

Analogy of Contradiction

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EXT. KAALI MANDIR, 14 OCTOBER 7.00, TUESDAY

The scene opens up with a still shot of the temple with bells ringing loudly and in a unrhythmic pattern.

CUT TO:

EXT. BHANU'S BISTRO, 14 OCTOBER 14:00, TUESDAY

The scene starts with a plate of chicken drumsticks and a plate of veg chowmein, which is followed to a table where three friends are sitting.

It is a sunny afternoon. Many people are sitting in their cushion chairs enjoying their meal but the shot focuses on one particular friend group. The friends(all around 16 and hindus) are laughing and enjoying together. They are recalling their childhood days in the village nearby and having a blast.

ANURAG FRIEND 2

Hey man, why aren't you eating meat today?

ANURAG

It's Tuesday, man. I'm fasting today.

ANURAG FRIEND 1

But last night you partied hard,
didn't you? Who all were you with?

ANURAG

It was crazy fun, man - me, Pemba,
Biplav and the guys.

They all are laughing together when it is abruptly by a teenager passing beside their table to the another one.

A muslim guy in traditional islamic clothes goes and sits in the table right next to the friends. While the muslim guy passed their way, all the friends gave a strange racial stare at him. The staring continued for a long period of time with both the party exchanging angry and weird stares.

ANURAG FROM THE HINDU FRIEND GROUP
"xya, yo musalman haru ko side ma
basera khanu aba?"

The guy overhears him and rages.

IRFAN
You Hindu punk, what did you just call
me?

Irfan stand from his seat and bolt towards Anurag. Anurag tries to stand up and is about to being punched.

FREEZE FRAME.

NARRATOR(V.O)
In the Vedas it's said there are five Yamas in Hinduism - moral disciplines one must follow to walk the path of dharma and liberation.

Among them, lets start with bhramacharya.

BHRAMACHARYA (CELIBACY)

CUT TO:

INT. ANURAG'S ROOM, 14 OCTOBER 7:00, TUESDAY

Its a dark and cozy room, the sun is up but the curtains are covering the light and projecting a cozy vibe.

Anurag is woken up by ringing of his alarm clock. Anurag has just woken up from his sleep. He is still rubbing his eyes and he picks up his phone. He opens instagram reels and starts doom scrolling. Whilst he is scrolling, he comes across a thirst trap video. He opens up the user and starts scrolling through it. After scrolling for like 5 minutes, he opens his browser and goes to private browsing mode and goes to pornhub. He opens up a video and starts watching it, after sometime he starts holding his phone from one hand and moves the other arm lower.

CUT TO:

intehaan hogayi intezar ki starts playing and shows random stuff around his house.

CUT TO:

INT. ANURAG'S HOME TEMPLE, 14 OCTOBER 7:17, TUESDAY

Anurag is doing his daily prayer to gods.

ANURAG
om bhoor bhawa swaha, tatsawi dur
bharenyam....

NARRATOR(V.O)

Then another is satya.

SATYA(TRUTH)

After listening to intehaan hogayi intezaar ki, Anurag comes up to his door and opens the door. He is confronted by his mother on where was yesterday night.

INT. ANURAG'S KITCHEN, 14 OCTOBER 7:23, TUESDAY

ANURAG'S MOTHER

Son, where were you so late last night? I fell asleep. When did you come home?

CUT TO:

EXT. BHANU'S BISTRO, 13 OCTOBER 21:00 , MONDAY

A vodka shot glass is followed by Anurag drinking it. Loud music is playing, Anurag is drinking and enjoying with his friends.

A friend of Anurag picks up the guitar and starts playing but is overshadowed by the loud music of the speaker. But a faint sound of a bhajan is played as a ringtone of some other customer.

Anurag is having a blast.

CUT TO:

INT. ANURAG'S KITCHEN, 14 OCTOBER 7:23, TUESDAY

ANURAG

I was at Pemba's place. We had a school project to finish so I had to stay late.

ANURAG'S MOTHER

Oh really? And where did you eat then?

ANURAG

He cooked at his place, I ate there.

ANURAG'S MOTHER

Alright, but next time at least call me if you're staying out that late.

ANURAG

Okay, I will from now on

NARRATOR(V.O)

And another one is aparighara.

APARIGRAHA(NON- POSESSIVENESS)

INT. ANURAG'S ROOM, 14 OCTOBER 7:47, TUESDAY

Anurag is sitting in his plastic chair in front of his computer scrolling on his mobile phone. He comes across the story of a friend which showed his getting a new motorcycle.

Anurag stares at the screen for a long time.

He goes towards his laptop and starts searching for "Best side hustle to do in 2025."

Anurag engulfs two or three youtube videos.

CUT TO:

INT. ANURAG'S KITCHEN, 14 OCTOBER 7:49, TUESDAY

ANURAG

Mom, can you buy me a bike?

ANURAG'S MOTHER

Son, if I could just buy a bike the moment you ask for it, our life would be much easier.

ANURAG

Come on mom, literally everyone I know has a bike. I'm the only one without one. Please buy me one.

ANURAG'S MOTHER

How can we buy one just like that?
Wait a few months, I'll talk to your father and we'll see what we can do.

ANURAG

Ugh, come on mom, please buy it now!

CUT TO:

NARRATOR(V.O)
And the next one is asteya.

ASTEYA(NOT-STEALING)

INT. ANURAG'S ROOM, 14 OCTOBER 13:37, TUESDAY

Anurag is watching videos on youtube. His friend texts him reminding that he has to go out with them that afternoon.

He texts his friend saying that he doesn't have any money.

His friend texts "steal".

CUT TO:

INT. ANURAG'S PARENT'S ROOM, 14 OCTOBER 13:40, TUESDAY

Anurag goes towards his mother's purse and steals 500 rupees from it

CUT TO:

INT. ANURAG'S ROOM, 14 OCTOBER 13:42, TUESDAY

Anurag comes back to his desk and texts his friend "I am getting out now."

Anurag wears a shirt and gets out of his room.

CUT TO:

AHIMSA(NOT TO HARM)

EXT. BHANU'S BISTRO, 14 OCTOBER 14:01, TUESDAY

Anurag is about to get punched, his friends have their mouth wide open, Irfan is has a angry expression and the camera pans to the food they were eating(chicken)

NARRATOR(V.O)
And the final one is ahisma.

ANURAG FRIEND 1
Hey jerk, who do you think you are hitting my friend?

It turns into a rampage, 3 guys are jumping on Irfan while he is trying to defend himself. Anurag is punching Irfan in the face while his friends are pushing him around. Irfan is all bruised and is vomiting blood.

One of Anurag's friend pulls out a knife and hands it to Anurag. He stabs Irfan with that knife.

Everyone goes silent, the cafe staff finally catch up and grab all of them. its all fuzzy now, the cafe staff is holding him tight.

STAFF 1
Kid, what have you done? Wait here,
I'm calling the police.

ANURAG FRIEND 1
Why did you stab him, man? I only gave you the knife to scare him!

Anurag is stunned, he cannot think of anything, its just silent and loud low pitch humming.

Anurag snaps and whispers to himself.

ANURAG
I did this for my religion.

CUT TO:

black screen.