

Finding the Fifth Friend

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Preface

I always wanted to imagine magic and fantasy in my life but I never knew how to do it first I thought about a play but it didn't work so I kept thinking what to do it get it in my life until I had to write a novel for my school so I thought I could do it now and I started to write on 8th of November 2020 and finished on 5th of January 2021 which was actually my birthday then after I finish the book it will be published around February-April.

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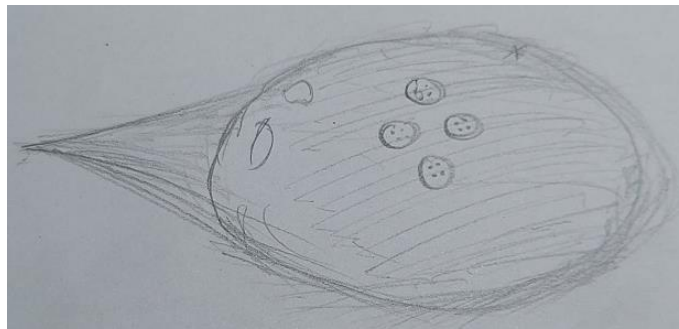
HIDE AND KIDNAP

Once upon time there were five friends their names were:

- Adhvik who was a very intelligent person.
- Pranav who was a great detective.
- Adarsh who has unbelievable ideas.
- Sachit who has good hearing skills.
- Darsh who had great bravery and fast at running.

On their first day of **summer** holidays all the friends came down quickly soon after breakfast to play. They were playing hide and seek. Sachit was the den; while he was counting Darsh was kidnapped by a kidnapper. Luckily Adhvik saw what happened and told everyone as soon as Darsh was kidnapped. A small thing fell from the kidnappers pocket and they went to have a look at it. It was a *Crystal Coconut*. Not knowing what to do with it, they immediately went to Adhvik's house and thought about it and how could they save Darsh.

One hour passed nobody knew what to do. Pranav said they should be going out and check if they can find some clue. Everyone agreed to that option and went down in search for a clue. They then decided to team up and headed out of the apartment in search of their friend.



Crystal Coconut

THE CRYSTAL COCONUT

Pranav went to drink water before going out to search - he had to go north just then a great idea struck to his mind. He asked Adhvik which direction the kidnapper went. Adhvik replied east. As Pranav was facing towards north, he pressed the right part of the coconut. The coconut started to ask questions!

The first one was "Where are you?" Adhvik replied "Platinum Palace". It told

"Face East take ten steps and then you should find fifteen mansions, pick the correct one", everyone

were shocked. Then Adarsh said it stopped maybe because the people who owns this must know which one to go in.

Then they all went the direction which the coconut told after that they really did see fifteen mansions with different sizes and colors. Everyone was confused what to do. So they went in all of the mansions and figured out these mansions were factories like chocolate factory, toy factory etc.

Pranav continued to examine the coconut and tried figuring out why it did not have any clues to find out which mansion to find their friend. So they thought they may be in some other mansion probably the kidnapper were in said Adhvik, everyone agreed but not Sachit because there was no other mansions around and also the coconut had stopped at choosing between the fifteen mansions, the kidnapper and Darsh should be one of those fifteen he replied.

Adhvik asked to split up in teams and search in the mansions further. All of them accepted and split up. When they went inside the mansions to their surprise there were many mansions behind each of those mansions. Everyone got frightened and thought that they shouldn't have split up. But still the brave boys continued to search for their friend.

THE MANSION MYSTERY

Looking at all the colors of mansion Pranav got an extraordinary idea and quickly asked Adhvik who was with him which color was Darsh wearing? Adhvik replied "Orange T-Shirt and black pants". They both ran to Sachit and Adarsh and told "We all have to go to the Orange and Black mansion". All of them ran quickly towards it.

