

WE ARE LIKE THIS ONLY

TALES FROM AN INDIAN FAMILY



A GRAPHIC NOVEL BY NEEL LAKHWANI

THE STORY

We are like this only : tales from an indian family is based on the day to day life of a boy named Sanjay who belongs to a middle class family.

The events that take place in this book are based on the incidents I have personally experienced, along with stories I collected from friends, family and people on the internet.

I have a theory that every Indian family is essentially the same, and I hope readers will be able find themselves and their family in one story or another.

SANJAY



Sanjay is a 19 year old boy who belongs to a middle class Indian family. He's currently in college, and gets annoyed really easily.

LAKSHMI



Lakshmi is Sanjay's sister, she's 14 years old. She's currently in school and loves to annoy her brother.

RASHMI



Rashmi is Sanjay's mother, she's in her 40s. She's a hardworking housewife and a loving mother - but she runs a tight ship and her word is final in the house.

RAJESH



Rajesh is Sanjay's father, he's in his 40s. He's a businessman, and is really picky about spending his hard earned money. Loves his family but finds it hard to express.

ROOPCHAND



Roopchand is Sanjay's grandfather, he's in his 70s. He's a retired businessman. He is grumpy and doesn't like people. Except his family. Maybe.

A DAY OF REST

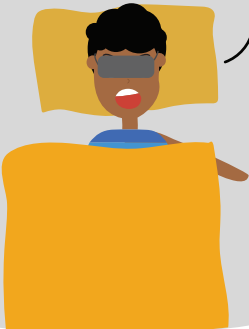
WAKE UP, SANJAY!



zzzzzzzz



MOM, IT'S A SUNDAY



AND...?



CONTACT DETAILS

I AM GOING TO ISHAN'S HOUSE
FOR A SLEEPOVER



OKAY.
WHATSAPP ME THE CONTACT DETAILS OF
EVERYONE WHO WILL BE THERE



BUT THESE ARE MY CHILDHOOD
FRIENDS, MOM. YOU HAVE THEIR CONTACT
DETAILS ALREADY



JUST DO AS I SAID.
I ALWAYS END UP CONFUSING
NUMBERS ON THIS BLOODY
PHONE



BUT JUST YESTERDAY
I TAUGHT YOU HOW TO
SEARCH THROUGH THE CONTACTS

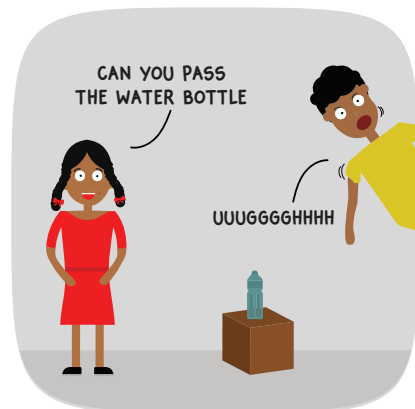
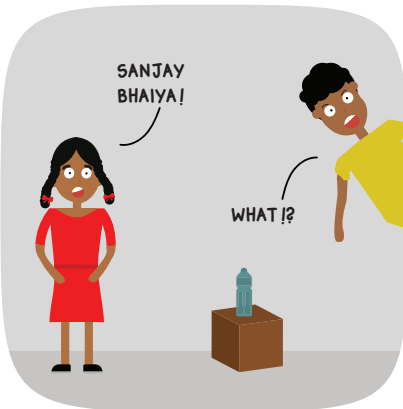


YEAH WELL I TAUGHT YOU HOW TO
BRUSH YOUR TEETH AND EAT YOUR
FOOD.
JUST SEND ME THE DETAILS, HOW HARD
IS IT?



UGH OKAY

WHAT ARE SIBLINGS FOR?



