



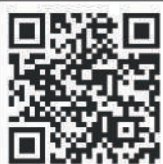
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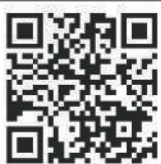
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THE CYBER SAFETY CLUB



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Hon'ble Prime Minister

I dream of a Digital India where Cybersecurity becomes an integral part of our nation.



SHRI AMIT SHAH

Hon'ble Union Home Minister & Minister of Cooperation

Cyberspace cannot be secured by any single organization alone; it requires collective effort and a unified platform working toward the same goal under a shared framework.

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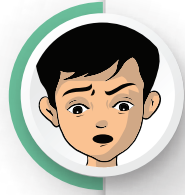


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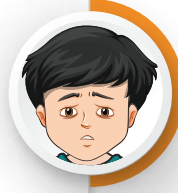
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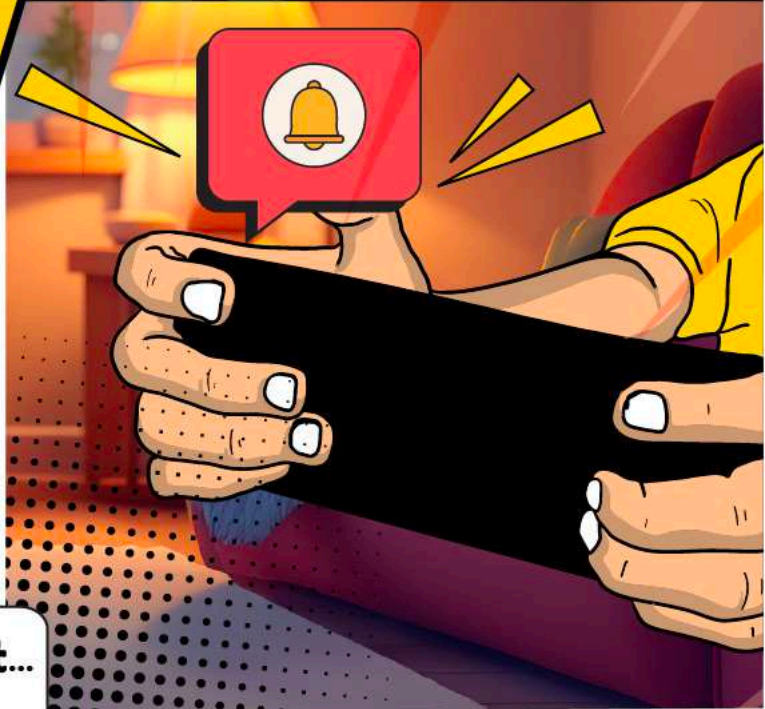
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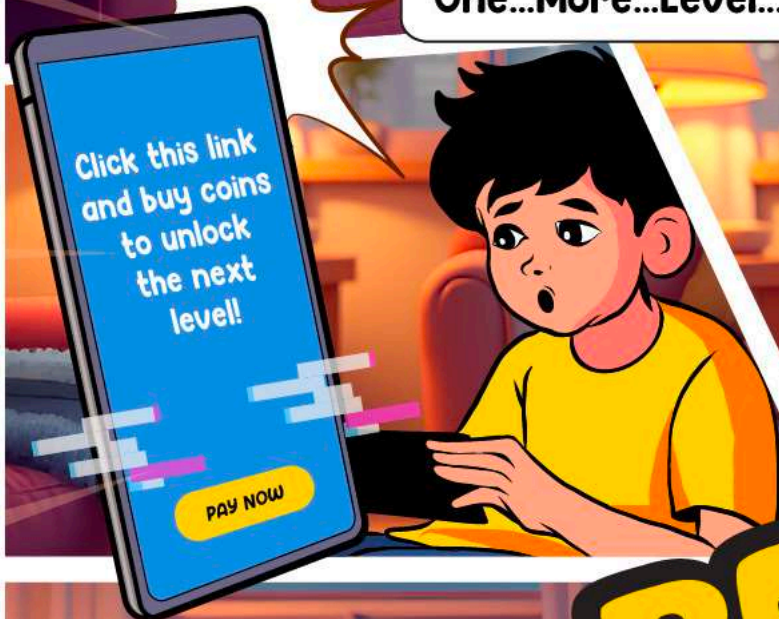
Aarav (13) is playing an online mobile game on his mother's phone.



Almost there...Just...
One...More...Level...

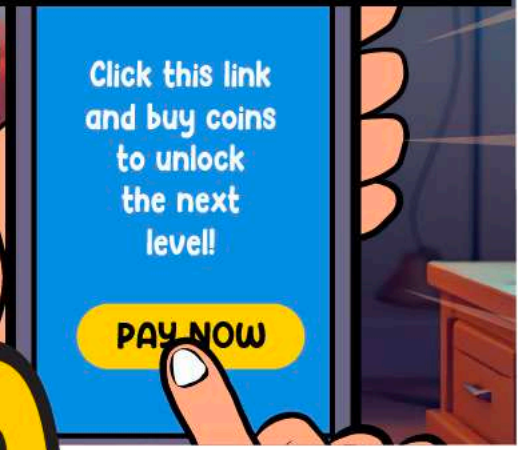


He is just one level away from victory.
So without thinking, he taps the link.



Click this link
and buy coins
to unlock
the next
level!

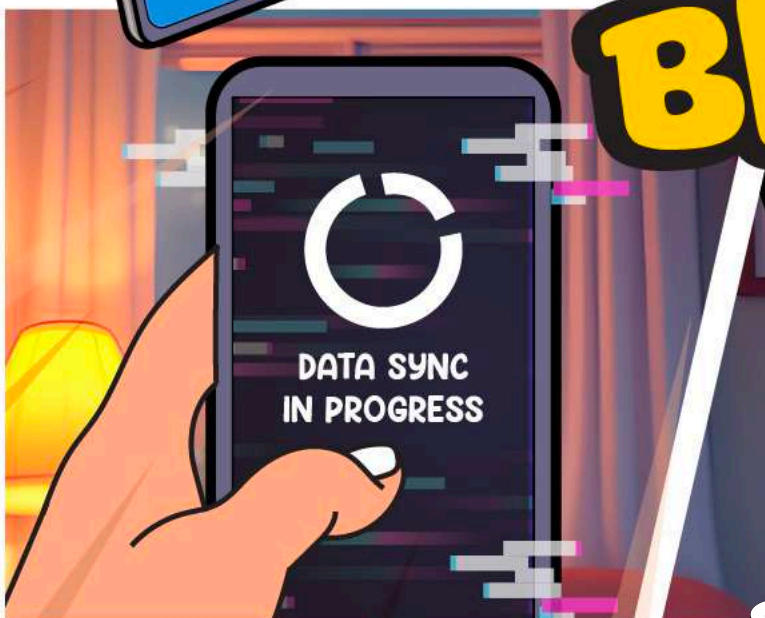
PAY NOW



Click this link
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to unlock
the next
level!

PAY NOW

BEEP



DATA SYNC
IN PROGRESS





What is happening?!



Phone restarts.



OH NO, NO NO..



Aarav gets scared, so he quietly hides the phone in his pocket and leaves the house.

Park, Evening



Aarav is constantly tapping his phone. He is visibly nervous.



SAISHA

VENKAT

VIDUSHI

Saisha, Venkat and Vidushi are sitting in the park.

Hey Aarav,
you look worried

Guys! I am in
some trouble...

Aarav explains his situation to them!

SCAM

This is a case for our
Cyber Safety Club.

Cyber Safety Club?!
Do you fix smartphones
or something?

No! We don't fix phones, we
help friends understand how
to stay safe online.

And what to do if you get
into trouble online.

Now, show us
your phone!

Aarav gives his phone to them. Vidushi, Saisha, and Venkat inspect the message.



Hmm... The URL is wrong. The domain is not official.



It's a phishing link.

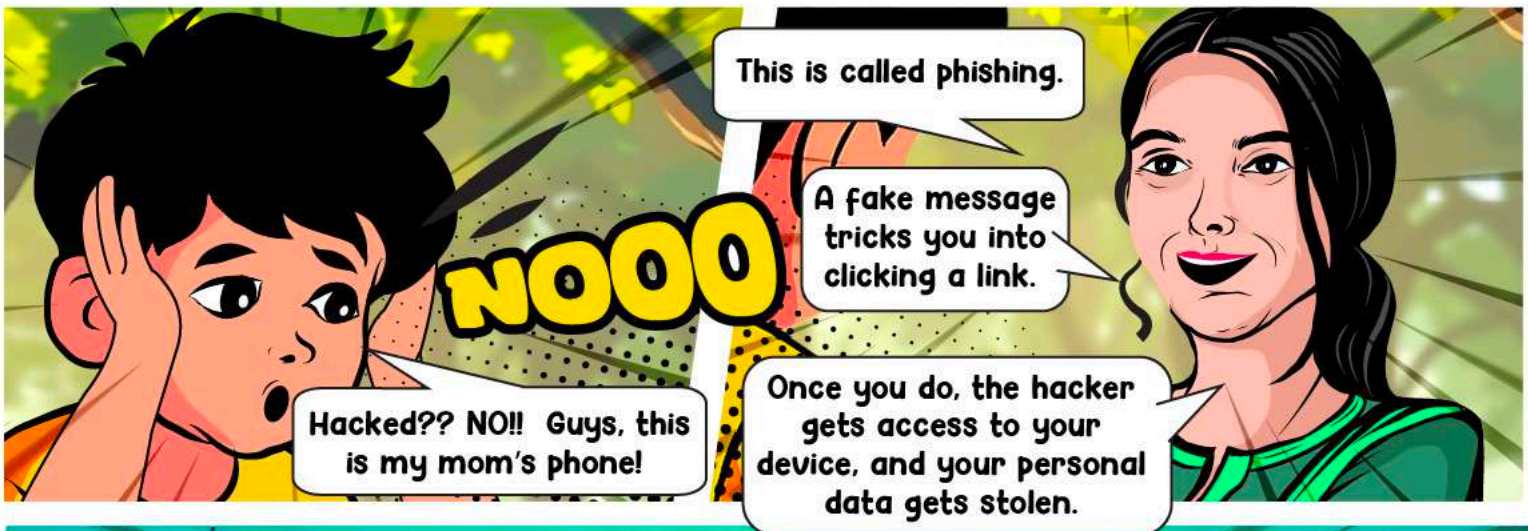


This is called phishing.

A fake message tricks you into clicking a link.

Once you do, the hacker gets access to your device, and your personal data gets stolen.

Hacked?? NO!! Guys, this is my mom's phone!



Basically, a free tour of your mom's phone for hackers.

Aarav, we'll help you, but you must tell your parents. I'm sure they will understand.

Venkat, this is serious. Not funny.

OKAY

SCAM?

We will have to report this now on the cybercrime portal.

Vidushi opens the I4C portal on her tablet.

REPORT NOW

Aarav's Home

Sorry, Ma!

Aarav, you should've come to me, beta.

Don't worry about it!

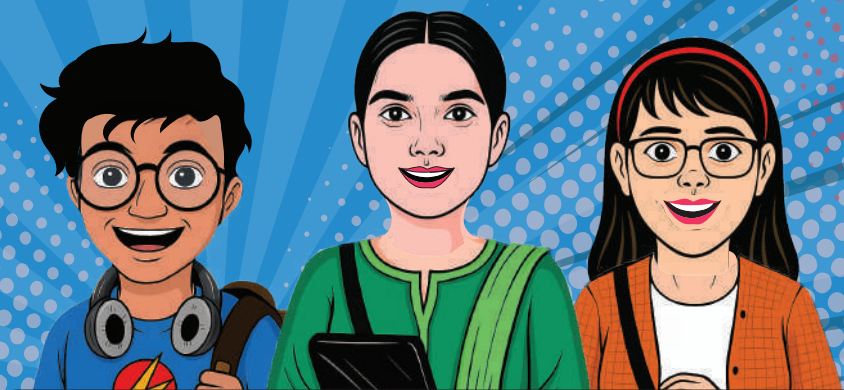
Looks like the Cyber Safety Club took care of it.

