**Theory of Relativity**

Relatives come in all shapes, sizes... and quirks!

They've been in your life forever, adding different colours and flavours. Some

annoying, some hilarious, some involved in dalliances and some halcyon, your

extended family plays a big part making you the crazy one you are today. Here's an

ode to the different types of relative we all have:

1. The annoying kid - "Bhaiyya laptop nahi de rahe!"

Remember the one that asked for your favorite GI Joe while your parents are looking,

so you can't say no, and then break the head off right in front of your eyes. The little

devil, our nemesis!

2. The love bird - "Bahar jao. Mera phone aaya hai."

We all have that one Bhaiya/didi, usually involved in a dalliance, always on the phone

talking to 'jaanu'; full on mush.

3. The super cool one - "Arre pi lo. Sabko main sambhal loonga."

Could be your 'Bhabhi'. Or your 'mama'. Or your dad. The coolest one in the family.

A complete halcyon. Always fun to hang out with. He's the one you can introduce

your girlfriend to. He'll get you all the permissions. Seek him out when you want to

chill.

4. The gadget guru - "iPod Touch hai bete!"

Those with all the new cool gizmos. They're the ones who introduced you to iPod and

portable game consoles when you were little.

5. The curious chichi - "Batao Batao! Gharwalon se kya sharam?"

She's the nosy one. Always curious about your marks, salary, friend's salary,

relationship status. In short, really intrusive.6. The gullible grandparents - "Achha! Computer se roti bhi ban jaati

hai?"

The one you love to fool. They'll believe anything you say. And you take advantage of that. But

you love them. \*Aww\* right?

7. The complaining bua - "Kal ashleel film dekh raha tha ye theater

mein!"

She'll complain about everything. 'He drives the bike too fast'. 'I saw him with a girl that day'.

Basically, the truth. But still!

12. The giver - "Arey nahi beta. Lena toh padega!"

The one who shells out cash, every time you meet them. Then you do that little non-sense

ritual act of I-can-not-take-the-money before finally pocketing it happily. Admit it.