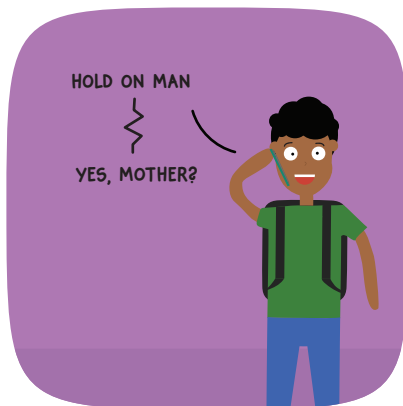
A MYSTERY



GOING OUT



WHO WANTS MAGGI?



GET A CAB!?

MOM THE BUS ISN'T SHOWING UP,
WHAT DO I DO?



UM, GET A CAB?



REALLY?
A CAB!?



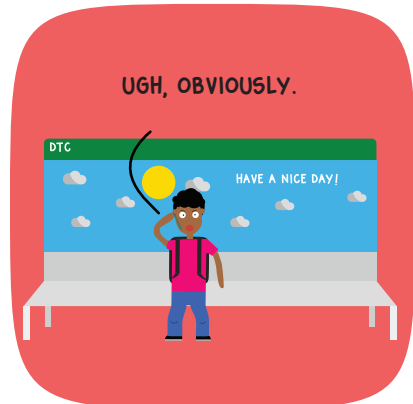
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A SHARED CAB THOUGH



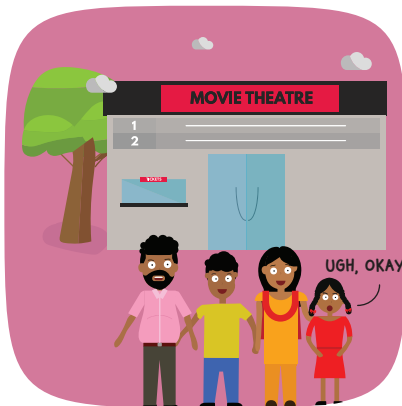
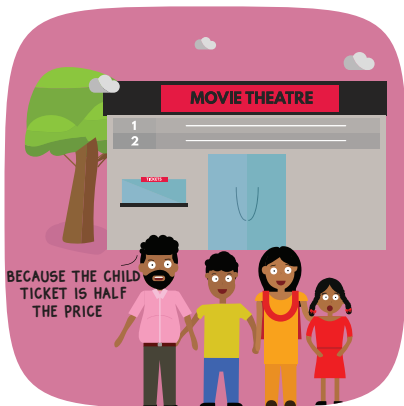
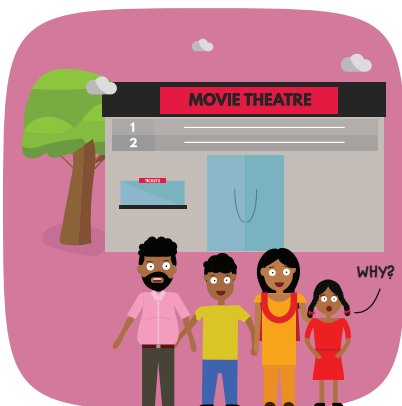
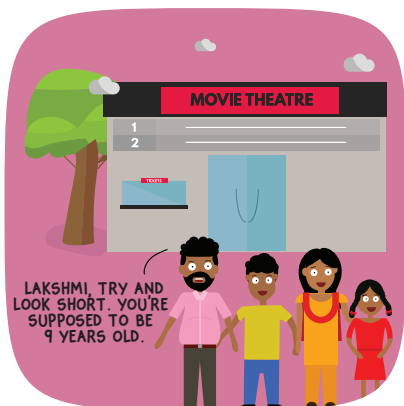
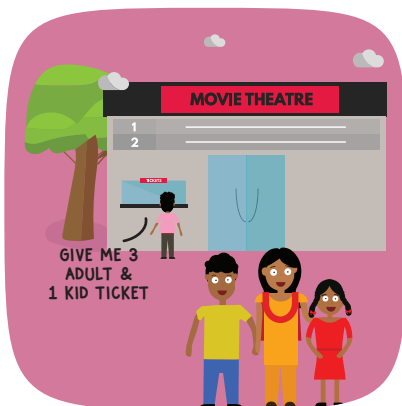
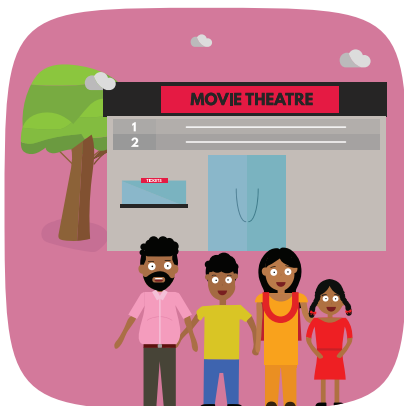
IT'S CHEAPER