Aarav, his parents and the trio gathered in the living room.

Remember, never click on links that come through messages or chats, especially if they ask for money or passwords.

Always double-check the sender and the website address. Real companies or games will never ask for payments on random links.

And if something feels even a little weird, don't guess, just report. It's better to lose a game than to lose your data!



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The Friendly Stranger

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Rhea (14) is relaxing on her bed, scrolling through her social media feed.



Same reels

Same People



Aman_Sharma_08 liked 12 of your posts.

Just then, another notification appears.

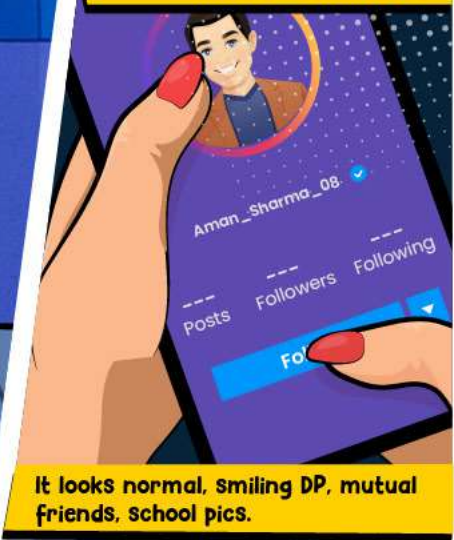


Someone's on a liking spree.



Hey! I think we have a common friend, Rohan?

Rhea reads the message and checks Aman's profile.



It looks normal, smiling DP, mutual friends, school pics.

Over the next few days, Rhea and Aman begin chatting regularly.





He seems nice.

You're really easy to talk to. Not like other people.

Can I have your number? It's easier to talk there.

Rhea blushes and smiles.



Okay, but don't share it with anyone.

BE SAFE

She sent her number.

+91 96568XXXXX



Cafe, Evening

CAFE


You're glued to your screen again. Who are you talking to?




Rhea shows her the chat.

Just someone I met online.


ONLINE? WHO?



Rhea, he's texting you at night and asking for selfies. That's not okay.




Rhea, come to the library tomorrow. Let's talk to Vidushi.



Oh no, it's okay. I trust him. And he's just being nice. There's no problem with that, right?

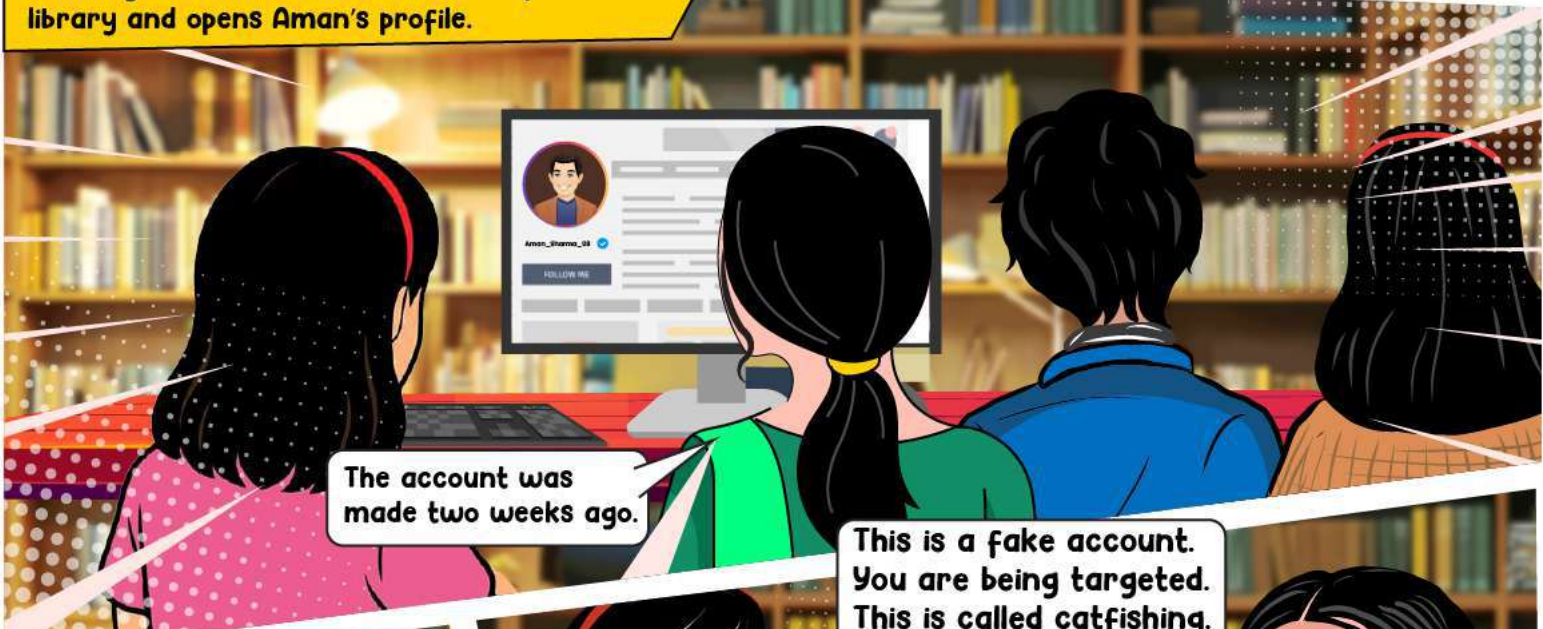
School Library, Morning

Vidushi and Venkat are sitting in the library. Saisha and Rhea arrive.



We've been expecting you. Now show me this Aman guy!

Rhea logs into her account on a computer in the library and opens Aman's profile.



The account was made two weeks ago.

This is a fake account. You are being targeted. This is called catfishing.



Only 9 followers, no tagged friends.



And your "mutual friend", Rohan, doesn't even follow him.



Catfishing?

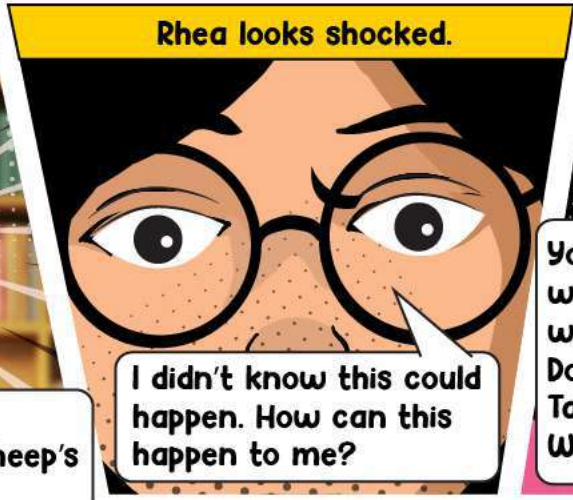


It's when someone creates a fake identity and pretends to be your friend to get close, then slowly asks for personal details, pictures, or tries to control you. It starts friendly, but it's meant to deceive you.

They build trust first. Once you feel safe, they push boundaries through compliments, guilt, or threats.



Basically, a wolf in a sheep's costume.



Rhea looks shocked.

I didn't know this could happen. How can this happen to me?



You didn't do anything wrong, Rhea. But now, we need to act smart. Don't delete the chat. Take screenshots. We'll report the profile.



Vidushi opens the website www.cybercrime.gov.in on the computer.



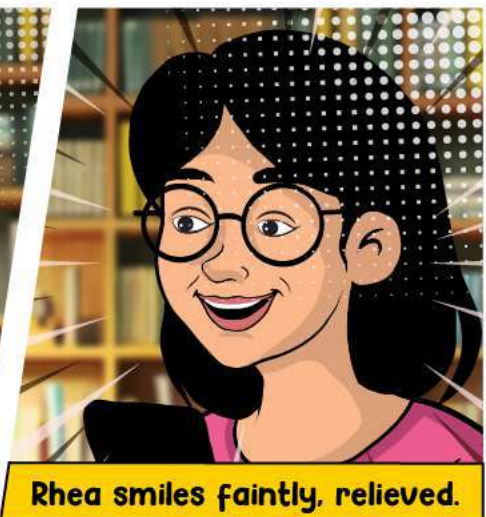
We can report this under the Women/Child Related Crime category. It's safe and confidential.



And you need to tell this to your parents.



And maybe tell Rohan too, so he doesn't "mutual friend" you into another scammer.



Rhea smiles faintly, relieved.

Thank you, all of you. I didn't even know something like this could happen online.

That's why we stay aware of cybercrimes and help each other stay safe.

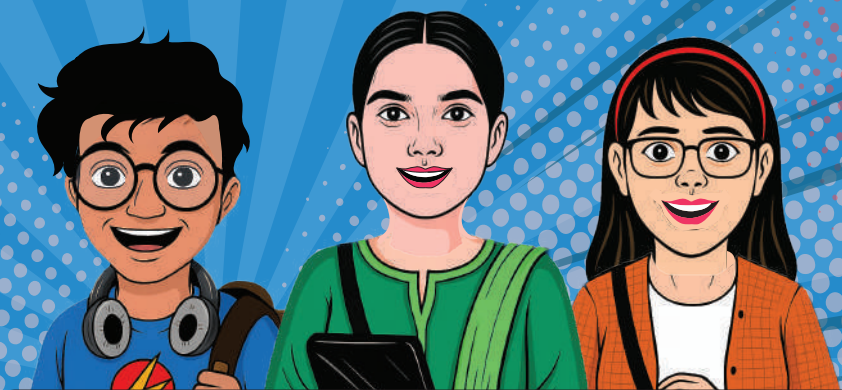
Never share your photos or private information with anyone online. If a chat makes you uneasy, take screenshots and report it.

You did the right thing, Rhea. Speaking up is how it stops.

If an online stranger asks for personal details or pictures and calls it "friendship," that's your first red flag.

Thanks, guys!

The internet has plenty of "friends." But trust takes more than a DM



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THE CLONE ACCOUNT

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Mehul is sitting with his friends, laughing and scrolling on his phone.

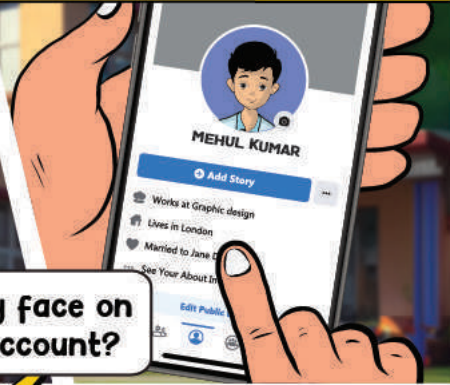


He shows his phone to his friends. It's a profile with his name, photo, and bio, but it's not him.

Wait!!!

what is this?

Why is my face on another account?



Bro... someone made a fake account of you!



What? They're posting weird stuff too! This could totally ruin my image!

FAKE

He rushes to find the Cyber Safety Club.

Venkat, Saisha and Vidushi are seated together.

Guys! Someone cloned my Instagram account. They're pretending to be me and messaging people!



Venkat, not funny.

Show me the account.

Congratulations, bro. You've officially joined the "celebrity" club and got your first imposter!



Mehul hands over his phone. Saisha inspects it carefully.