All of them went back into Orange and black mansion, when they went in they saw a huge twenty story building with a **twenty skillful**

martial arts guards. They were all terrified to go inside

Adarsh came up with a plan and told it to them what to do and how to find Darsh inside this Skyscraper - the plan was that Pranav would pretend that he would be the mansion's owner brother and he will go inside and told to the guard that to let his friend's. So they did that plan and then the guard asked "Who are you" "I'm your master's brother" said Pranav he told fine you can go inside and Pranav told "Can my friends also come in" the guard told fine you and your friends can inside the mansion and visit my Master. As continued they found a **tab** attached to the wall and was written enter the password the four of them did not know the password so they thought to asked the guard

Pranav told the guard to enter the password "My brother did not tell me the password if he did I think I have forgotten it". The guard was suspicious however he called his master to check if he had told his brother the password.

He then called his master and asked him "Have you told your brother the password?"

The owner said "Yes, I have"

The guard told "Looks like he has forgotten it".

"Ok, then you do it" said the mansion's owner.

“As you say master” said the guard and entered the password and the door opened. They four went in immediately the door closed.

They all saw that there were many pictures of brand new gadgets, toys and a kitchen in the ground floor. They searched through the floor and didn't find them in ground floor. They next went to first floor.

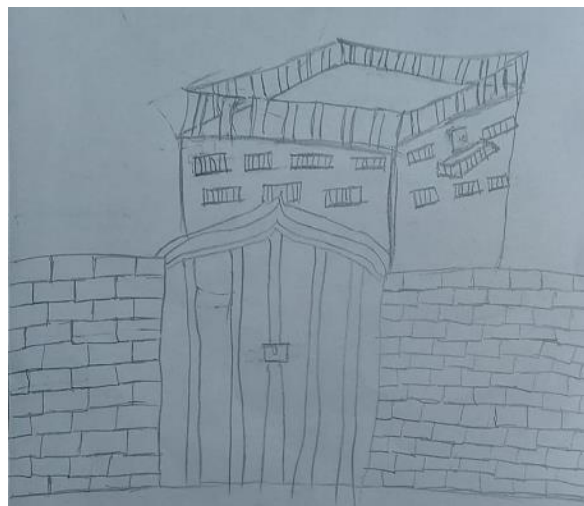
As they went into the first floor they saw many rooms they started checking one room after another but there was no sign of Darsh in room.

In first and second room was filled with electronic items, robots and toys and people working and testing on them.

In the third room and there was a man standing and then in the next room it was the same man as well! They were shocked to see same person in two rooms. Then they realized it was **a teleporting machine**.

They further continued to search for their friend, in the fifth room which was a security room where they could see rooms of first five floors but could not locate him in any room.

Adarsh told maybe they are shifting him to another room all the time. Sachit told I think Adarsh is right, maybe they are really him shifting to another room. They were all sad that they still couldn't find their friend. But still they didn't give up!!!



The Mansion

THE ROOM RUNNING RACE

So they all went again searching they were running so fast that it was a race, well that was because the mansion's owner was in mansion camera system room so he saw where the four friends were going in the rooms they have checked multiple times. So the four friends did not stop running so the kidnapper called it:

"THE ROOM RUNNING RACE"

They searched for half an hour and couldn't find Darsh all they saw was the guard who let them in! So they quickly hid themselves in different rooms.

But in ten minutes they all were found and the guard told them "It is time to leave visiting time is over". Sachit told okay but we have not seen all the rooms yet. The four of them had no option but to leave the mansion. So after they left the mansion.

Then Pranav and Adarsh went to the guard and told can we talk to the **ESTATE** manger the guards told fine while both of them kept them busy Adhvik and Sachit went to the control room and they both controlled the building but everything went totally wrong and all the guards and mangers ran to the control room their plan failed again. The guards now know that Pranav is not there master's brother. Sachit said "Now it is time to take a step ahead"..... and continued "Pranks at this type of stage will not work". Adhvik asked Adarsh "Do you have any more ideas? Adarsh thought for a two seconds. He recollected that there was an advertisement that the mansion owner was looking for guards. He said "Well now we all need to disguise ourselves as guards and that way we can stay in the mansion", but for this they need their magic spice and have to return to home.

Then an announcement was made "Close the gates time for lunch". Now they can enter only after 4 PM.

