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At the beginning of the movie, a policeman is chasing Salim and Jamal. The movie shows the place they called “slum”. In the article “Absolute Hell: the toxic outpost where Mumbai’s poorest are ‘sent to die’”, it helps me get a better understand of the environment they live. Poor people can’t afford to buy their own homes in a clean legal city center. They were sent to margins of the city which are heavily polluted. There aren’t enough schools. Children can’t accept proper education. It means that these children can’t get a good job to escape this place or class when they grow up. Their life is fixed. Moreover, they have to suffer the poor quality of water and air. It seems like only the rich have a right to breath fresh air and drink clean water. Many people can’t even stay healthy due to heavy pollution. People there can’t escape their fate. The next generation will repeat their parents’ lives, if they are lucky enough to grow up.

The article “The scammers gaming India’s overcrowded job market” explains Jamal’s work. The competition of job seeking is very intense. So, many young people choose to work for a call-center scam. Jamal works for such a company as a chai wallah for the training employees. That’s why the trainer tells employees about what happened in U.K. and their workplace is not allowed to take a photo. Jamal can’t read, so he can’t pronounce the name right. He is frightened when the “customer” finds out it’s a call from abroad. Jamal is quite smart. He learns a lot from the training.