Hmm... classic case of identity theft. They've copied your photos, bio, even your handle with one extra underscore.

Whoa! That's not fan behaviour - that's fraud!

Did they message anyone you know?

Yeah, my cousin just sent me screenshots - they're asking people for money for some fake "school fundraiser."

The trio sits around a laptop. Vidushi projects the fake profile on the screen.

Vidushi's Home, Evening

Identity theft happens when someone uses your personal information - name, photos, or details - to impersonate you online.

It's often done to scam others or damage your reputation.



So, basically, anyone can become "me" if they grab my photos online?

Mehul, don't worry. We'll report this right now.

That's why you keep your profile private and avoid oversharing.

Vidushi opens www.cybercrime.gov.in on the computer.



Till then, let's post something from your real account- "Beware of fake Mehul! The original one doesn't ask for money."

Everyone laughs.



Remember: Don't share too much personal information online. Keep your profiles private. Report fake accounts immediately.

And maybe skip posting 11 selfies a day, superstar.



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It's NOT Funny

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The teacher asks the class a math question. Shubham confidently answers, but he is wrong.



Aanya politely raises her hand.

The teacher nods. A few classmates laughed. Shubham feels embarrassed, even though Aanya wasn't teasing him.



Great. Now everyone thinks I can't do basic math.

Shubham is annoyed & scrolls through Aanya's photos online. He edits one into a meme, adding a silly caption.





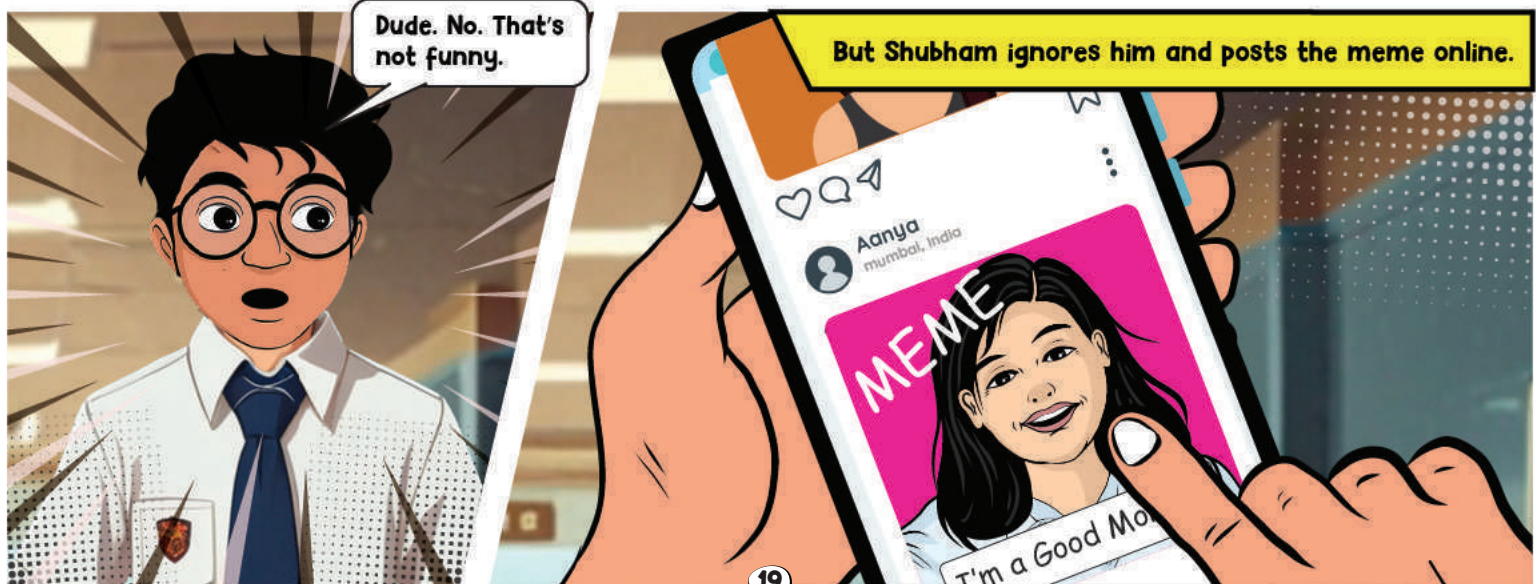
Venkat! Bro, look at this meme I made of Aanya! Let's post it and tease her a little.



Why? She didn't do anything.

Come on, yaar! She corrected me in class, and everyone laughed. This is just... payback!!!

NOT FUNNY



Dude. No. That's not funny.

But Shubham ignores him and posts the meme online.

Venkat runs to find Saisha and Vidushi.

Venkat. why do you look like you saw a ghost?

Shubham just posted a meme of Aanya... He wanted me to join in! He's teasing her because she corrected him in class.

We're talking to him. NOW.

The trio finds Shubham checking likes on the meme.



~~CYBERBULLYING~~

Shubham. Delete the post.

Relax. It's just a joke! She corrected me in front of everyone, so I made a meme.

Aanya didn't embarrass you. You embarrassed yourself by posting that.

It's just for fun.

This is cyberbullying, Shubham. Posting edited pictures to shame someone online is NOT fun.

Name-calling

Mocking photos

Edited/deep fake images

CYBER BULLYING

Spreading rumours

Teasing someone publicly

And if someone did this to you, you'd lose your mind.

Aanya walks in, holding her phone and she is hurt.

Shubham... why did you post that? Everyone's messaging me now.

I... I'm sorry, Aanya. I didn't think it would hurt you this much. I was just upset... and acted stupid.

Being upset is fine. Bullying someone online is not.

Take it down. And don't repeat it.



DON'T BULLY

The trio walks Aanya home.

Thanks... I didn't know what to do.

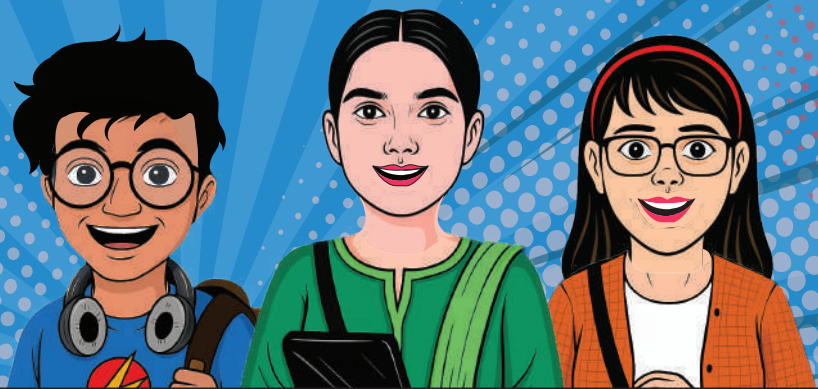
You spoke up. That's what matters.

Next time, take a screenshot for proof, report, block.

And if anyone tries this again...call us. Our fees are still samosas.



SPEAK UP



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Not Yours To Share

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Zoya is in the school auditorium, waiting for her evening photography club meeting to start.



She is checking photography pages and hashtags.

Hi Zoya! We run a youth photography contest. Your pictures are stunning. Want to participate?

SCAM



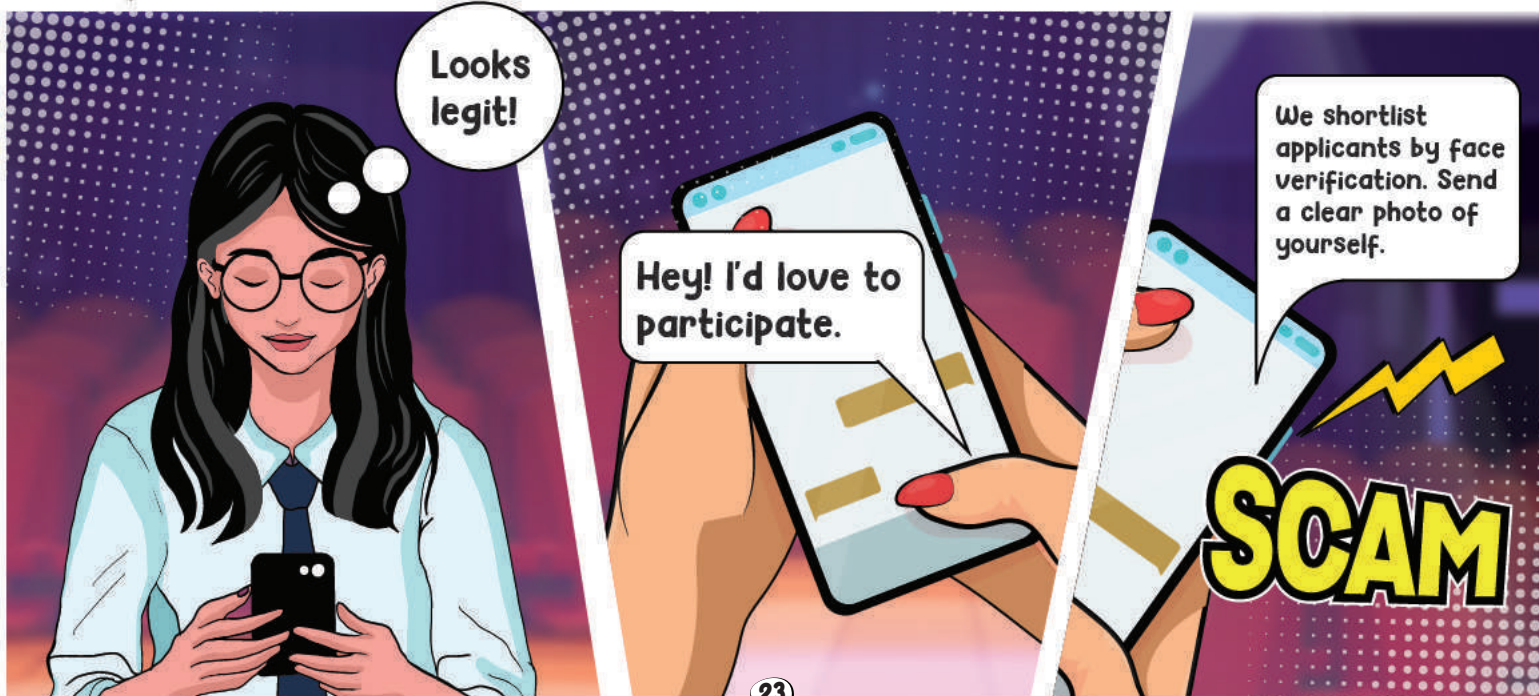
Zoya opens the profile.

Looks legit!

Hey! I'd love to participate.

We shortlist applicants by face verification. Send a clear photo of yourself.

SCAM

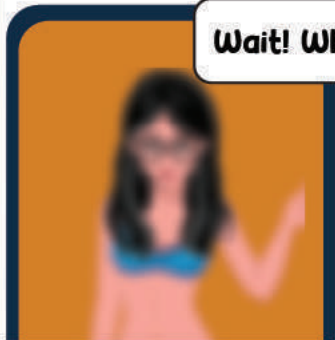


Zoya sends a normal selfie



Wait! What?! That's not me!

Seconds later, she receives a nude photo of herself where her face has been edited on a stranger's body.



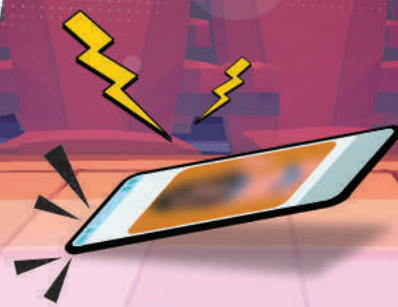
Click this link to see what we captured.



