**THE LESSON OF LIFE**

He was stuck in a jam listening tom soothing music and getting bored. He was feeling drowsy and was about to have a cat nap when the traffic started to clear. Soon he reached his office and his secretary came in a lightening speed. The secretary handed him a compact, rusty suitcase with puny droplets of blood spattered all over. The scarlet blood his heart miss a beat and he gradually took the suitcase with trembling hands. He unlocked the hollow looking suitcase and found a worn out paper with gnawed edges. It carried a threatening note saying “Give me 1000$ or else your daughter shall not be spared”. And there was a symbol at the end somewhat like a skeleton with question marks all around.

He was bewildered and he started turning pale. After coming to his senses he quickly made a toll free call. Not much after that, a police van arrived at the front gate of his office. Two neurotic looking men got out off the car. One was as mighty as Hercules with emerald blue and burgundy hair. The other one was a bag of bones wearing nerdy specs and freckles all over his face. Their good names were Jacob and Robinson respectively. They both were cops in Scotland Yard and they would take the charge to find the missing girl. Jacob started interrogating him with questions which seem to be endless like- ‘When was your daughter seen last? ‘Who do you think the kidnapper is? ‘Do you have hostile relations with anybody? Was your daughter alone meantime? And so on. While Jacob was engrossed in interrogating, Robinson noticed a man snooping at them. He pursued that man and after a tiresome effort the man was caught. He was lanky looking person. He had put on a half sleeved crimson t-shirt and tight skinny jeans and a couple of archaic gold chains around his neck. After some investigation it was revealed that his name was Jake. He told that he is always curious to know about people and now he wanted to know why the men were so grave. The tender expression on his face made Robinson feel pity on him. He assumed that Jake had nothing to do with the case.

He released Jake and advised him not to poke his nose in others business. While he was returning, he collapsed with the street-light pole and his sleeve rolled up and the tattoo on his shoulder was visible. It was just like the one on the note. Robinson saw it but didn`t find anything suspicious since he hadn`t read the note yet. He got back to the case and quietly heard the conversation of Jacob and Mr. Thomas (the girl`s father). Mr. Thomas was telling the inspector about the petrifying note. He handed it over to Jacob. Jacob suspected it and ordered Robinson to keep it securely. Seeing the note he was startled. He patted Jacob on his shoulder fiercely and whispered all the stuff creepily in his ear. “What! And you are telling me now? You halfwit. Chauffer start the van quickly.” They sat in the van and moved swiftly down the avenue. It seemed as if the van vanished into thin air. Mr. Thomas was perplexed but had no other choice but to hold his horses. After an extensive wait of about a couple of hours the corpse reappeared with Jake in handcuffs. The van was parked and the three of them got out of the car. Mr. Thomas was eager to know the whole tale. Robinson let the car out of the bag but Mr. Thomas still had uncertainty in the exaggerated tale.

He exclaimed “ Jake, where is my beloved daughter? And why are you doing this?” “Do you remember, a few months before you had fired one of your employee?” “Mr. Wilson?” “Yes, Mr.Wilson. He is my younger brother. When I was four years old, my dad left us and the circumstances did not permit me to gain education. Our mother burnt the midnight oil to traise us. Soon our condition improved and at last my petite brother could attend school. He was a bright child since the beginning and finally sowed the seeds for success. But due to our past conditions he did have to face many problems. You fired him without reason and now we are pinching pennies are” “ How cruel of me! Please accept my apologies. I regret from the bottom of my heart. I will assure that both, you and your brother will get a job in my agency itself, but please give me my daughter back.” “She is safe and my peer will soon get her here. Anyway I didn`t have any intention of harming her. I just wanted you to realize that not everybody is sailing in the same boat. Some things may seem small to you but actually they may not be that small for the others. **So look before you leap**