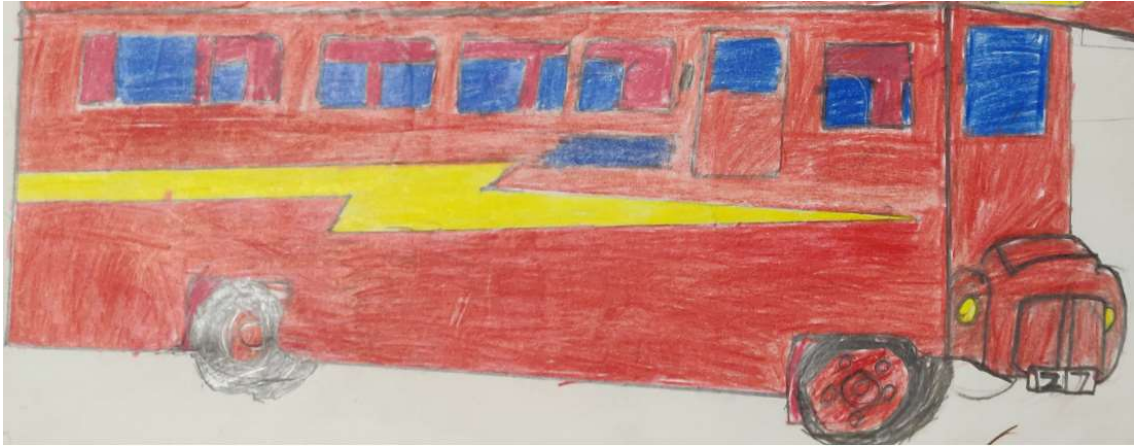
Chapter 3

THE MYSTERIOUS MAN

One **NIGHT** during their visit to the mansion, when everybody was fast asleep, Sunita suddenly woke up to some *strange noise*. She came out and tip-toed down the stairs to check what was the noise. She saw a stranger opening a small *trapdoor* on the floor. That stranger went inside and closed the trapdoor behind him. **Frightened**, Sunita went back to her room, but she could not sleep that night. She wasn't sure what to do at this time of the night.



Early next morning, she called the whole family to her room. She locked her room's door from inside and in a whispering, tone told them about the incident from last night. Frightened, the family decided to call the **Police**.



After some time, four Policemen arrived in a **Police van**. Anwar narrated the incident to the Police and showed them the trapdoor. When the Police opened the trapdoor on the floor, they saw a staircase going down into a *secret room*. They went down and saw a man sleeping on a bed. Next to the bed, they saw a small locker. The Police caught hold of that man, but he refused to give them the key to the locker. Finally, the Police called for a key maker to open the locker. After some effort, when the key maker finally opened the locker, the Police found some documents and files inside the locker. Upon examining the documents, they realized that those were *top-secret Government documents*. Police immediately arrested that man and took him to the Police station.

Chapter 4

RECHRISTENING

Upon interrogation, it came to the light that the arrested man was Prem, the actual owner of the house. He was working as a **SPY** for another country and was about to fly away with the documents.



Police thanked the Singh family since they helped in arresting the spy in time, else he would have run away forever with the top-secret documents. Government also *awarded Sunita* for keeping her cool and calling the Police, which helped in catching the elusive spy, whom the Government agencies were searching for quite some time. All the family members were extremely happy and proud, and enjoyed living in their mansion thereafter. They renamed the mansion as "**Spy Castle**".



BLURB

A family decides to buy a big mansion on an outing trip. Little did they know that this will turn out to reveal a big mystery.

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