

# The Shade of Memories

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"Passengers, Your attention please..... The train number 160503, Bangalore Express is arriving at Platform number ~~One~~." Diya got up from the waiting hall and walked towards the platform. She was a nineteen year old girl whose innocent child like face drew the attention of all people. She was walking slowly in order to make no pain to earth. It was a beautiful evening and everyone was in a hurry to catch up their trains as fast as they ~~was~~ could. Some others face were gloomy because of the late running of trains. Diya sat on an empty chair. She took out her phone and called her mother, "Mom, I've reached the station. The train will be arrived in a few minutes."

The train arrived. She started to look up for her seat as printed on the ticket. She sat down ~~on~~ her seat. Suddenly a girl and her father entered the train. He is found to be the same age as Diya's father possess. He asked her daughter ~~to call her~~ whether she need anything to eat or not. She said no. The train departed <sup>from</sup> the station.

The train passed through many hills, fields enriched with green, and lakes. Suddenly the girl started to vomit and her father took her to wash and cleaned her vomit. The girl became weak and started to cry so her father laid her in his lap and consoled her and ~~she~~ began to advise "My little gem, don't be afraid. You are smart. You are my princess. I will be with you always". A cute smile rised in that girl's face as well as in Diya's. ~~She~~ A smile with tears, ~~she~~ <sup>Diya</sup> swept of all that innocent tears and closed her eyes mildly and remembered her childhood days.

"Hey Diya stop you naughty. Don't run." ~~Her~~ Diya's mother scolded her. She didn't hear her words and played with her cousins. Her mother is feeding her new-born brother. Everything was filled with joy, the trees the birds and even her house was also enjoying with the children. Her father came to the house and took something and went out. "Daddy. . . ." Diya screamed. But he had no time to spend with her daughter ~~so~~ he said "We can tell it at night, <sup>whatever</sup> it is". Okay she said and went back to play.

suddenly she woke up by the ~~all~~ ~~was~~ strange call. "Excuse me, Do you

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have water with you? she gave her bottle of water to him. He ~~took~~<sup>took</sup> it and gave it to her daughter and she drank it. He came back with the bottle and said 'Thank you'. Diya smiled at him. He went back and made her girl sleep in her lap. Diya was watching all these. She wish she could also sleep like that.

A peaceful sleep in a father's lap. It can release all pains, all sorrows. But Diya's <sup>dream</sup> had something to say to her. So it want to make Diya sleep and the little breeze came from the hills made her sleep again.

Now she was little more grown up and the memories ~~wanted~~ wanted to tell her something. It was ~~about~~ the each and everything about her father. Her father was an accountant and her mother was a clerk. They were living a very beautiful life. But her father had not loved them. Ya! maybe it's because of his work load, ~~he~~ didn't have time to look after his family. But each and every father in this world have jobs. Were they not looking after their families? Her mother also suffered a lot. What happened to him? He was coming late for home, why? Everyone in her family was in a dilemma. But one thing

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he gives everything for his children except one thing 'Love'. So she had never get a single sympathy or a word with love. At that time she thinks that this was only the responsibility of a father.

One night, the whole elders of her family found the reason for his varying behaviour. It was a very bad news for the entire family. Diya's father was in love with another woman who had a husband and two children. He used to go there daily and enjoying with them. Her mother was shocked and she went back to ~~her~~ her house with Diya and her brother. Diya didn't know anything but she <sup>knows</sup> well that she was going to lost her family. And that happened after four years her parents <sup>got</sup> divorced, her father didn't argue for his children. But her mother does. Now she understands <sup>the</sup> the reason why her mother left her father."

Suddenly her phone rang. It was her mother so she took up her phone and said: "Mom, I ~~understand~~ got the answer for ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> question 'what is the role of a father in a family'. It was nothing but my memories

showed the answer in my dream. His duty was to look after his family, to mould his children and ~~to ready~~ he had to be ready to ~~give~~ give his life for the welfare of a society. He must be the backbone of every family'. But in my life I couldn't experience the shade of a father. It shrinks years ago. But we have you my mother. I love You! Who had sacrificed her whole life for her children." Her mother said nothing. A piece of ~~silence~~ ~~the~~ train silence was left between them.

The train reached Bangalore and she looked for that girl and father. And she was still sleeping in ~~to~~ the shade's lap. She smiled at him and walked out of the train slowly in order to make no pain to the earth. But her Pains ~~now~~ and thought make the earth also thinks 'why shade shrinks'.

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