

THE SUMMER ADVENTURE

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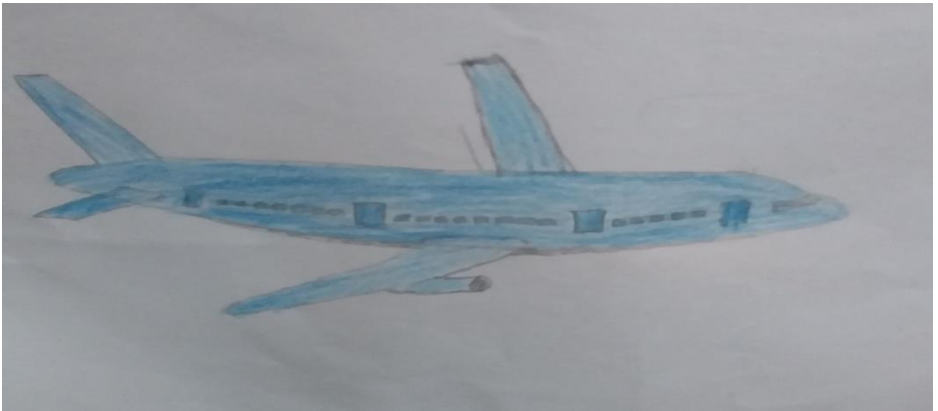
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Chapter 1 Holidays

One Friday evening, Pankaj, a twelve year old boy, with kind brown eyes and a sharp nose, was packing to go to his grandparent's house in Mumbai. His parents had some work in Chennai and they had planned to drop him in Mumbai and then go to Chennai for their work. This vacation was special for him because he loved to travel by airplane and he also loved playing Carrom with his grandfather and eating



the delicious food his grandmother cooked. Their flight was the next day and he was packing his favorite cricket bat, board game and ball



His mother told him to clean his room after packing, so he did that also. When his room was clean, and all the work done, he ate his dinner and he went to bed. The next day dawned bright and fresh, and it was time for him to leave for Mumbai. They boarded the flight at 11 am. It was an uneventful and boring journey. He dozed off in the aeroplane. Around 1 pm his parents woke him up as

the flight was landing. They alighted from the aeroplane and got a taxi and went to his grandparent's house in Thane. His grandparents were waiting for him at the gate and he hugged them. He had a bath and ate and asked his grandparents if he could look around the house because they had renovated it and his grandparents said yes. After lunch, his parents rested for some time and then left to the airport, as it was time for them to go to Chennai. His grandparents made him a special dinner of paneer butter masala and rotis, after which he went to bed.

Chapter 2 At his grandparent's home

Cock-a-doodle-doo!!! screamed the cock and Pankaj woke up. He quickly brushed his teeth and had a bath. Pankaj went to the hall and greeted his grandparents with a beaming smile. He had his breakfast and went to the nearby woods because he wanted to explore it. He went deep into the wood and while he was observing some rare shrubs and animals, he heard some very low voices. They were coming from behind a very big rock. He slowly followed the voices and then he saw six men. They did not look very friendly. They were talking about something and he was sure if it was right. Just then he remembered he would be late for lunch and turned to go home. After his lunch he asked his grandparents if he could see the cricket match between India and Australia on the television. His grandparents said yes. After the match he rested for an

hour and then went outside to the woods. He went to the big rock where he had seen the men. They were not there. He sat down behind the rock and then suddenly the rock moved into the ground. Thud, he fell into an underground room. When he looked around he saw a table, a chair and even a bed. Then while was observing the room he saw a small piece of paper. There was something written on it. He read, “Meet at base on 23rd October at 10:00 a.m. That’s tomorrow he thought. Just then he saw his watch it was 6:45. Oh my gosh! is that the time he thought I must hurry home. He found a rope below the bed and climbed back up. He hurried back home. His grandfather saw him and asked him where he had been. He replied that he had been playing on the road. After that he went to the bathroom, washed up and came to eat dinner in front of the tv then he went to bed. Before going to bed he read his favorite mystery book The Famous Five.

3. The Adventure Begins

The cock crowed and Pankaj woke up it was 6:45 am. He wanted to go back to the underground room for the meeting he saw on the note. He brushed his teeth, had a bath and ate his breakfast. By that time, it was 9:30 am. He wanted to go a bit early because he wanted to go there before the men. He went to the big rock. he pushed the lever and he slid quietly into the room and hid under the bed. While he was there he heard some voices. His heart started beating very fast. Then suddenly he saw the six men.



They sat on the bed and started talking about something on Mars Lane. He thought was it a robbery. There was a bank on Mars Lane. Then suddenly one man screamed “Put that down” to another man. He dropped a handkerchief. The leader then said “Ok boys come to Kolad Marg tomorrow night we will discuss the details there.” They all climbed out then he climbed out after he thought it was safe. Then he wondered how he would go to Kolad Marg the next day when he didn’t even know where Kolad Marg was. Then he had an idea there was a map of Mumbai on his grandfather’s table. He quickly hurried home and went to his grandfathers table and saw it. Great he thought, it is right in the middle of Thane were his grandparents lived. He planned to go on his bicycle. He would quietly exit the house at 9pm because they were meeting at 9:30. He didn’t want to be late. Just then his grandfather entered the room and asked what he

