Rahul's Digital Dilemma

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Rahul was a regular student, always eager to learn new things, especially about the exciting world of technology. He often dreamed of discovering cool apps that could make his life more fun and his studies more engaging. One sunny afternoon, while browsing online, a shiny new app caught his eye.

Suddenly, a vibrant advertisement popped up on his screen for a 'Super Free Movie App!' The icon sparkled with popcorn and film reels, promising endless entertainment. Rahul's eyes lit up with excitement, imagining all the amazing movies he could watch without spending a single penny.

With a quick tap, Rahul began to download the app. Before it fully installed, a big pop-up appeared, asking: 'Allow all permissions?' It requested access to his camera, microphone, contacts, and more. Without a second thought, eager to start watching movies, Rahul cheerfully pressed 'Allow'.
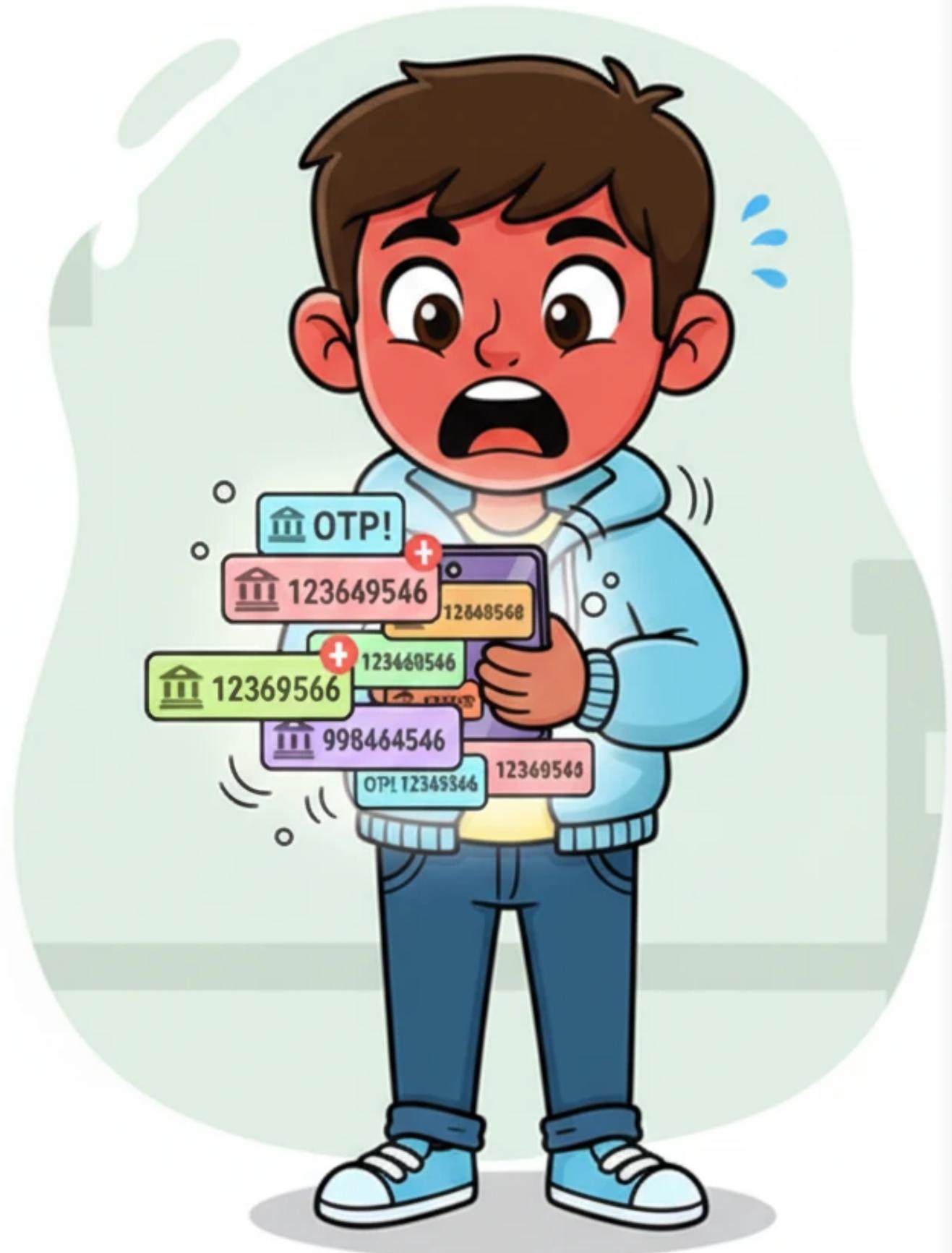
For the next two days, Rahul was in movie paradise. He watched cartoons, animal documentaries, and even a few space adventures, completely engrossed. He didn't notice the tiny, almost invisible, activity happening in the background of his phone, quietly collecting his information.