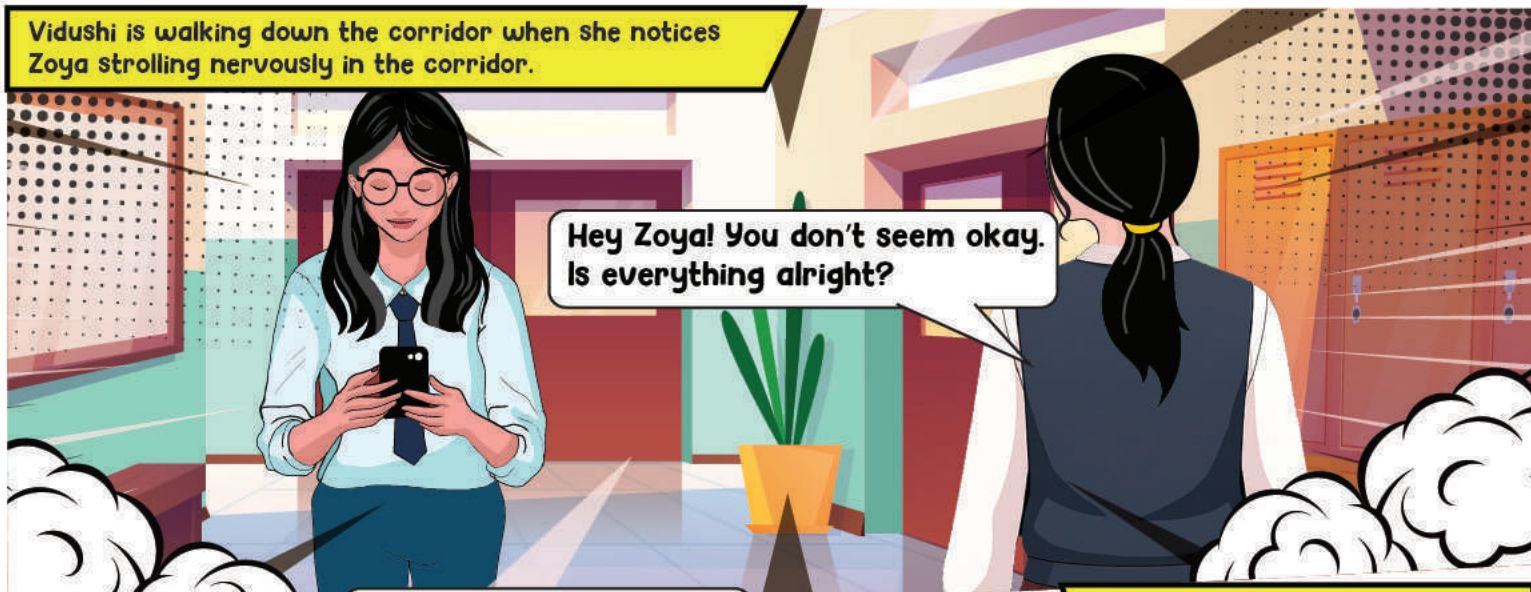
she clicks the link without verifying.



Zoya drops the phone, trembling.



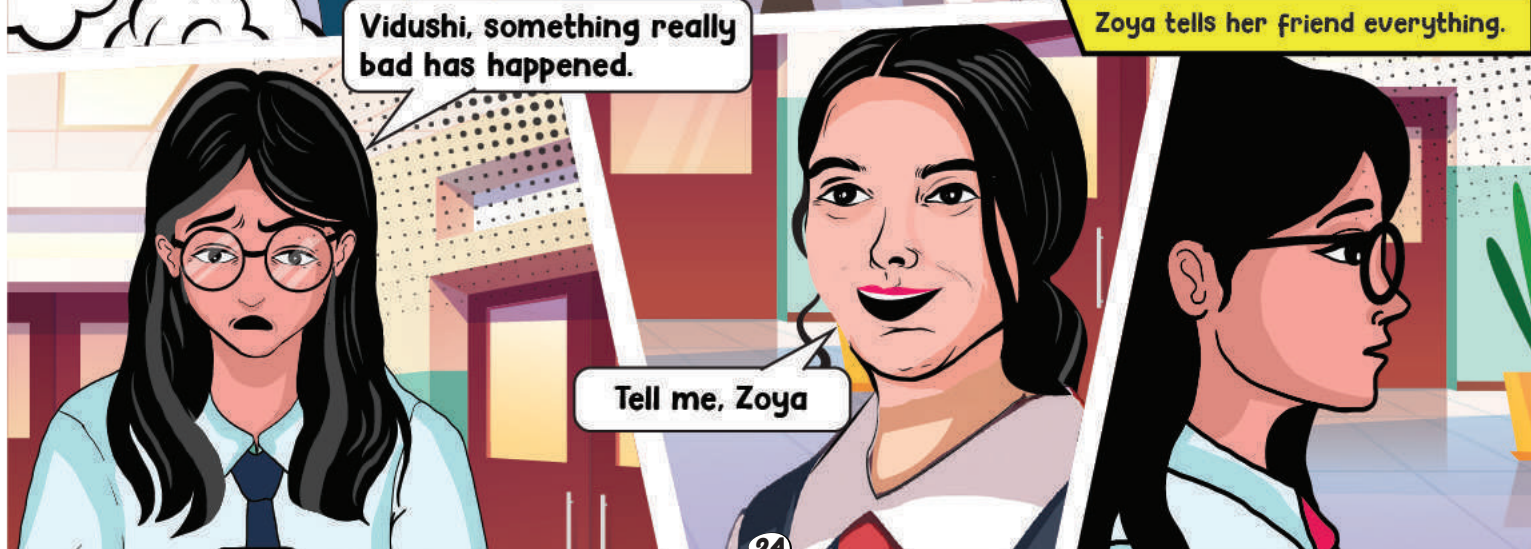
Vidushi is walking down the corridor when she notices Zoya strolling nervously in the corridor.



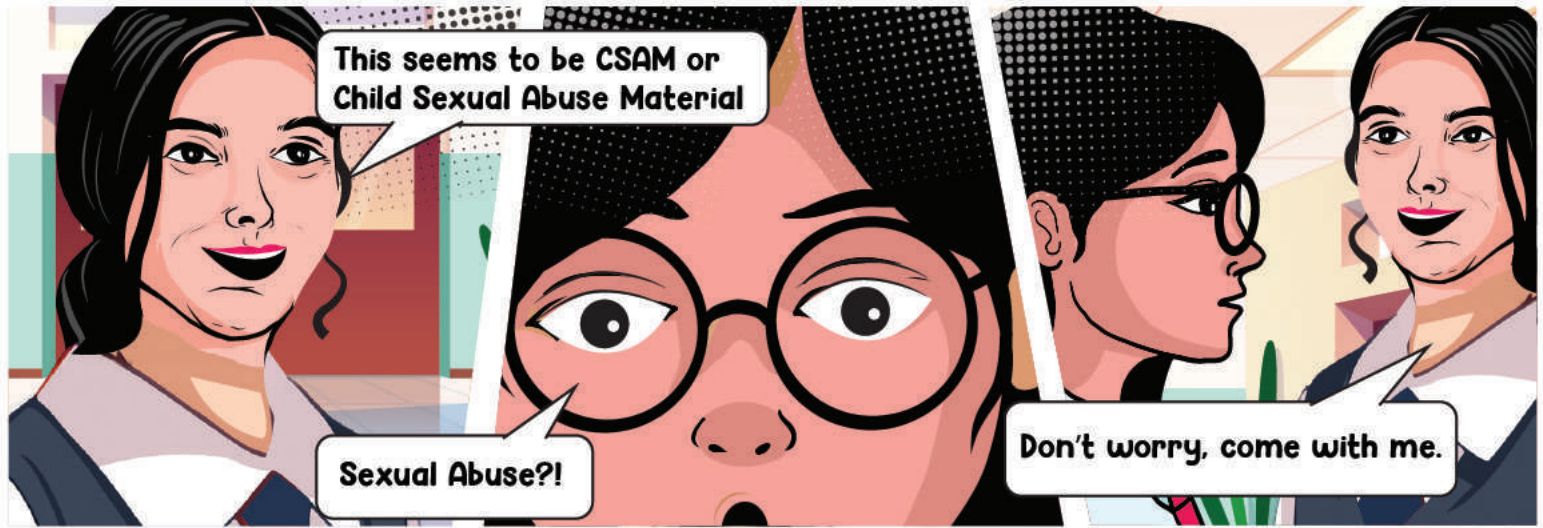
Hey Zoya! You don't seem okay. Is everything alright?

Vidushi, something really bad has happened.

Zoya tells her friend everything.



Tell me, Zoya



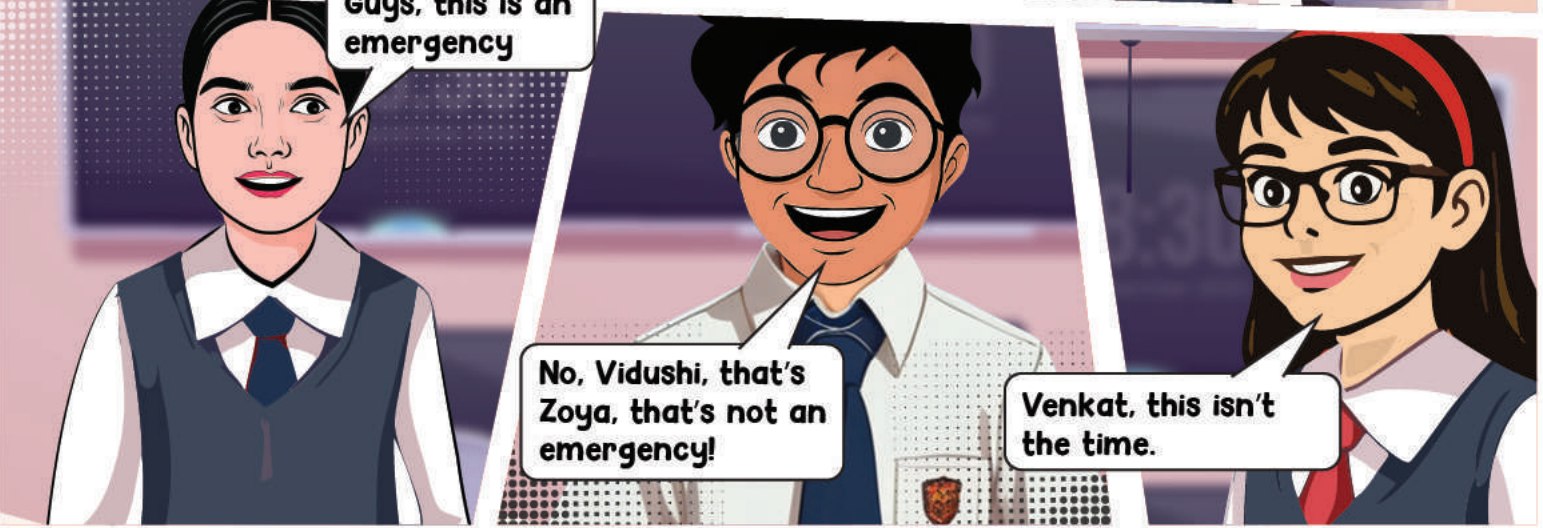
This seems to be CSAM or Child Sexual Abuse Material

Sexual Abuse?!

Don't worry, come with me.



