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ANANYA & THARU'S MISADVENTURE



Mission: Meet Tharun

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Ananya and Tharun stand in a brightly lit, modern bank, exchanging a polite nod and a quick hello near the teller counter. The atmosphere is professional and mundane, showing no hint of the comedic chaos that is about to follow in the coming weeks.



A week later, the two meet again under the ornate entrance of the Sai Baba temple, surrounded by the scent of incense and fresh marigolds. This time, they share a proper smile and a longer conversation, as if fate is gently nudging them toward a more interesting story.

PARALLEL JOURNESS



Ananya sits at her desk, meticulously calculating her travel time to reach the bus stop at exactly 9:30 AM with the confidence of a topper. Meanwhile, a split-screen view shows Tharun already standing at the Mekri Circle stop at 9:00 AM, checking his phone with a patient, mischievous grin.



Ananya arrives at the bustling Mekri Circle bus stop, fully transformed into an undercover agent with a black mask, a winter cap, and thick spectacles. She spots Tharun sitting calmly on a bench, absorbed in his phone and completely unaware that his mysterious friend has arrived.

A PIVOTAL ENCOUNTER



Stealthily, Ananya sits right next to Tharun on the bench, maintaining her CID disguise while he looks up with a puzzled, joking expression. He asks who she is, and she responds with a mysterious, villainous smile hidden behind her mask, enjoying the confusion she has created.



A blue city bus pulls up to the curb, and Tharun gallantly gestures for Ananya to board first like a responsible hero. They find seats together, with Ananya taking the window seat as their long-awaited journey toward the Isha Foundation finally begins.



As the bus crawls through the famous Bengaluru traffic, the two are lost in a whirlwind of conversation about life, dreams, and random nonsense. The vibrant city scenes blur outside the window as they realize their connection is growing deeper with every mile they travel together.



Ananya reveals a small tiffin box filled with homemade chapathis and beetroot sabji she prepared specially for him. Between bites, Tharun shares stories of his college days at Hebbal and speaks passionately about his inspiration, the late IAS officer D.K. Ravi.

THE LOST TREASURE



With the bus approaching her college stop, Tharun playfully begs Ananya to finally remove her mask so he can see her face properly. She teases him, promising the big reveal only once they step off the bus, building the suspense like a high-stakes movie climax.



The bus suddenly jolts and swerves, causing Ananya to instinctively reach out and grab Tharun's hand for balance. Time seems to freeze as they both look down at their joined hands, a wave of sweet realization and quiet sparks washing over them in the middle of the bumpy ride.