So then Pranav said "Let's all go and get the magical book that will help find us Darsh". They all ran to Adarsh's house to find the book

Pranav said a recipe to make us grow up in second page they found the recipe for that. It was

'Speed Growing Sandwich'.

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MAGIC MADNESS

There was a warning and a riddle written on that page “May you use this only this time and you may not use this the second time” and the warning was “The first person to eat the sandwich will pay a price, the clue will be known only after they follow some other person in trouble for ten steps and then take the second bite to get the clue.”

Pranav told everyone-“Fine now shall we cook”.

Adarsh told- “No, wait there is something more in the riddle but it is faded”

A... for each of *Cardion Sugar*... teaspoon per, that’s all, there should be more part of the riddle.

Pranav said “We don’t have time to figure that out now”

Adhvik said “So, the ingredients are Cardion Sugar, Leandra Salt, Asavendre Vanilla Cream, Kaynined Chili, Brown Bread, Cheese and 5 vegetables of your choice.

Pranav asked Adhvik and Adarsh “Where are the spices?”

Just then they realized the spices are in Adhvik’s house and they ran to Adhvik’s house to get them.

Adhvik and Adarsh were back with spices and all started to cook when Adhvik was going to pour the Cardion Sugar

Sachit said “Wait!”

Adhvik asked “Why?”

Sachit continued “Remember the riddle each teaspoon of Cardion Sugar per year maybe so we all are 11 years old so 19 teaspoons of Cardion Sugar should work.

They all got his words of wisdom and poured 19 teaspoons of the **magnificent magical spice** and they all were ready to eat.

Adarsh just reminded them about the warning so then Adhvik had divine idea and told them-“What if all eat it together either we all have to pay price or all of us don’t need to pay price”.

So then Adarsh told-“If all of us have to pay a price then there will be a lot of stuff to do today”.

Pranav said “Then we all better start our mission”.

Just then they all got a message in their phones written ‘Come home we have a surprise for all of you guys’. It was from their mothers.

Then they all texted back ‘We will be back in 2 hours and 15 minutes’.

Mothers replied ‘Fine, but when you come back you are going love what you are going see’.

And they took their first bite together.

They looked at each other and were amused, they all were grown-ups!!

‘So, then what prices should all of us pay’ said Adarsh.

Maybe we all should go to different places then it will get over quicker, said Adhvik.

They all split up. Adarsh stayed at their apartment, Pranav went to ‘The Fantasy Mall’, Adhvik went to ‘The Famous French Fries Factory’ and Sachit went to ‘Fantastic Food House’.

After they all reached their places, the first one to pay a price was Pranav.

He saw a kid who wanted to play at the ring toss game stall after playing he couldn’t find his parents and started crying, Pranav followed him for ten steps and then he ate the second bit of his sandwich and he came up with an idea he called Darsh and Darsh answered the his phone and Pranav asked him “Darsh where are you?”

Darsh replied “I am in”. And the call got cut. Pranav called back but Darsh didn’t answer.

Next was Adhvik to pay a price when he reached restaurant there was an offer “If you beat me in cards you get free French fries for a month!!”

Then a small girl wanted to play the game and she tripped over and started crying, Adhvik followed her ten steps and then ate the second bite of sandwich, Just then a bus came and a person was saying come on everyone we will take a tour through every place in this area and inside them too.

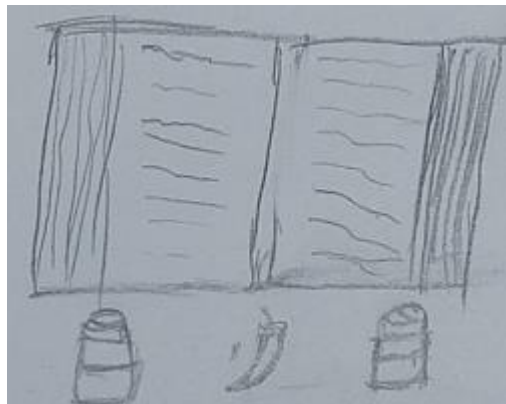
Adhvik then ran in the bus before he reached the person who told the statement put a sign on the bus door saying sorry all seats are sold. You are welcome tomorrow. Adhvik was very bumped and angry that his plan had failed. Then his phone rang. It was Pranav,

He asked “Adhvik did you find Darsh?”