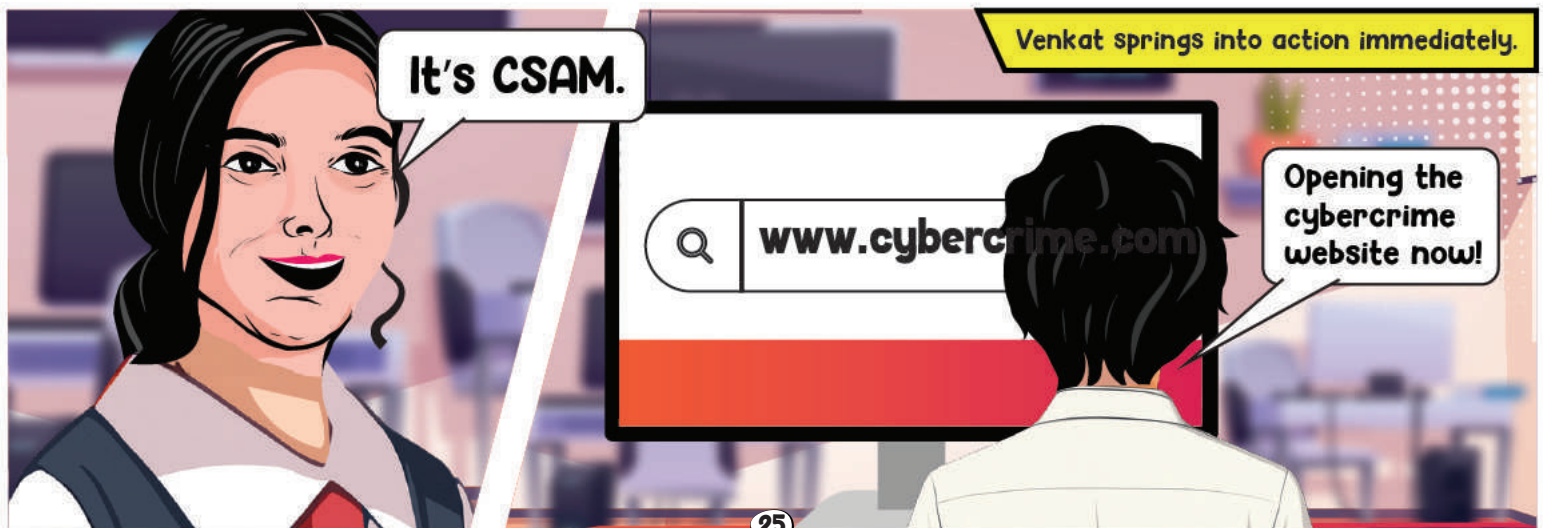
School Computer Lab



Guys, this is an emergency

No, Vidushi, that's Zoya, that's not an emergency!

Venkat, this isn't the time.



It's CSAM.

Venkat springs into action immediately.

Opening the cybercrime website now!





I hope you have not deleted the conversation.

Exactly! Great thinking, Zoya.

We need to tell the teacher. We cannot waste any time.

No, I didn't. I figured it could be used as evidence

Venkat clicks on the 'Register a Complaint' tab.

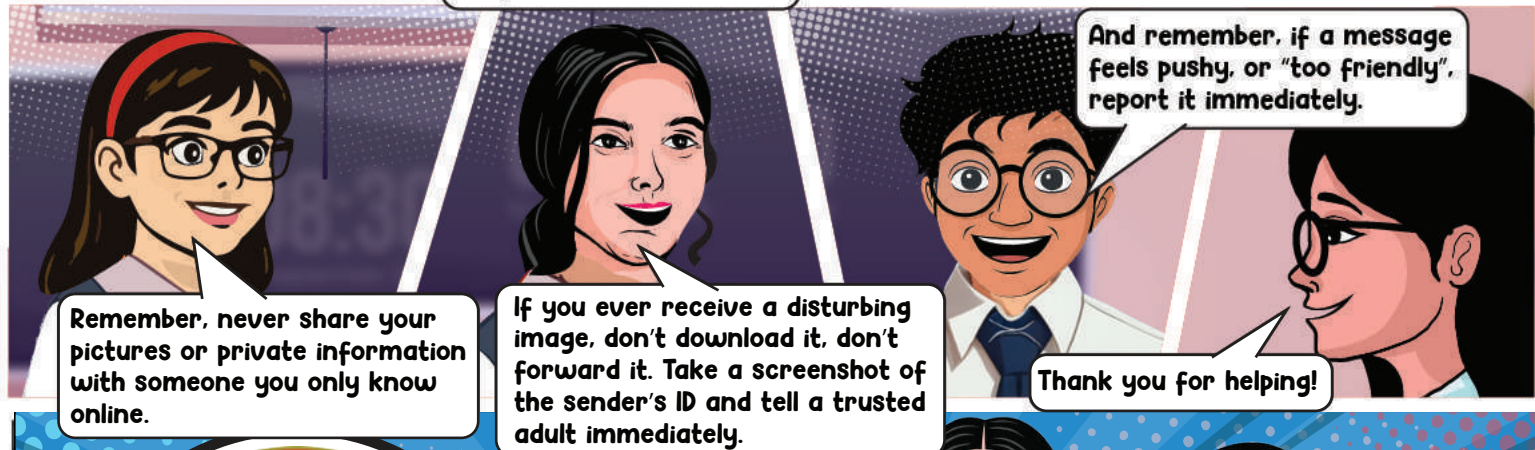


We can report this under Child Sexual Abuse / Online Exploitation. It's safe and confidential.

Saisha brings the computer teacher, Ms Anjana, with her. She comforts Zoya.



You have done the right thing by reporting it, Zoya.

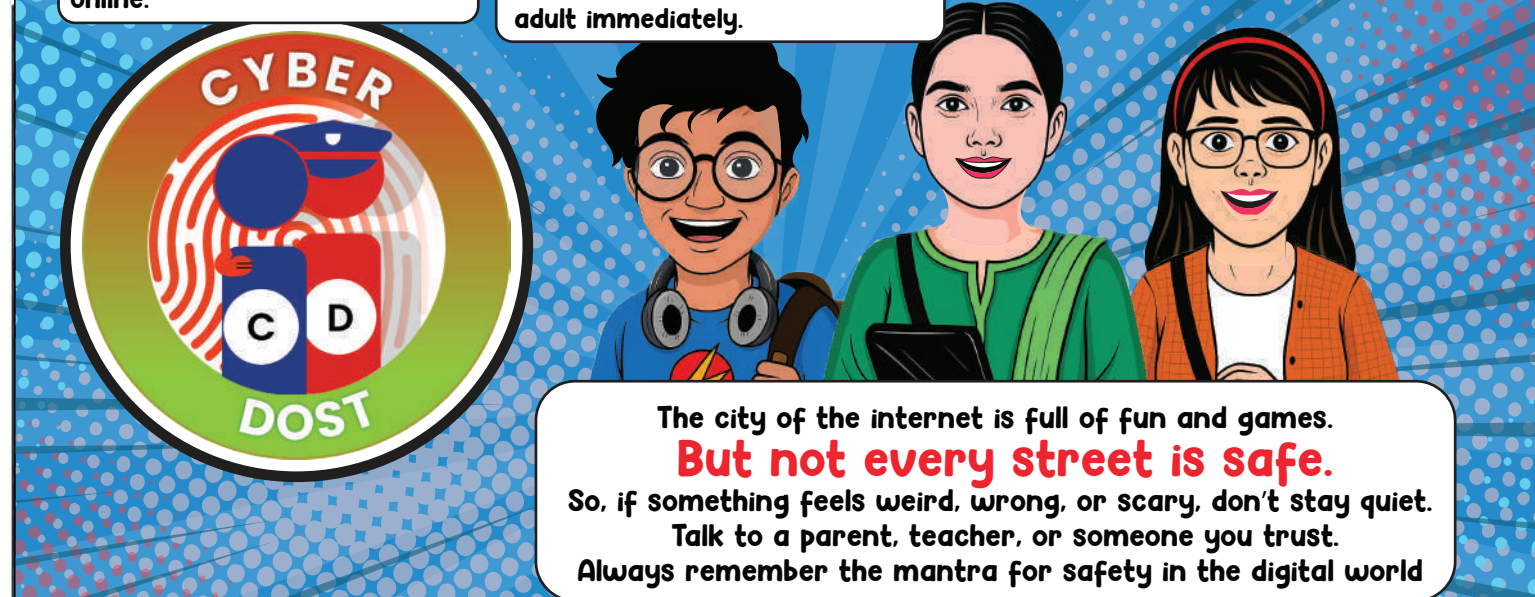


Remember, never share your pictures or private information with someone you only know online.

If you ever receive a disturbing image, don't download it, don't forward it. Take a screenshot of the sender's ID and tell a trusted adult immediately.

And remember, if a message feels pushy, or "too friendly", report it immediately.

Thank you for helping!



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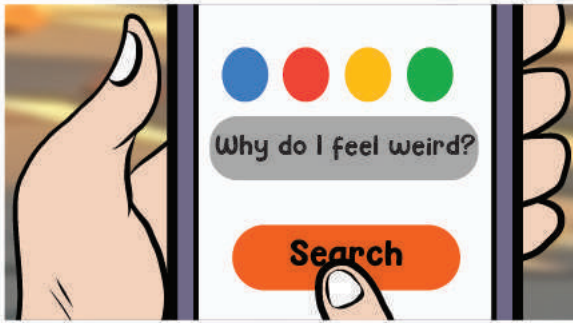
The Quiet Room

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Rohan (13), a student, sits alone on a bench at the playground. Other kids run around, laughing and playing. He stares at his phone, scrolling aimlessly.



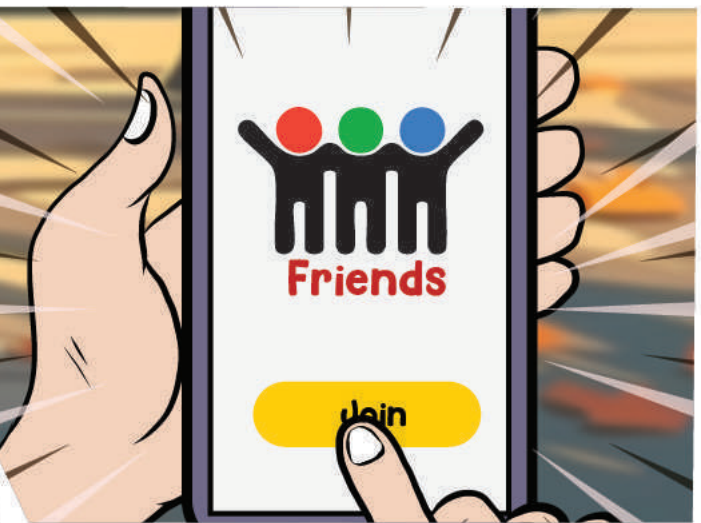
A moment later, he types again:



Join private group:
You are not Alone.



