

Manifestation of a Scoundrel

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FADE IN:

EXT. HIGHWAY - BUS STOP - MORNING

A SIDEWAYS TRACKING SHOT of a person walking on a footpath with slippers on. The camera ZOOMS OUT with the TRACKING SHOT and the whole body of the person- SCOUNDREL(16s) is seen. He is wearing a plain t-shirt and trousers.

He sits in a bus stop's bench.

At the far end, there is a CHARISMATIC MAN (16s).

Scoundrel looks at the Charismatic man. His eyes rolls down and notices the Charismatic man's shoes. Then, he looks up to his slippers and again to the Charismatic man's shoes. His eyes is filled with a bit of admiration and envy.

A bus arrives. The Charismatic man stands up and gets into the bus. The Scoundrel stares at him as he passes by with a hint of admiration in his eyes.

EXT. MARKET ROAD - EVENING

A LOW SHUTTER SPEED TRACKING SHOT of the Scoundrel's back as he is walking through the crowd of the market. He enters a shoe shop.

SCOUNDREL

Dai ya ko sab bhandu ramro jutta
dekhaunu ta

CUT TO BLACK:

EXT. HIGHWAY - BUS STOP - MORNING

SIDEWAYS TRACKING SHOT of Scoundrel walking with his new shoes

He walks up to the bench. The same charismatic person is sitting there.

The Scoundrel sits confidently as he now has his new shoes on.

He looks at the charismatic person's shoes and then looks at his shoes.

He smiles, suggesting that he thinks his shoes are better.

Then, all of a sudden, he notices that the Charismatic man now is wearing a watch. He wasn't wearing one yesterday.

All of that confidence of Scoundrel slowly turns into paranoia.

The bus of the Charismatic man arrives and he enters.

The Scoundrel keeps on staring at the charismatic person with an eye of admiration.

EXT. MARKET ROAD - EVENING

Same type of LOW SHUTTER SPEED TRACKING SHOT of the Scoundrel's back as he is walking through the crowd of the market. He enters a watch shop.

SCOUNDREL
Dai ya bhako khatra ghadi haru
dekhaunu ta

EXT. HIGHWAY - BUS STOP - MORNING

SIDEWAYS TRACKING SHOT of Scoundrel's hand's new watch as he walks down the footpath.

He walks up to the bench.

The Charismatic man is also sitting in the far end.

Scoundrel sits on the bench with confidence and a slight hint of arrogance.

He looks at the Charismatic man's shoes, then looks at his shoes, then smiles.

He looks at the Charismatic man's watch, then looks at his new watch, then smiles again.

Now, the Charismatic man opens his bag and takes out his earphones and starts listening to music.

Scoundrel again loses all his confidence.

The bus arrives. The Charismatic man enters the bus.

Today also, Scoundrel stares at the Charismatic as he walks by, with an eye of admiration.

INT. TECH STORE - EVENING

Scoundrel at a tech store. The store guy places a new earphones at the counter as he is standing there.

STORE GUY:
Lu tapai ko earphones

EXT. HIGHWAY - BUS STOP - MORNING

Scoundrel walking to the bench, full of confidence and earphones plugged into his ear.

He reaches the bench. This time he is just dipped into the music so he doesn't look to the Charismatic man while sitting.

Then he turns his head towards the Charismatic man.

He sees him holding a book in his hands.

He is speechless and just stares at the book.

Then again, the bus arrives and the charismatic person enters.

Scoundrel just stares at the charismatic man as he walks by.

INT. BOOK STORE - EVENING

CLOSE UP: Scoundrel's hand taking a book from the counter.

EXT. HIGHWAY - BUS STOP - MORNING

Scoundrel walks up to the bench with the book in his hand.

But the Charismatic man isn't there today. The bench is empty.

First the Scoundrel is confused. Then, he sits at the exact same spot where the Charismatic man sat. And copies the Charismatic man's posture, holds the book the same way and mimics every detail.

Silence.

Then a man arrives, he has slippers on, plain t-shirts and trousers just like the Scoundrel at the beginning.

He sits on the opposite end glancing at the Scoundrel slowly.

His eyes sparkle with the same admiration.

CUT TO BLACK:

THE END