Adhvik replied “no.

Pranav was upset and hung up as both of them couldn’t get any clue yet. Now it was all upto Sachit and Adarsh to find their friend.

A farmer came to their apartment to sell fruits. A pair of siblings came to buy his fruits then their purse fell down and could not find it and they were very scared and upset. Adarsh followed them for ten steps and then ate the tasty sandwich. Then a man came to Adarsh and said “Come quick, we will take you through the mansion street and also inside every room in them” he was very happy and ran but by then another person took the last ticket. So, he also failed.



The Recipe Book

THE SPELL SAVE

It was only Sachit now, he reached the hotel – Fantastic Food House. There it was a competition everyone could try. To walk to the end of the line blind folded in only fifteen seconds for 50 meters. Yes one five fifteen seconds and if they can make it they get a One Lakh rupees!!

One man was so close because he had cheated and had to pay fifty thousand as penalty. After paying Sachit followed him for ten steps then ate the sandwich and then the person who was conducting said a statement this offer is over onto the next one they were allowing ten children to come with us to the gadgets and toys mansion over there we will see how gadgets and toys are made so then nine kids went then Sachit then ran as fast as he can but he was a second late.

Then his phone rang it was all his three friends and then all of them said together “I failed in my plan”.

“Let's meet at our apartment” they all said together. Then they all hung up and went to their apartment sadly and at the speed of a sloth or maybe slower than a sloth.

They now only had an hour fifteen minutes to find Darsh post that they all had to get back to their home.

Now they all turned back to their original ages.

Just then Adarsh saw their mothers coming towards their apartment where they were discussing, they all hid behind the bush to hide that their mothers were coming then they all went behind a bush and then they heard them. Darsh’s mom told “I can’t wait for another one hour fifteen minutes when the boys come we found some rare spices so that they can cook some special recipes of their own and we all liked the taste of labercane chilly”.

The boys were worried they still haven’t found Darsh they were thinking of telling about Darsh to their parents. Just then Advik realized that how Darsh’s mom got the message from Darsh and with the exact time that they had told their mothers.

How did Darsh know about this? Is he is around them somewhere? Can he hear us? But why we are not able to see or hear him? These were some of the questions they were asking for themselves

Pranav said “Did the kidnapper feed him a magical food that makes him invisible?”

Cling a message came to Pranav’s mobile – It was from Darsh. It read I am here friends I can see you all but you can’t see or hear me.

They were perplexed and their guess came true.

Pranav replied “How can we get you back and how did you get invisible”

Darsh replied – “I am on a spell from the kidnapper, I manage to escape from him with my mobile finally. I am not sure how to get out of this spell”.

Now they had to get back to home to find the recipe to make him visible. They went back to Adarsh’s house to look in the magical book for the recipe.

They found the recipe was ‘See Everything Egg’ the riddle was “Make it visible” but this needed the special spice labercane chilly! They now had to get this spice from their mothers.

So Pranav came up with an idea and he went to his mother and said “I was the den and I am taking so long to find them. Can I have the surprise?”

Pranav’s mom felt pity for him and revealed the surprise and told him that these were some special spices they had got for them. Pranav said “fine I will go home and keep it” Pranav’s mother gave him the keys

He then went to Adarsh house with the spice and cooked a recipe - ‘See Everything Egg’ the riddle was “Make it visible” then Darsh ate an egg and then he was finally visible!!

All of them were very happy and hugged each other but then they had got another mission to find the kidnappers who had the magical spices’.

That will be solved in the next book. See you next time.

‘The END’

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Finding the Fifth Friend

Blurb

Five ten year old boys are playing Hide and seek in their first day of summer named Adarsh, Advik, Pranav, Sachit and Darsh. Darsh gets kidnapped and the rest of the four boys are looking for him around their city and using magic to find them. They are going through mansions and going to factories restaurants and their own apartment searching they had a time limit of three hours because their mothers wanted to show the a surprise and they all had some prices to do.....