Join



Rohan's Room, At Night



You are not alone. Member 1

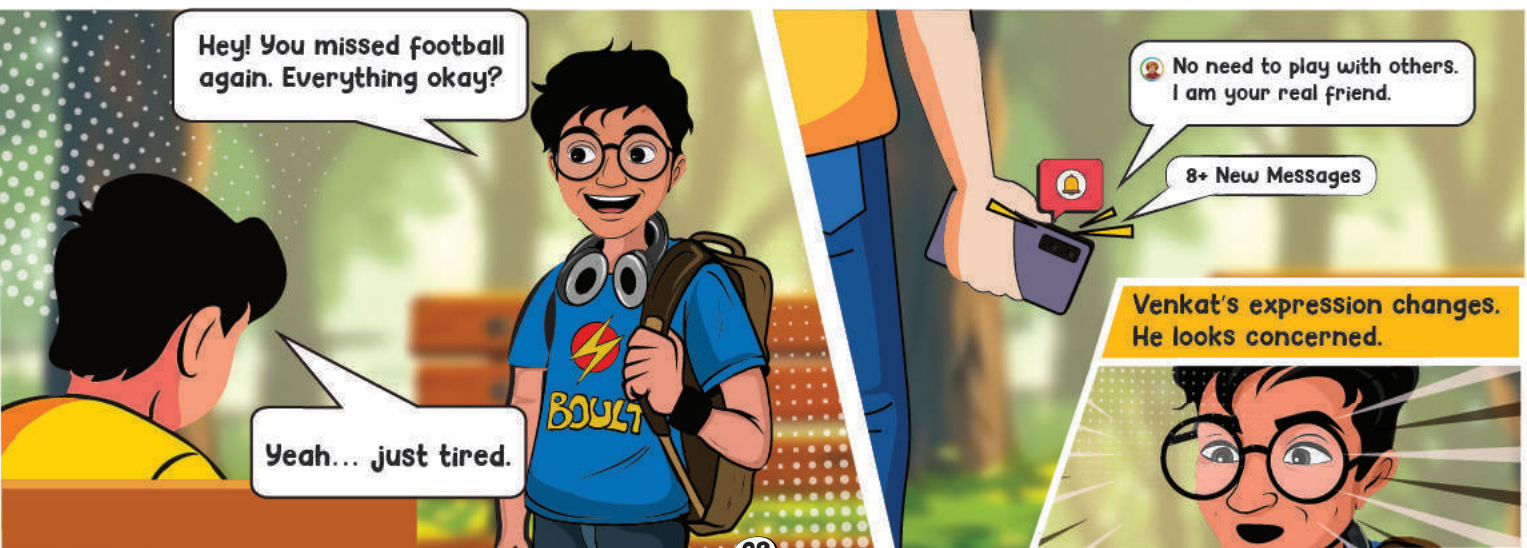
We understand how you feel.



Rohan's shoulders relax. He types slowly.



Over the next few days, he grows quieter, skips lunch with his friends, and keeps to himself.



Later in the Evening

Saisha, Vidushi, and Venkat sit together. Venkat explains what he saw.

I don't think this group is helping him.

Some groups sound supportive, but they make people feel isolated.

We should talk to him.

Rohan arrives hesitantly.

Rohan, can we see the group you joined?

Rohan nods and hands over his phone.

The Cyber Safety Club members review the group chat and begin to notice a pattern.

Encourage hopeless thoughts

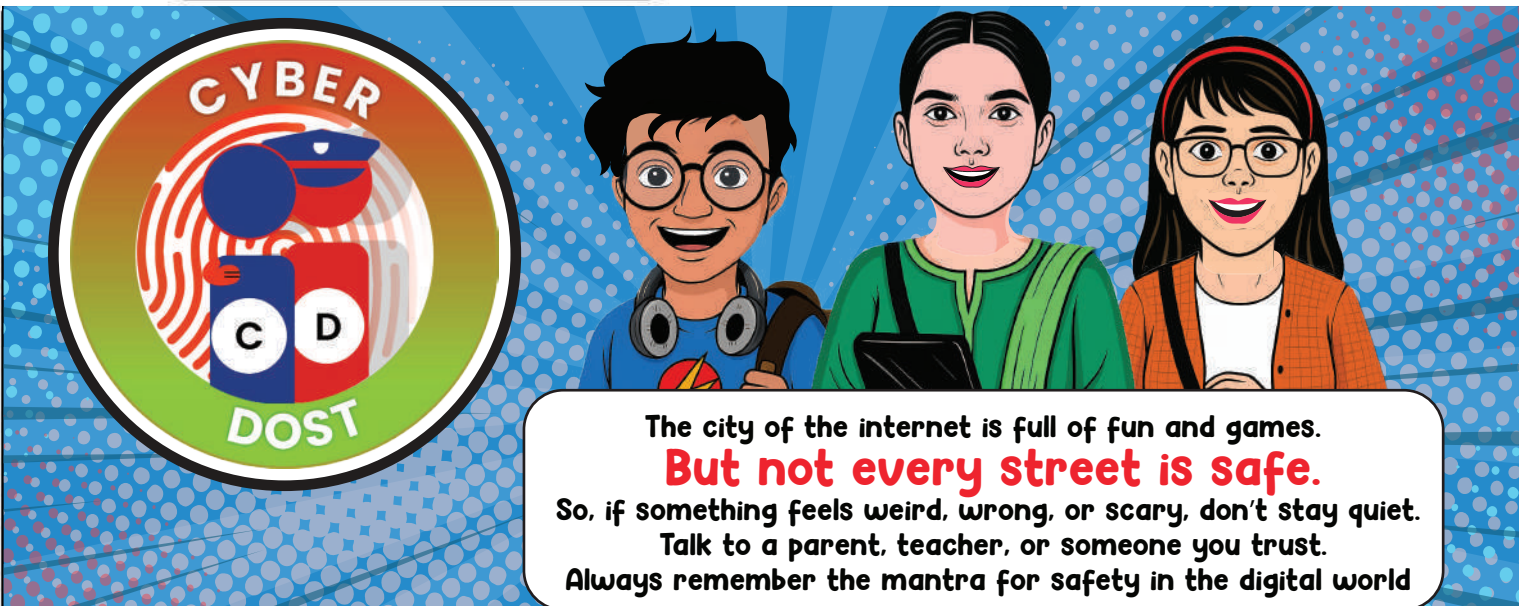
Discourage seeking offline help

Isolate members from real friends and family

I am Alone

I am Alone

I am Alone



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The Viral Dare

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Kabir, a school student, props his phone on the study table. He pours colourful slime over his study table and films his over-the-top reaction.

Watch this. This is going to blow up online.



Kabir uploads the video. Notifications begin pouring in.

School Corridor, Next Morning

Did you hear about Kabir's slime challenge?

Everyone's making their own version at home!

Wait till you see the spark video.

It's everywhere now.

This isn't funny anymore.

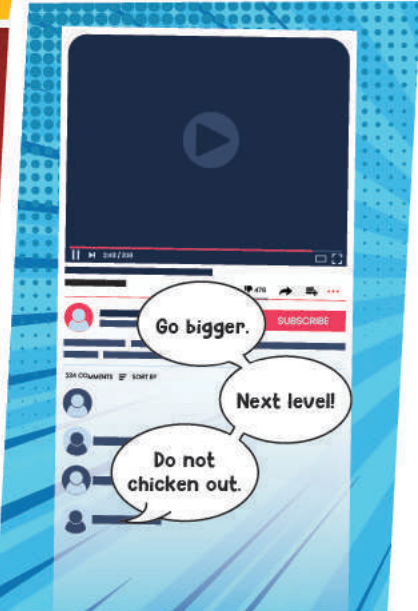
Relax. It's just a trend.

Venkat walks away, worried.

Other students from the school begin copying the same dangerous video trend in their own homes.

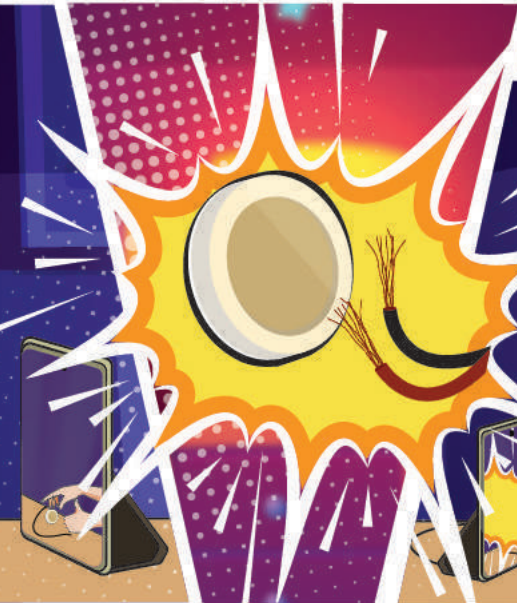
Comment sections filling with:

A messy room covered in slime



The Challenges intensify.

Rohan's Bedroom, Night



Saisha's Building Terrace, Evening



Kids are copying dangerous stuff at home. Someone even got hurt trying it.

When risky videos get attention and more followers, people start competing to go further.

And seeing it again and again makes it feel normal.

School Auditorium, Next Morning



Viral trends spread because shock attracts attention.



Repeated exposure can make unsafe behaviour seem normal.



But real injuries are not entertainment.



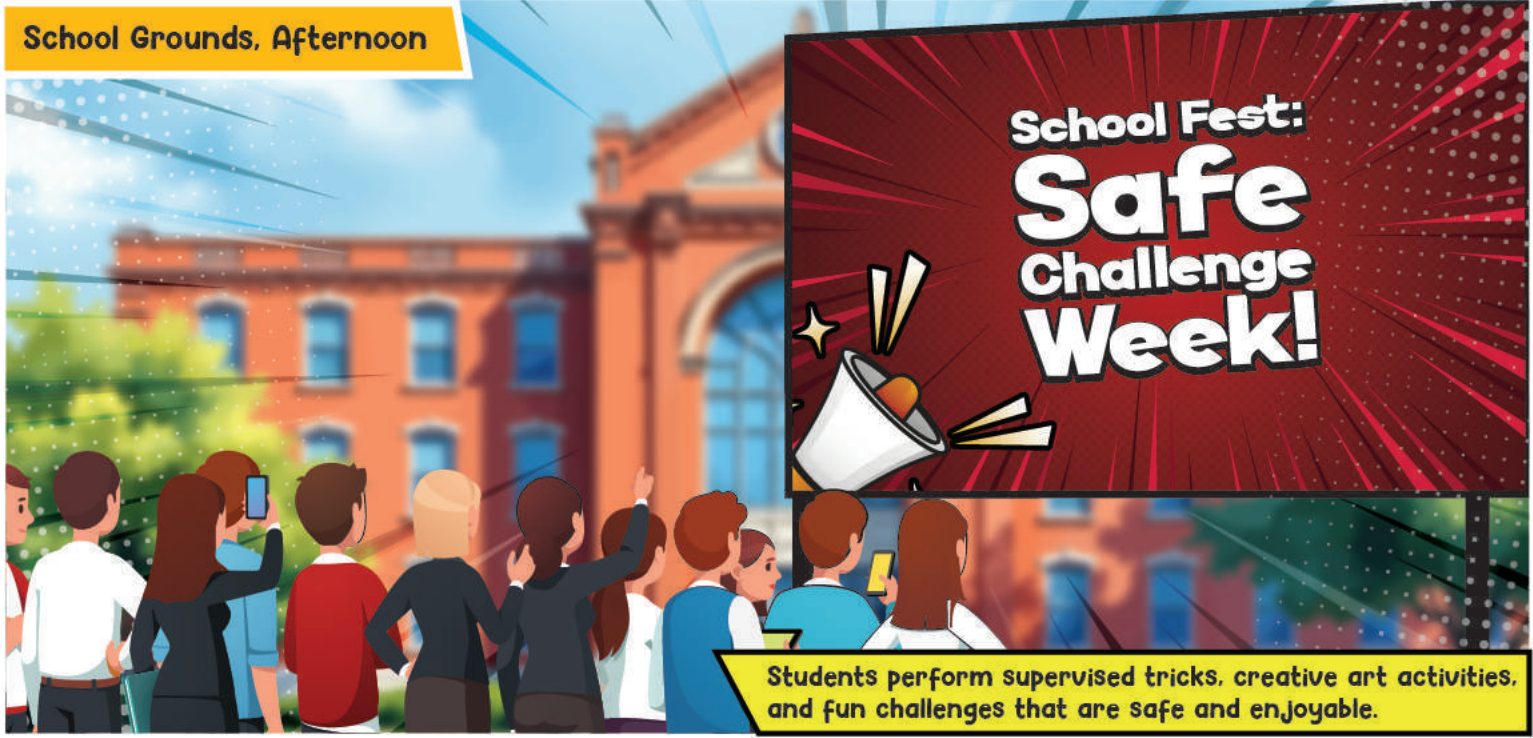
Shock video

Real harm

Likes and shares

Pressure to copy

Bigger risks



Students perform supervised tricks, creative art activities, and fun challenges that are safe and enjoyable.