UGH, OBVIOUSLY.



MOVIE PLANS



THE LIGHTS



WHO'S ADOPTED?



AAAGGHHHH, ATLEAST HEAR ME OUT



OKAY. FIRSTLY, I DIDN'T EAT THE LEFTOVERS. LAKSHMI DID



LAKSHMI!



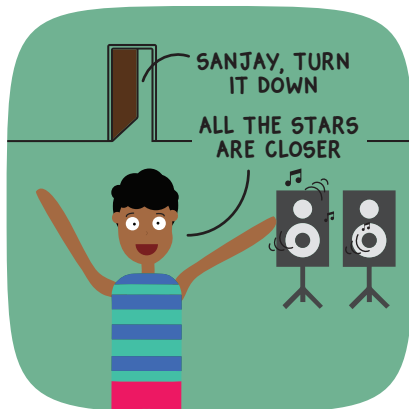
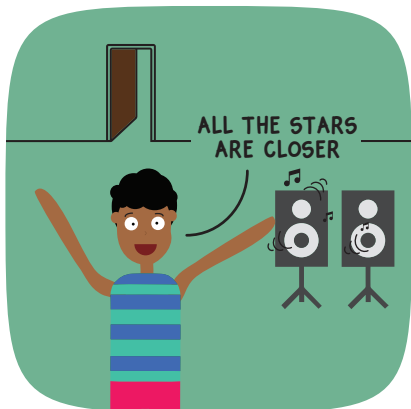
I DIDN'T EAT THE LEFTOVERS. SANJAY BHAIYA DID



OH MY GOD, I SHOULD'VE JUST LEFT BOTH OF YOU ON THE TEMPLE STAIRS THAT DAY



MUSIC IS NOISE



THE SELFIE

LET'S GET A FAMILY SELFIE



CHEEEEESSSSSEEE



OHMYGOD, ARE WE
DONE YET?



NO, WE AREN'T DONE UNTIL
WE GET A GOOD ONE.



