

Triple Trouble

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Once upon a time, in New Delhi lived three women, one was a business woman, the other one was a housewife and the third one was a robber. They all had the same name “Shruti” and were the closest doppelganger to each other, but they had never met. They all even had the same nicknames! “How is it even possible? These things can happen in a story only!”

Anyways, the housewife's name was Shruti Sethi. She lived happily with her family, including her 2 daughters and her husband. Her husband worked in a zoo as an animal caretaker. She lived happily with her family and her day used to go in the family chores only. She was a responsible woman and the backbone of her family. Her family had a good amount of money to make them and their daughter's happy.

The business girl's name was Shruti Molhotra. She didn't live with her family and she didn't even talk to them for a whole year. It was all due to her big fight with them, which made her live with her boyfriend. She could manage to live away from her family as she was earning good money and her dream was to own a hotel and she wanted to call it “The Relaxing Hotel”.

The Robber's name was Shruti Khan. She only had only in her family. She also had one best friend “Latika Nair” and they both used to steal together. Shruti Khan had a crush on her best Latika's brother “Samir Nair” and always loved talking about two things, “Samir and the money”. Whereas Samir always dreamt to be rich and have a nice and happy family.

One day, coincidentally (*wait! Was there more scope of coincidence? They should have played lottery that day!*) , all the girls went to Goa and that too in the same flight, which landed at the same time, 11:30 a.m. (*If you are able to digest that, then one more thing happened... obviously coincidentally only, not for the purpose of writing this story*) - they went to the same hotel too- Really!!! They all loved Goa because they thought that it was the best natured place in the world, as in Delhi there is all pollution, no nature involved. The only thing they didn't like was the HOT weather. All of them had planned different things in Goa to do. Shruti Sethi was on a vacation to see her family friends, Shruti Molhotra was there to solve the problems she had with her family, But Shruti Khan was there to steal money from the hotel. All of them had ‘fun’ things planned but the thing to notice was if they would succeed in this or would they fail miserably and regret it.

Everything was going well but suddenly strange things started happening (*If not, then why would I be telling you this story*). One day, Shruti Sethi had planned to go to the beach.

As she reached the hotel receptionist, she told her that she had planned to do water sports. She asked her in a taunting tone “What!! Oh yes! Huge waves of an ocean is the right and safe place for water sports, right?” She calmed her nerves down and said, “This is not possible, I had planned to go to the beach! You must have been mistaken. Can I now go to the beach and pay you some extra money?” The receptionist got confused but thought that she might have made a mistake. So, she told Shruti Sethi with a smile “Yes ma’am, no worries, you need not pay anything extra.” Then Shruti Sethi left for the beach with a smile on her face.

That same day, Shruti Malhotra came and asked the receptionist to give her the ticket for the water sports. The receptionist was confused again and said, “Oh ma’am, I thought that you had planned to go to the beach, it says here on my list.” Shruti Malhotra read the list and said, “Excuse me, it says 3 Shruti’s but with 3 different surnames here. You must have mistaken. See, here it says that I Shruti Malhotra booked the tickets for water sports. Please be more careful next time and give me the tickets”. The receptionist was very embarrassed like she has given wrong answer to the Principal and banged her head in her thoughts. But with a smile on her face, she replied “Okay mam, I will get it for you right now!” Shruti Malhotra got the ticket and went to have fun doing water sports. Now the receptionist was extremely careful and was ready for the third Shruti. Strangely Shruti Khan was watching all this and was shocked to see her lookalikes. This immediately gave rise to a plan in her mind to rob the hotel and put the name on the other two girls.

The next day Shruti Sethi was browsing some local traditional jewellery online and ordered an expensive ring. At the same time Shruti Malhotra’s Laptop broke down and for some urgent work she ordered a laptop. Both of them asked the respective objects to be delivered at reception. Being disguised as housekeeping, Shruti Khan smartly stole both of their ID cards. The courier arrived at reception, and the receptionist was very nervous that she will cover up her old mistakes by being sure of what she is doing now. That moment Shruti Khan arrived at the reception and asked for her courier, but the receptionist was very confused because once again the name mentioned was only Shruti without any surnames (Oh no! Not again!). Receptionist asked, “Mam please share, what did you order?” On this Shruti Khan gave the condescending look to the receptionist, followed by a taunting reply, “An airplane and a yacht! Obviously, a ring and a laptop, you moron!” After listening these remarks, forget about the package, receptionist could have given her own ring and laptop. Being a look alike helped her and Shruti Khan got the courier.

This made the receptionist very relaxed but this was just the beginning. The very next moment both Shruti Malhotra and Shruti Sethi came to the reception for the courier but by looking at two same girls, the receptionist fainted and fell on the ground. The girls went to help her and saw each other for the first time as if they were looking at mirrors and screamed as they saw a ghost and fainted on the receptionist who was already on the

ground. Three women fainting on the reception with a scream raised some chaos, which made Shruti Khan go to the hotel locker room and start the robbery.

Everything was going as planned but all of a sudden Miss Khan's crush, Samir Nair, reached the hotel. He came to give her a surprise, but after looking at the girls at reception, he got confused who was Shruti Khan. He helped both of the women to regain consciousness, both of them stood up, saw each other and fainted again with a scream. This went for three to four times and became a source of entertainment for the people at the lobby of the hotel. But after fourth time, they stood up, looking at each other, both of them screamed and shouted, "Who are you? Why you have my face, are you my twin, but my family never told me, who are you? Are you real or am I dreaming?" Adding fuel to the fire, Samir asked, "OK, now first tell me, who is my Shruti out of you two?" One of the women blasted, "Really? What do you mean by your Shruti? I'm married, my husband will beat you if he hear this." Samir was sure that today is not a great day for him because he can get beating from any of the women. He came to give a surprise but right now he was baffled with the shock of his life. He politely asked the other woman, "Mam are you my Shruti?" She replied with a heavy head, "No sir".

This drama was about to get more complex, when the receptionist gained consciousness and told, "I knew that there were 3 Shrutis in the hotel. But how can they have the same face too? I want to quit my job. I am going insane!" This made the whole situation clear in Samir's mind. He shared with the receptionist that he can help her and asked her to take him to the security or the locker room. There, as expected, they found Shruti Khan stealing. Shruti was very happy to see Samir but was embarrassed of what she was doing. As if she wanted to see Samir but not now.

Samir went down on his knee and asked Shruti, "I came here to surprise you that I want to marry you, and I got a ring for you". This made Shruti realize her mistake and she sobbed and cried and threw the other ring on the ground and ran and hugged Samir. She also promised him that she will never do wrong things again. This made all happy and smiling, other than the receptionist, she was still calculating the number of Shrutis and who is who. Shruti Khan apologized to the other girls and returned their stuff.

After this, All the three Shrutis decided to be best friends as twin sisters or trin sisters (is that even a word?). Miss Khan & Samir, planned their wedding in the same hotel and invited Shruti Malhotra's & Shruti Sethi's family, all of them became one big happy funny family.