



Compassion

It was a rainy season. The clouds were heavy and the thunder roared like a mighty lion. Sojal, a four year old little girl was roaming through the streets. She was gloomy and was pondering about something. She carried a small bell in her little hands, and it seems to be of a puppy's. Her clothes were wet and she was wholly drenched in the rain. She passed in front of a tea shop, the shop was partially destroyed and all of these were wet. The shop keeper was sitting pensive while the television was running a news channel. "Yesterday's heavy rain caused the destruction of many of the houses, buildings and many of the animals died. People were rushing for saving their lives? The news reporter spoke. Sojal was numb for a moment.



Sojal was the daughter of two famous doctors of the city. Mr. Samuel and Mrs. Rita Samuel. They taught her to love and care without expecting anything in return. She was very fond of puppies and always wished for a puppy. One when she was moving through the market streets, she found a little puppy and she wanted it home. The puppy's body was full of dirt and there was fear in its eye. 'Mamma, see that little one, I want that home.' Sojal pleaded for taking it home and Rita agreed. Sojal went near the puppy and gave it a biscuit. The puppy gazed at her and licked the biscuit. She brought it home and washed it slowly. 'Mamma, what shall we call this little one?' She asked her mamma. 'Well, let's call him Rona.' 'Yeah, that's a good one name!' Sojal jumped with laughter and

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called out loudly 'Rona-.....!' The puppy went round and round her and licked her cheeks. Within weeks Rona became a part of their family. Rona always accompanied Sojal no matter where ever she goes. One night, Mr and Mrs Samuel came too late home, Rona and Sojal were watching the television, they liked cartoons and was eagerly waiting for the next cartoon to start. Samuel went for a shower and Rita was busy in the kitchen for their dinner. Samuel then put on a news channel. 'It is said that this year we receive heavy rainfall and there may occur floods, all the city men are asked to take precautions and the fishermen are warned for moving to sea.' The reporter reported. 'Rita, this year we'll receive heavy rainfall all and all are asked to take precautions.' Samuel informed Rita.....

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Weeks passed and it was rainy season. Rona was well taken care of. Sojal and her parents. One day Rona and Sojal were sent to the nearest market to buy bread and some sweets. They went to the market and it started raining heavily. Heavy storms and loud thunder came. The current of the market went off. All people were worried. Sojal hugged Rona and sat near a shelf. 'It was raining heavily outside!'

Sojal told Rona and he gave her a look. The water rushed to many of the buildings and it was all destroyed. People were pleading for getting their loved ones alive. Within minutes the water rushed into the market. People inside feared and ^{moved} to safer locations. But the water increased in every seconds, they seemed helpless. Then water then was about to reach where the people



were standing, somebody dialed the fire force. The fire force was on time and took the ladder and kept it on the second floor, where the people are in. They broke a window and started helping people come out. Sojal held Kona tightly and then somebody pulled Sojal and she let Kona fall back. She tried to hold him back but someone was pulling her to get out. She got his bell but suddenly, bell's chain broke, puppy again fell back. Sojal cried for Kona but nobody seemed to care. She felt like everything is falling apart.

It turned dark and she was walking alone through the streets searching for Kona. She held his bell in her hands and everything that surrned through her mind was about Kona. She wished if someone could've helped ^{it} to get out.



She prayed to God. 'Oh please, let me get back my Rona.' Suddenly a police vehicle came and the head constable got out of it, and then Rita and Samuel jumped from it and rushed to Sojal. 'Baby, my little!, you almost killed me!' Rita hugged Sojal and cried. 'Mamma, Rona!' Tears rolled through her cheeks and Rita hugged her more tighter.

Weeks and months passed by. Sojal felt too lonely without Rona's presence. Her little heart weeped each and every day while thinking about Rona. 'Sojal, is too gloomy now a days, let's take her for a night out.' Rita told Samuel and then they went for a night out. Sojal was sitting in the window seat, whole weak and weary. And suddenly she got sight of something. A puppy with an old



man in the street, and she cried out...
'Mama...! Rona!!' They quickly stopped...
the car and rushed out. But the old man
with Rona got on a taxi. 'Dad! Please,
let's catch them!' Sojal cried. They quickly
got on the car and followed the taxi...
The taxi stopped in front of a bungalow, the
old man with the puppy got out. They...
went to the house, rang the bell and a...
woman of about forty opened the door.
'Who's this?' The woman asked. They quickly
looked the board near the callin' bell. And
it read 'Mr. Edward Livingston.' 'May
we speak Mr. Livingston please?' Samuel
asked. 'Yeah, sure, please get in.' They got
inside the house and it seemed luxurious.
And there near the sofa was Livingston, givi-
ng food to something and then they caught
sight of Rona. 'Rona!!' Sojal cried out!

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Rona ran to her and licked her cheeks.
Livingston stood up. 'It was our dog, sir!'
Samuel spoke. Samuel and Livingston
had a few minutes talk and they shook
their hands. Sojal and Rona bid a bye
to Livingston and got on the car. The
tires rolled and Sojal asked, 'Mamma,
what made him save Rona? And take
care of him these much days!??' Rita
and Samuel looked face to face, and
then spoke. 'COMPASSION!' Soja smiled
at the window and hugged Rona.