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## Radio and a Yellow Umbrella By: Sahaya Shabin.C

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The year is 1992, It was a hot and humid day in Bangalore, Theresa around 30 years on her way to work is walking on the road with her children's, A boy and a girl, The boy and girl is around 10 and 6 respectively, Theresa is holding an yellow umbrella to protect her children's from the scorching sun, as they walk past an electronic store the children's stops, the Radio from the shop is playing a wonderful 90's music, the children's innocently looks at their mother, the mother stared at them and said "I can't buy the radio now" looking at her children's, they seems disappointed .

Few month's pass by, the mother and children's walks across the electronic store again, she is holding a yellow umbrella for her children's, The children's stops outside the electronic store, Again a wonderful 90's music playing loudly from the radio from the electronic store. It was almost impossible for the people walking across the road not to stop and listen to the music playing on the radio. The Children's again gave the innocent to their mother, the mother finally said "Okay today is my pay day, I will buy you" the children's shouted in happiness.

The mother reaches a church where she works as a helper, she enters the priest's room, what she sees there shocked her, she started shivering, a young girl was dead on the floor with her blood running all over the place. The priest and two more guys were standing around the dead body, the priest saw Theresa and she starts running from the place, the priest orders the other two guys to catch her, the catches Theresa and tie her in a chair in the priest's room. The priest calls the police said on the telephone "Hello sir, I am calling from St. Mary's Basilica church Sivaji nagar, there is a murder at our place we have caught the murderer, could you please come?" The police on the other side said "we will be there soon."

A police arrives the church and enters the Priest's room, Theresa was shouting "I didn't do anything wrong" the priest explains to the police pointing at Theresa, she was trying to steal the jewelry from this young girl when this young girl rejected she killed her, the police gets up from his chair and slapped the priest very hard and said "Do you think I am an Idiot, tell me what really happened here?". The priest accept his crime and confess to the police that the young girl is his secret affair, when she forced him to marry her and blackmailed him to expose their affair to the people. He killed her out of anger. The police said to the priest "Now what I should I do?" The priest replied to the police "please frame this case towards Theresa and I will pay whatever you want" The police agreed and took some huge amount from the priest and arrested Theresa.

Same day evening the children's came back to their house from school with joy knowing that their mother will buy them the radio today, their house is a small hut in an apartment terrace, the house door is closed, their mother didn't arrive at the time when she usually comes. The waited some more time the mother didn't come to home, they also didn't know where their mother is working. They waited and waited, the girl said to his brother "I am hungry, where our mom is?" The boy replied "She will come soon, don't worry", it is around midnight the mom didn't arrive...

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The girl started crying “I want my mom, where is she, we shouldn’t asked for the radio, maybe that’s why she didn’t come to home” the boy replied “No mom loves us, she won’t do that, wait I will get you something to eat” A Stranger is listening to their conversation from the next house, the boy goes out to buy some food for her sister, but couldn’t find any as the stores are closed. He came back disappointed, he saw his sister is waiting for him, suddenly he started mimicking like he is having food, the girl smiles and joins him and started mimicking like she is also having food. The stranger was seeing all these from the next building, after sometime they both slept on the terrace. The stranger now enters their house wakes up the girl child and gives a biscuit to her, she tried to wake his brother, but the stranger stopped her saying “it is only for you, I have a different gift for your brother, if you come with me I will give you, do you want to come” The girl agreed and she goes with him.

The next day the boy wakes up and sees her sister is missing, she searches for her in the house, street, he searched for her the entire day with tears rolling from his eyes, but he couldn’t find her, he came back to home sadly with little hope that his mother and sister will be back home, unfortunately they are not.

A couple of years past by, the boy is now working in a hotel as a table cleaner , everyday while going home he crosses the same electronic shop ,stops there for some time and listen to the music. He started saving his money to buy that radio.

As time passed by, the boy saved enough money to buy the radio, a fine evening while going home the boy decides to buy the radio and while on his way to the electronic shop he sees his sister begging in a traffic signal, her one eye is removed and her hand is broken, tears rolled down from his eyes as he ran towards her. On seeing his brother the girl shouted in joy, the boy said to her “Come with me lets go to our house, who did this to you?” The girl replied “I can’t come with you, a guy is watching me over there, and he will kill us both if I come with you”. It was the same stranger who kidnapped the girl was standing on the other side of the road watching them, the boy hold her sisters hand and started running, the stranger chases them. They kept running while the stranger is still chasing them. They enters a lonely street and when the stranger nears the children’s, suddenly a car runs over the stranger and it didn’t stop, the stranger is shouting in pain, his head is broken and his body is covered with blood. There is no one to help him, the children’s comes near him and saw him crying with pain, they takes an ice cycle which is parked in the corner of the street, keep the stranger in the cycle and drives him to the hospital, the stranger is again crying but this time not because of the pain in his body but because of the pain in his heart.

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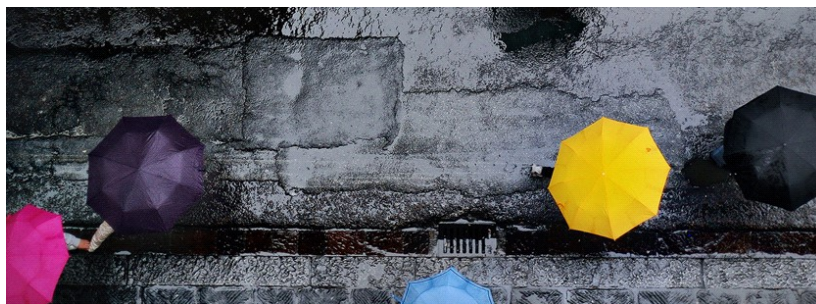
The parks the cycle in the hospital, on seeing this few hospitals runs towards them, they kept the stranger in the stretcher , suddenly the stranger holds the hand of the children's and said

“Please forgive me, I beg you”

Once he said this his eyes closed and died in the stretcher.

The children's leave to their house, on their way home they comes near the electronic shop, the boy tells his sister “shall we buy the radio?” The girl smiles, they both enters the electronic shop. On seeing them the shop owner asks “what do you want?” the boy takes some money from his pocket and keeps on the table and points at the radio. The Shop owner takes the money and says “I need 50 Rupees more, do you have it? The boys replies “No sir” suddenly the girl takes some money from her bag which she used for begging and gives some money to the owner. The owner felt kindness and gives the radio to them.

The children's come out of the shop and it started raining and they are waiting in the shop entrance, the shop owner asks them “It's already late, take this umbrella and go home, you can return this tomorrow” he hands over a yellow umbrella to them. The children's take the umbrella and leaves the place, while going home they start playing the radio, it was again a wonderful song playing from the radio as they walk back to the home.



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