Writing Challenge #1:

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INT – Ranchi Ratu road - Day

Prafulla Gangani (65) the owner if Bandani Maruti dealership at Ratu road in the city of Ranchi is a worried man today, the wrinkles in his face are adding onto his age and the thoughts going in his mind are running much faster than the cars the cars he sells.

Prafulla is sipping hot tea in his office with thoughts over how to involve his daughter Dipika (25) into the administrative work in his dealership.

Prafulla while holding his tea up talking to Dipika – “ How long is your vacation “

Dipika – “ It’s for 2 weeks paa, I have had a hectic work schedule for last 3 months so wanted a good break, I wish to plan a trip to Gangtok this weekend, a family hangout. It’s been long we have been somewhere. I will also ask Bhaiya to come, it will be fun. “

Rahul (28) walks in with a frowning face and his hairs ruffling around his forehead as if he has just returned from a battle.

Rahul to his father - “ I told you not to let Ramlal join back again, he is creating a union out here. “

Prafulla to his son – “ What’s the matter son, why are you so annoyed in the morning “

Rahul to father – “ That Ramlal is not attending to Sharmajis silver Swift, I delivery is promised today, nobody else is there today. Sharmaji needs the vehicle today on urgent basis”

Prafulla in a heated tone – “ Whats the problem with you, why can’t you solve the petty issues”

Rahul being very impatient and in a disturbing voice– “ Its getting impossible to handle the staff now, I want to remove these lazy lambs “

Prafulla to Rahul bring affirmative – “ You need to learn to tackle them, they are the best in town. The complaints to the company with regards to our dealership is increasing day by day, can’t take it any more”

Rahul shouting- “ I wont be able to take it any more, you being my father are taking others side”

Prafulla to Rahul - “ It’s about being professional and being righteous, Sort your issues and I do not want any customer complaints “

Rahul bangs the door and walks out.

Prafulla to himself – “ I don’t know what is wrong with him, he can’t even handle pity issues by himself”.

Saying this Prafulla starts feeling uneasy and is starts sweating profusely. Dipika was speechless and disturbed seeing his father so upset. She knows her father has a high blood pressure problem and is advised not to take tension and not to get involved in such issues. But now she knows why her father is not able to pass on the responsibility to Rahul bhaiya.

Dipika asks Prafulla – “ Whats the matter paa, why is bhaiya so pissed off with Ramlal, Ramlal is our old staff and he respects you a lot”

Dipika has been accompanying his father to the car showroom since inception 15 yrs ago and is well aware about the staff and the working culture here. She has always shown keen interest in the business and has worked here during school and college breaks. She knows the inside out of the business, Prafulla being aware of this was not sure of giving his daughter the power to run the show. Prafulla is a bit old school so passing the buck to his son was his ultimate wish knowing that his girl is more fit for the job. To make this possible he made sure that Dipika is out of scene with regards to the business he always pushed her for higher studies from Mumbai and take up a job there. Dipika has a MBA and is working in a Marketing profile in an MNC.

Prafulla to Dipika – “You are absolutely correct but Rahul is not able to handle him properly, both are at loggerheads with regards to priorities and customer deliveries and then they end up messing the timelines which results in bad mouthing about the dealership. We are losing customers and we need to attend the issue at the earliest as the company is threatening to take away the dealership from us.”

Dipika to Prafulla – “ Paa how are you planning to solve this matter, why don’t you talk to both of them at once and get the issue resolved “

Prafulla to Dipika – “ Beta I have tried doing this but they are again the same and the problem is not exclusive to Ramlal, Rahul is facing same issues with almost every staff. I am not able to address the issue and this tension of losing dealership is eating my head.”

Dipika to her father – “What do we do now”.

Prafulla is satisfied to hear we from her daughter’s mouth. He is seeing a bright light in the tunnel. He wants Dipika to get involved now into the mess as she is the only option left with him but is not in a position to utter the words.

Prafulla asks in a soft voice – “ What do you think Dipika, what is the way out from this mess ?”

Dipika wears a stoned expression, not to know what should she be saying. She has been wanting to get into the mess all long. Is paa wanting wanting to get me into this is the doubt she has in her mind.

Dipika in doubt – “ How would I know it paa?”

Prafulla to Dipika – “ I think you know absolutely why am I asking you this question”

Dipika’s eyes turns a bit moist, it has always been an emotional wish to help her father in business. She again askes her father in breaking voice – “ what are you trying to say paa?”

Prafulla talking his hand over her shoulder “ I know you can give a direction to this lost ship, I wish you to be with me in correcting things and getting back to home. The business needs you,I need you.”

Dipika holding her father’s arm – “Do you really want me to work here?”

Her father in a stronger tone – “I haven’t been sure of anything else than this, it’s been very late from my side not to involve you where you are belong most. I am really sorry for not letting you here in our business but now I want you to start coming to office from tomorrow and start setting things up here. It is upto you how you want to run the show.”

Dipika in a bit convincing tone – “ How about bhaiya paa?”

Prafulla – “ We will discuss with him, or you discuss things with him how you want to go ahead, but this is sure that I want you on-board.”

Prafulla engulfs Dipika in his arms and hugs her tightly, Dipika with tears in her eyes and heavy voice hugs her father – “ Thank you paa, thank you so much for letting me help you”

Prafulla to Dipika – “ You are welcome and be yourself”.

Prafulla is a relaxed person now and takes a sigh of relief after being able to speak his heart out to his daughter.

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