



Beyond the Dark Screen

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Majid stares at his phone screen in his dimly lit bedroom, cold sweat dripping down his forehead. A harsh blackmail message glows on the screen, threatening to post a digitally altered photo on his school's page within two hours unless he sends shopping gift cards.



A sudden flashback reveals how a malicious stranger lured Majid through an online gaming chat room. The stranger pretended to share his passion for video games, acting friendly and engaging until he subtly convinced Majid to send a seemingly innocent photo of himself.



Back in the present, Majid paces his room in despair, feeling completely paralyzed by fear as the clock ticks away. Suddenly, words from a digital safety seminar at school echo in his mind, reminding him that extortionists only thrive in secrecy and shrink when exposed to the light.



Majid takes a deep breath and steps into the living room, tearfully confessing everything to his father with a trembling voice. Instead of getting angry, his father embraces him warmly, providing immediate comfort and a sense of safety that eases Majid's overwhelming terror.



In a calm and decisive action, the father takes screenshots of the threatening chat and calls the cybercrime helpline. On the phone, a supportive officer reassures them that they did exactly the right thing and promises to handle the matter legally and with complete confidentiality.



When the final threat arrives, Majid sends the official police report number to the extortionist and immediately blocks the account. A massive wave of relief washes over him as the blackmailer vanishes completely, leaving Majid feeling safe, free, and empowered.