Teachers cheer and hold placards:



The internet is not for dangerous challenges.

Not every trend is worth it

Safety comes before views!



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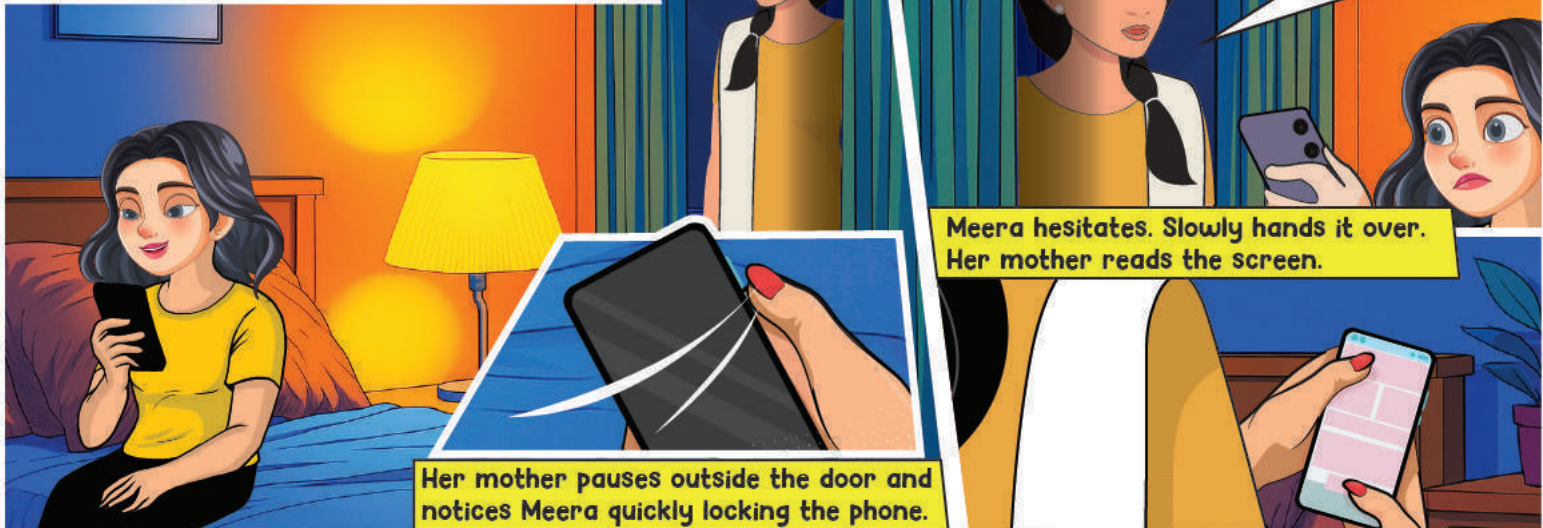
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Two Reactions, Two Outcomes

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Meera (15) sits on her bed, eyes glued to her phone. A purchase confirmation flashes on screen.



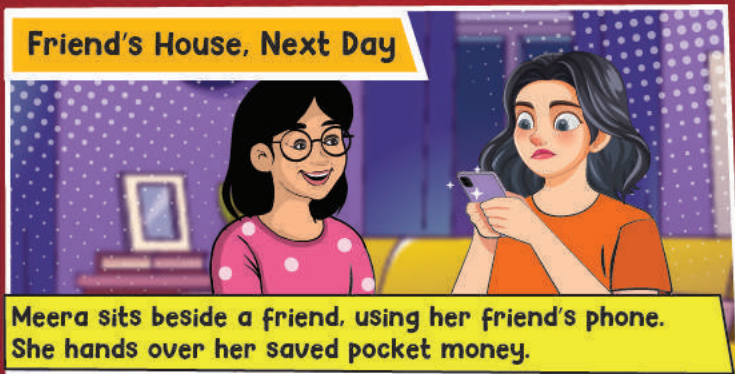
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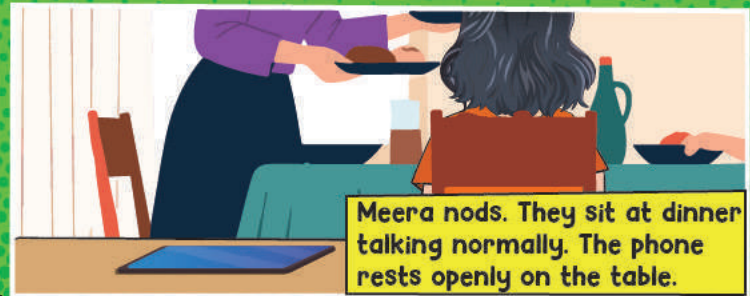
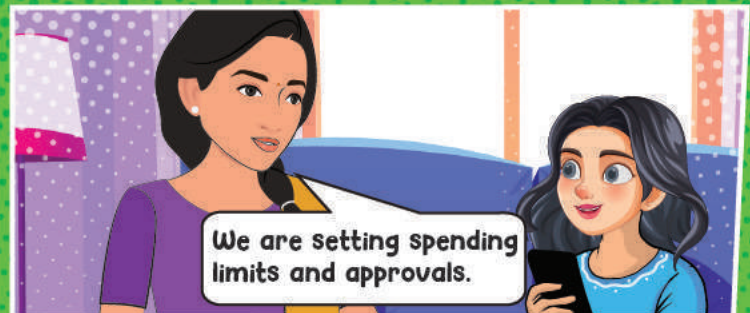
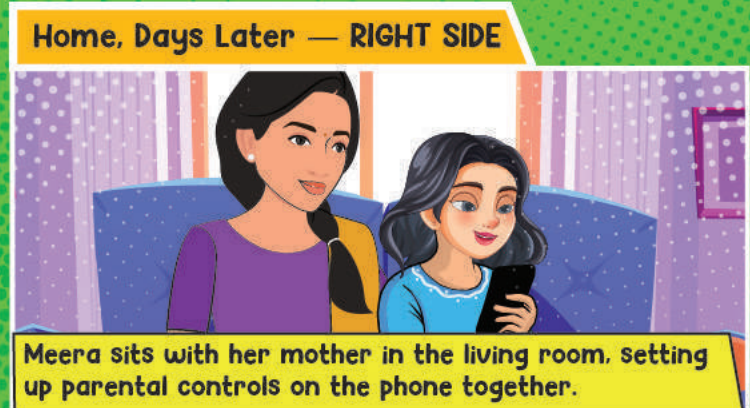
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Reaction A



Reaction B



Punishment stopped the conversation, not the behaviour.

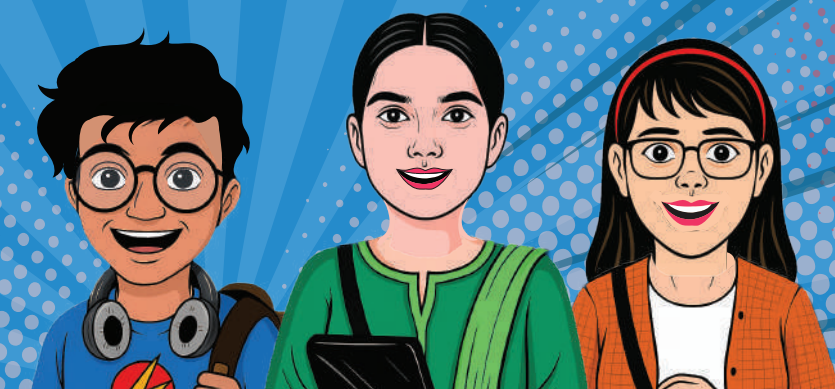
Conversation changed the behaviour, and strengthened trust.

Cyber Safety Club Room, Afternoon

That's why planning digital spending with your parents' supervision helps you stay safe and in control.

Many games are designed to encourage quick purchases.

Timers and pop-ups make it hard to stop and think.



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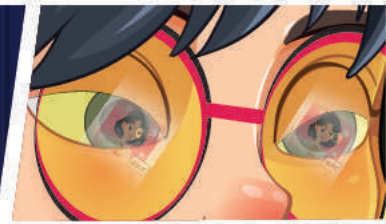
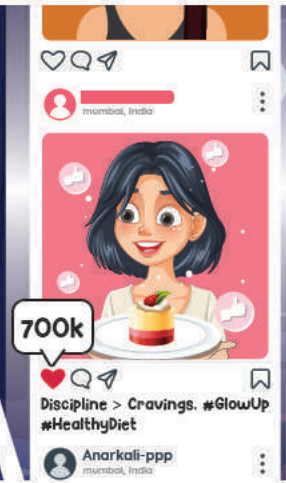
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The Perfect Feed

EP
09

Ananya (14) is lying down under her blanket, scrolling through her phone in bed.



School Cafeteria, Afternoon



Ananya is sitting in the cafeteria with her lunch open while everyone is eating around her. She closes her lunchbox and gets up to leave.



Days Pass By



Her friends whisper behind her.

School Ground, Morning

Students gather on the school ground for the morning prayer. They stand in neat lines. Ananya and her friends stand among them.

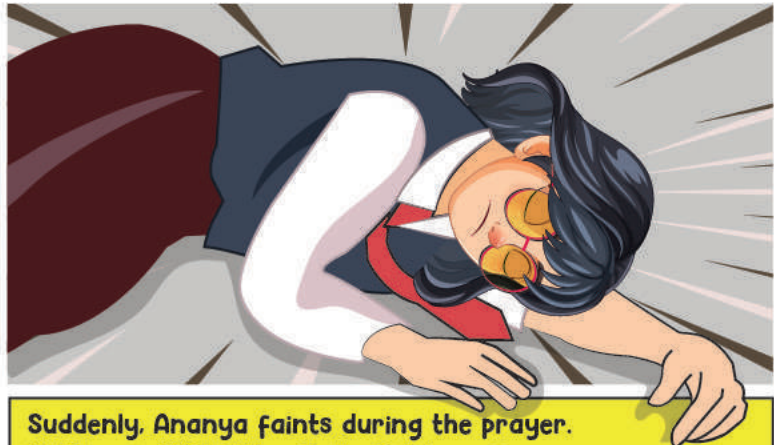




Wow Ananya, you look thinner.

Nothing, I am just on a diet...

Are you doing something different?



Suddenly, Ananya faints during the prayer. Saisha and Vidushi rush to pick her up.