On the third morning, Rahul tried to log into his email to check for a school update. To his shock, his password no longer worked! A big, red error message flashed on the screen, making his happy, cartoonish face drop into a puzzled frown. His email had been hacked!

Panicked, Rahul tried his Instagram next, hoping to share his movie marathon experience with friends. But alas, his Instagram password was also changed! He stared at his phone with wide, worried eyes, his usually cheerful demeanor replaced by confusion and a growing sense of dread.
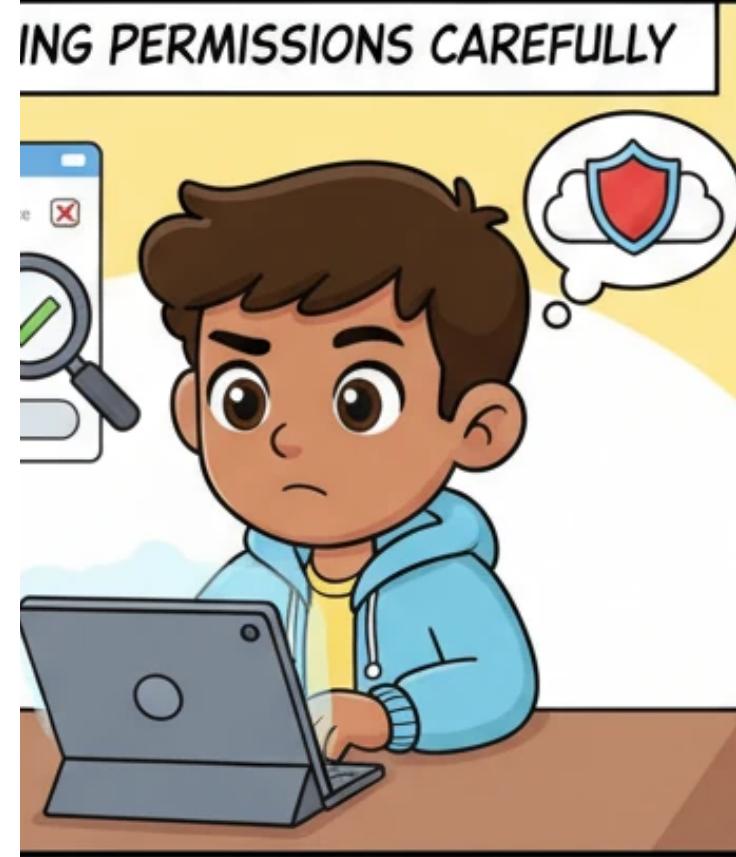
Just then, his phone started buzzing uncontrollably. Notification after notification popped up, showing one-time passwords (OTPs) for bank transactions he knew nothing about! Rahul's face turned bright red with alarm, his cartoon eyes wide as saucers, realizing the seriousness of the situation.

Overwhelmed and scared, Rahul rushed to his parents, his voice trembling as he explained what happened. His parents listened carefully, their faces showing concern. They knew they needed to act fast and help Rahul understand what had gone wrong.

Together, they discovered that the 'free movie app' was actually a cleverly disguised piece of malware. It had sneaked onto his phone, stealing his information and causing all the trouble. Rahul's cheerful face now held a look of profound understanding and regret.

From that day on, Rahul became a super cyber-savvy student. He learned to always read permissions carefully, download apps only from trusted sources, and never take online offers at face value. He even started sharing his story with friends, becoming a champion for online safety and smart digital choices.