was doing. Oh I am just reading your book Pankaj said. Then he went to the dining table and his grandparents told him that somebody would be coming for dinner to meet them so we will have to eat dinner with him and not now they said. Just the thing I wanted thought Pankaj and smiled to himself. He had his dinner and said goodnight to his grandparents. When he looked at his watch it was 9pm. He quietly slid down the window of his room and took his bicycle from the shed. Then he rode out of the gate. The night time in Mumbai was very beautiful. He rode into Kolad Marg. It was a deserted and dirty and he spotted a warehouse. He thought that it would be a good place for the men to have their meeting. So he went inside the warehouse and hid behind a stack of boxes. Suddenly the thieves entered they sat on some boxes and they started talking. Ok boys the leader said the final robbery is tomorrow, lets meet on Mars lane at 9:30. So you all come on your bikes and we will all go

to the bank in my car. Then the leader said “Ok boys you can go.” Then all the thieves left the warehouse. While riding back home on his bicycle he looked at his watch, it was 9:55pm. He had to hurry back home because the visitor would leave at ten o clock. Then he reached his house and climbed into the window and he quickly got into bed. Just then his grandparents opened the door and came in. His grandfather whispered to his grandmother “He is asleep”, and they left. The next morning dawned and Pankaj woke up. He bathed and went to the dining room to eat his breakfast. While eating he asked his grandfather if he could play cricket with him for sometime. By the time he had finished playing cricket with his grandfather it was 10 o’clock. While he was sitting on the sofa his grandmother came with a paper and told him “Pankaj I am not free so can you help me with some household chores.” The things you have to do are written on this paper and she handed him a paper. As

he read it he saw they were ten things to do! It would take him ages to finish all those things.

4. Relaxing and strategising

After doing the chores for two hours he came back and sat on the sofa and saw the time it was 1:00 and he felt very hungry. After he finished his lunch, he dozed off on the sofa for an hour. When he got up and saw the time it was 3 o'clock. He quickly ran to the T.V and put it on. He switched to the Sports channel and the qualifier 1 of the IPL playoffs was just going to start. His favorite team Chennai Super Kings were playing the Mumbai Indians. Chennai Super Kings won the toss and chose to bat. He saw the full match till 7:30. It was an exciting one CSK won by one run. After the match finished he had his dinner and his grandparents sent him off to bed.

5. The Super Finish

It was 8:00 pm and he had to leave only at 9:15pm. So he put an alarm on his watch for 9:10. He slept for an hour and ten minutes. At 9:10 suddenly the alarm rang. Pankaj's heart was thumping. He climbed out of the window. He went to the garage and got his bicycle out. He then cycled out of the gate. to Mars lane. The night view was beautiful. He hid behind a tree and waited for the thieves. Just then a car came quietly down the road. He saw that from the other side of the road the other thieves were coming on their bikes it was a cold night so they were wearing their jackets. Then an idea struck him. If he could sneak into the boot and then he could go with the car to the bank and then get the police on the next road, the robbers would be caught. So when the men were not looking Pankaj quietly sneaked into the boot. He left it a bit open because he would need some air to

breath. The thieves drove straight to the bank. He slowly climbed out of the boot after he heard the car doors bang, luckily the robbers did not see him. When they reached the bank, one of the thieves sneaked up to the security and punched him on the face. He lay on the floor groaning in pain. “There now he won’t trouble us” said the man. Then the leader told one of the robbers to disable all of the CCTV cameras and the burglar alarms in the bank through the computer in the security’s booth. After he had disabled all of them he told the leader that all of them will be disabled only after three minutes. After three minutes the computer said that all the cameras had been disabled. The thieves sneaked into the bank. Pankaj thought it was the right time to go to the police station. He sneaked from behind the booth and started running to the police station. He reached the police station and ran straight to the Officer and said to him “Sir there are thieves at the bank on Mars lane. “Are you sure boy” the

police officer asked him. “Yes sir please believe me, I am telling the truth, if I explain to you now, they will escape. Please come with me now”. The police officer called the other officers. They all drove in their cars to the bank. Pankaj too went in one of the cars. By the time they reached the bank the robbers had sneaked inside. The Police had surrounded the bank. After about 10 minutes the robbers were coming out very stealthily. They walked straight into the Police and were caught. One of them tried to run but quick as lightning the police jumped on him and he was on the ground. By then one of the officers ran up and took him to the cars. Then the police officer came and told Pankaj “You have done some good work my boy now climb into my car I will take you home. So Pankaj climbed into the car and the police officer took him home. When they reached, the police officer went and spoke to Pankaj’s grandparents. They still had not gone to bed even though the visitor had gone. Then the

police officer told his grandparents that Pankaj had just helped stop a robbery. His grandmother gave a great gasp. The officer told them he had to go. So he said goodbye to the family and left. As his grandparents were closing the door, they were surprised to find Pankaj nowhere to be found. They went all around the house and finally came to his room. They could hear an engine like noise from inside room. When they opened the door they both laughed out loud at what they saw. Pankaj was lying on the bed and was fast asleep. The engine like noise was just him snoring. His grandparents shut the door and went down. They left him to sleep because they knew he was tired. Then his grandparents also went to sleep. The next day dawned and Pankaj woke up he brushed his teeth had a bath and went downstairs. He saw that his grandparents had woke up early his grandmother had finished her exercise and his grandfather had finished his pooja. He ate his breakfast and his grandparents called

him to the sofa and he sat down and his grandfather told him that what he did was very brave but you could have been hurt if the robbers had seen you. We are very proud of you but next time please tell us. And they all lived happily ever after.

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Pankaj a twelve year old boy goes to his grandparent's house and has an adventure, read on to find out more.....