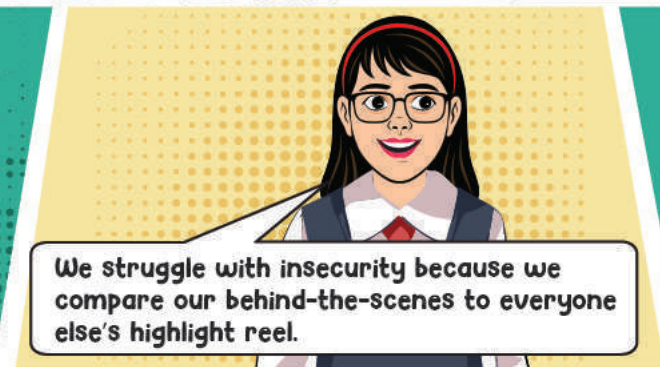
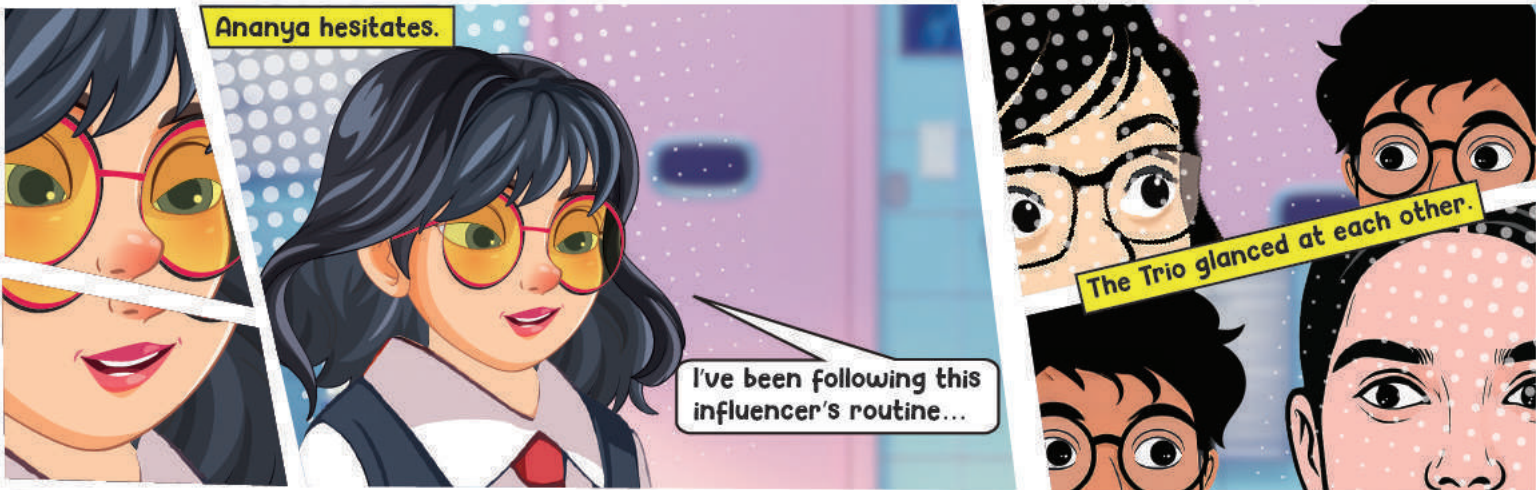
Ananya is sitting with the nurse, drinking water. Saisha, Vidushi, and Venkat are also present there.



Are you alright, Ananya?

Yes I am. It is just this new diet I am following...

Who asked you to follow this diet?



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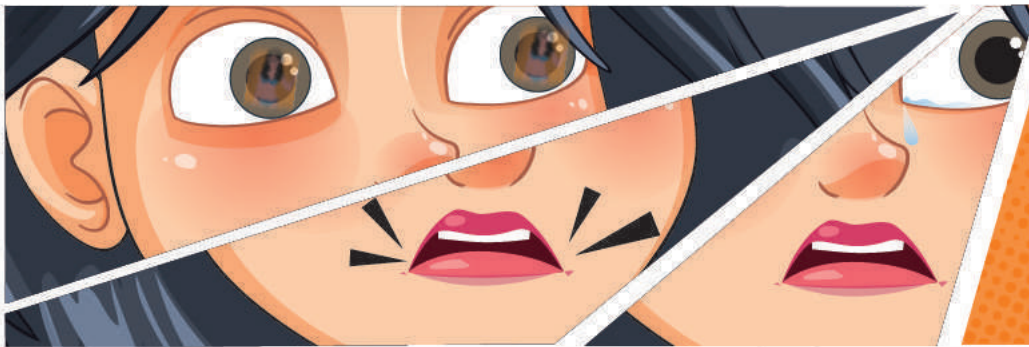
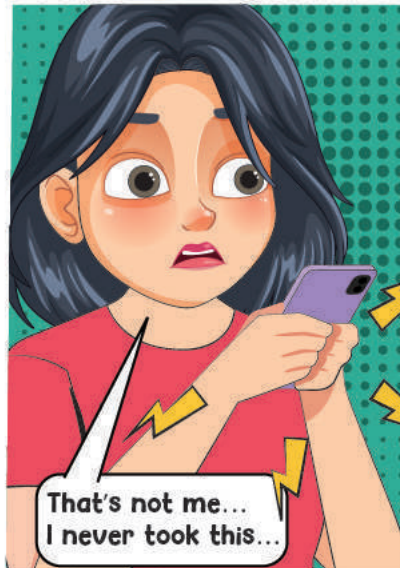
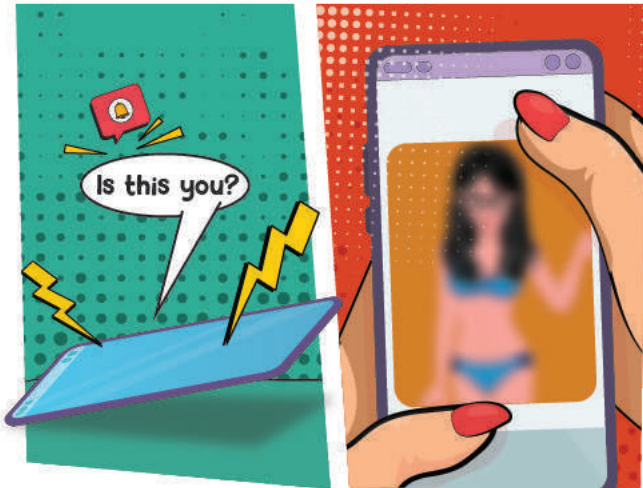
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The Stolen Face

EP
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Ishita (15) is doing homework at her desk. Her phone buzzes.



freezes

Ishita walks quietly, avoiding eye contact with her classmates. Saisha notices.



Ishita? You look upset.



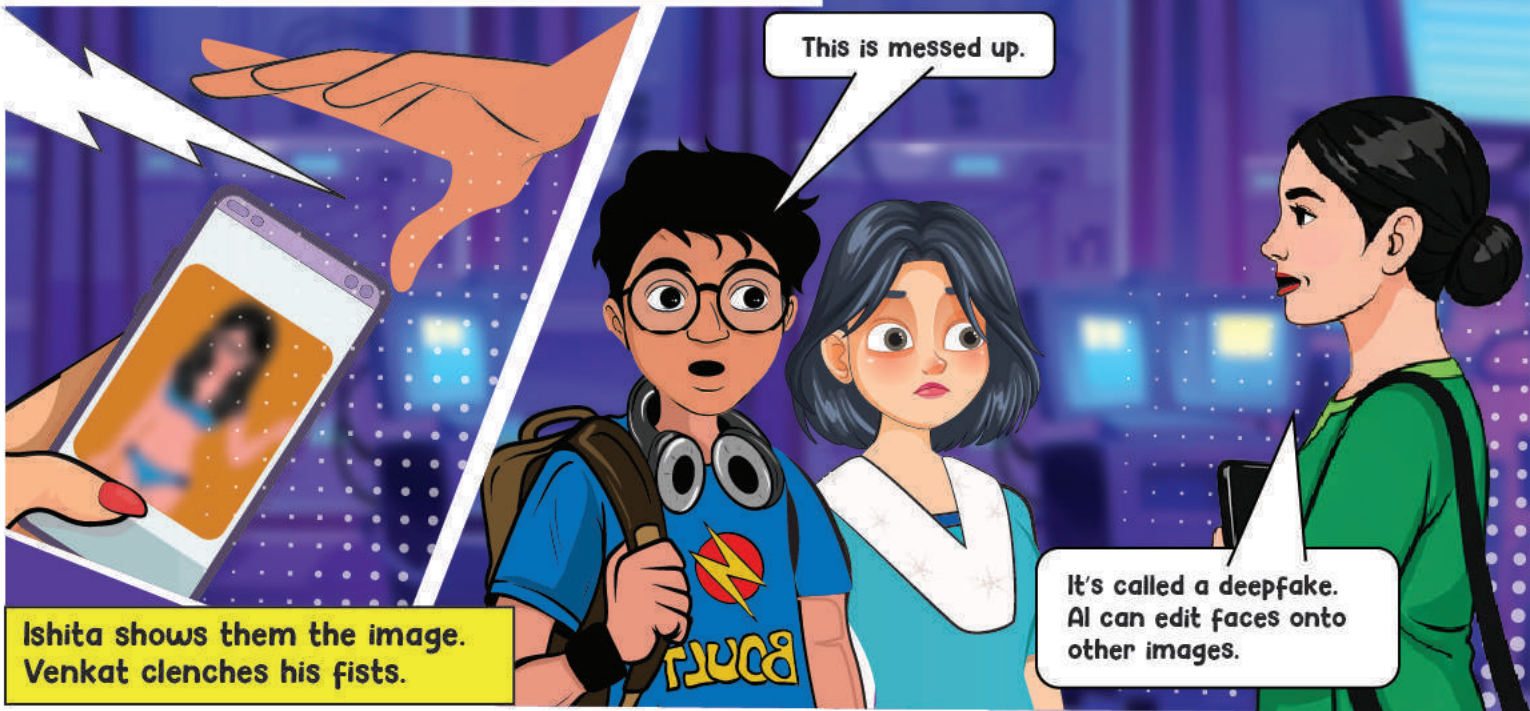
Ishita hesitates, then confides in her friend.



Someone made a fake photo of me... Using AI.

Come on. Let's go to Vidushi and Venkat. We'll handle this.

Cyber Safety Club Room, Afternoon (After School)



This is messed up.

It's called a deepfake. AI can edit faces onto other images.

Ishita shows them the image. Venkat clenches his fists.

AI tools can be misused to:

 Create fake images

 Blackmail victims

 Damage reputations

 Spread false content



Creating or sharing
such content is
a crime.

And using someone's face
like this without consent
is abuse.

What if everyone
believes it?

What if my life
is ruined?

But what if people
think it's real?

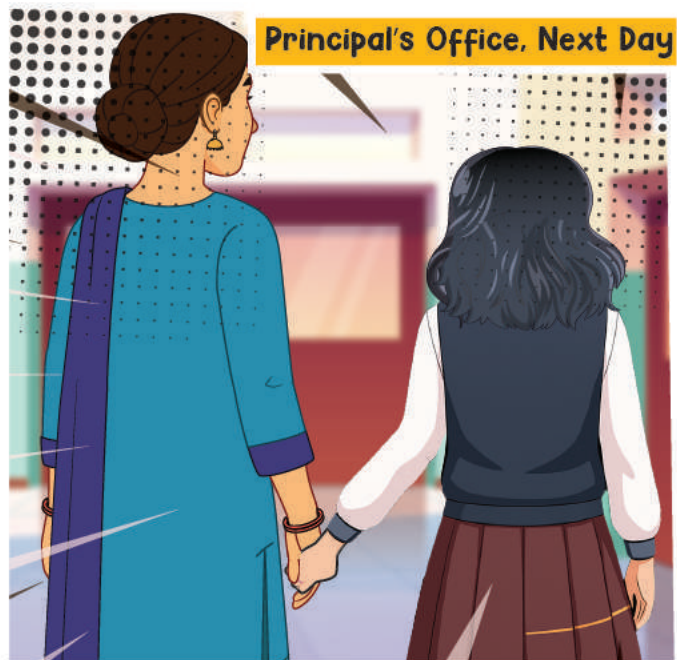
What if it
spreads?

What if my
parents see it?

First - don't panic.
Second - don't delete anything.

Take screenshots.
Save the profile details.

And tell a trusted adult
immediately.



Ishita sits with her parents and the school principal. Her mother holds her hand.



Ishita exhales in relief.

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