UGH, OKAY



UGH, DRIVING

I THINK YOU SHOULD DRIVE.
BE CAREFUL THOUGH, THIS IS
YOUR GRANDFATHER'S CAR



UM, REALLY!? OKAY



SLOWLY LET GO OF THE
CLUTCH WHILE SLOWLY
PRESSING THE ACCELERATOR



RATTLE



JERK
RATTLE

JUST SLOWLY LET GO OF THE
CLUTCH WHILE SLOWLY
PRESSING THE ACCELERATOR



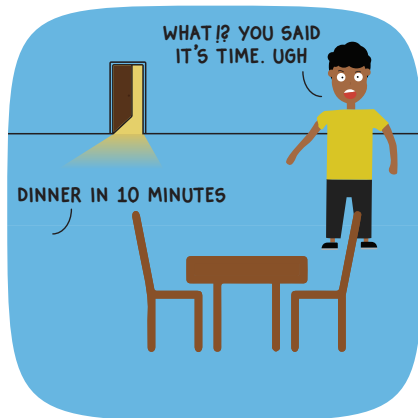
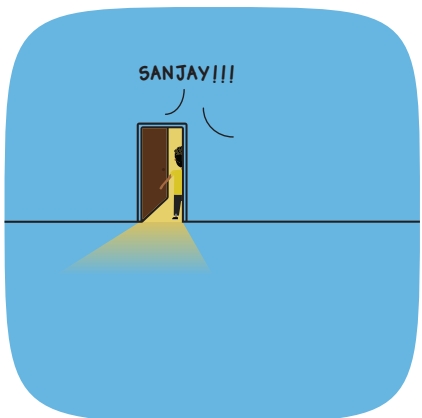
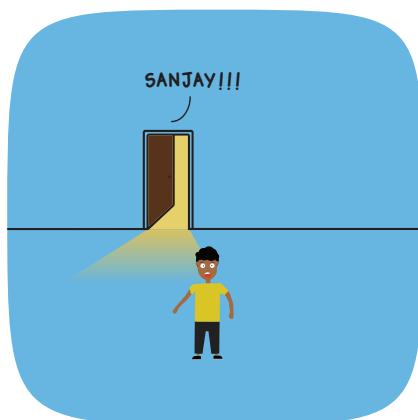
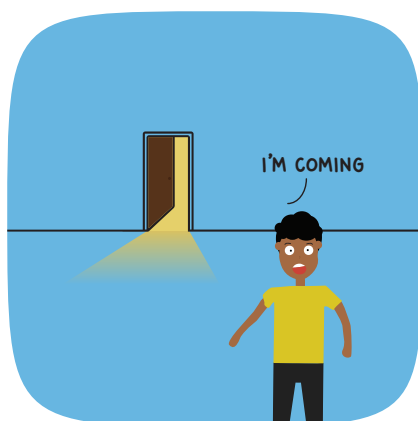
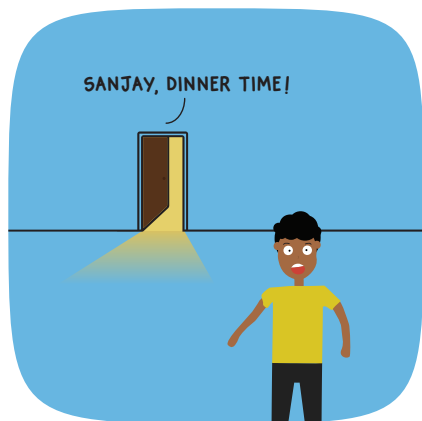
UGH, I GIVE UP

RATTLE



JERK
RATTLE

DINNER CALL



SMARTPHONE WOES

MOM!
I DON'T FEEL TOO WELL



IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR
DAMN PHONE



BUT MOM...



I DON'T WANT TO HEAR A WORD.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR DAMN
PHONE



MOM I LOST MY PHONE



IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR...
WAIT WHAT!?
YOU LOST IT?
HOW COULD YOU LOSE IT!?



SEEKING PERMISSION



MARKS

I GOT MY MODULE RESULT
TODAY



REALLY?
HOW MUCH DID YOU GET?



I GOT 73



JUST 73!?



BUT I TOPPED THE CLASS



YEAH, BUT 73?
WHAT DID YOU DO WRONG
TO NOT GET THOSE 27 MARKS?

UUUUUGGHHH

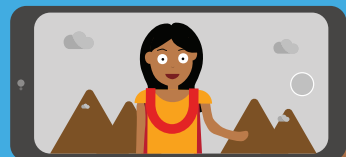


PHOTO SESSIONS

SANJAY, CAN YOU CLICK ME A NICE PICTURE, SO THAT I CAN POST ON FACEBOOK TO LET MY FRIENDS KNOW I'M ALIVE



YES MOM, DEFINITELY!



HERE YOU GO!
I THINK I GOT SOME GREAT ONES



SANJU!
NONE OF THESE ARE GOOD.
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU TODAY?

KEEP CLICKING UNTIL I TELL
YOU TO STOP



UGH, OKAY





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- Neel Lakhwani

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- My Mom

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- Albert Einstein

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owe me 20 bucks” - Sahitya Gupta

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