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Hon'ble Prime Minister

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



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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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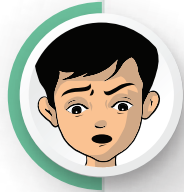


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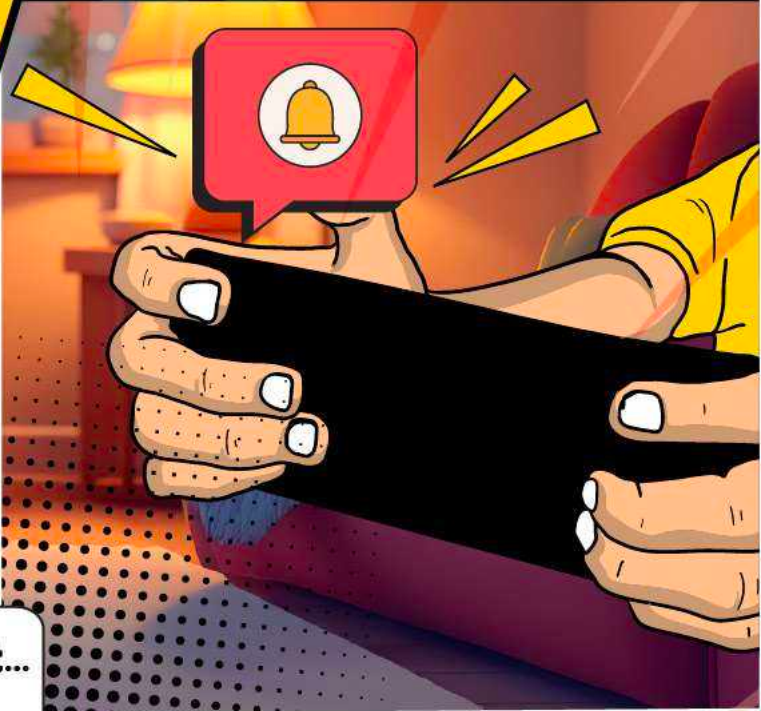
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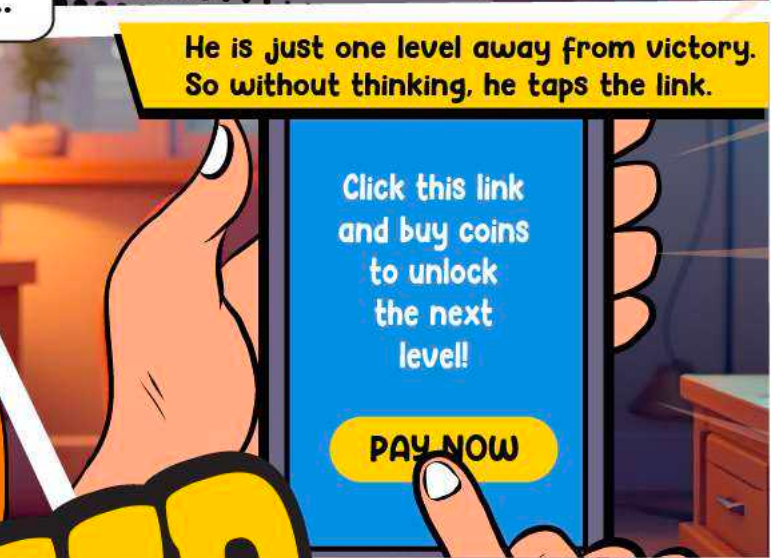
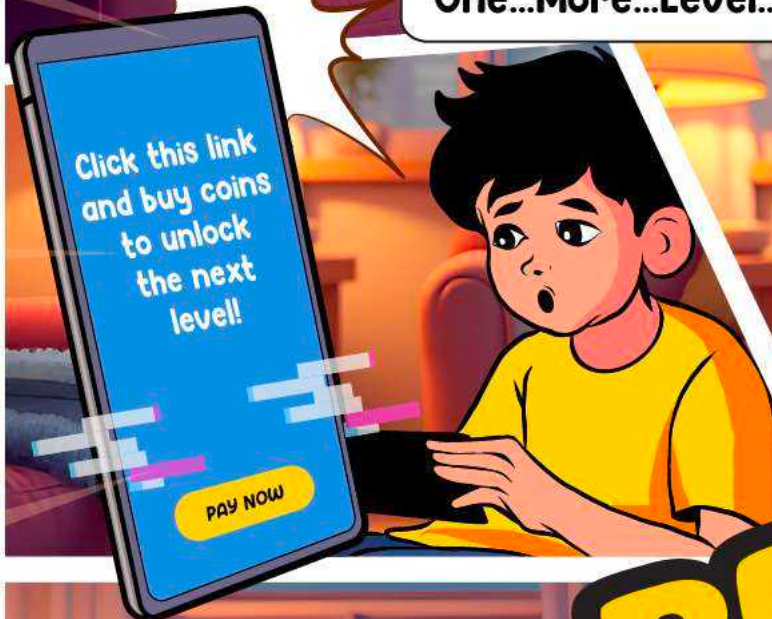
Aarav (13) is playing an online mobile game on his mother's phone.



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



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

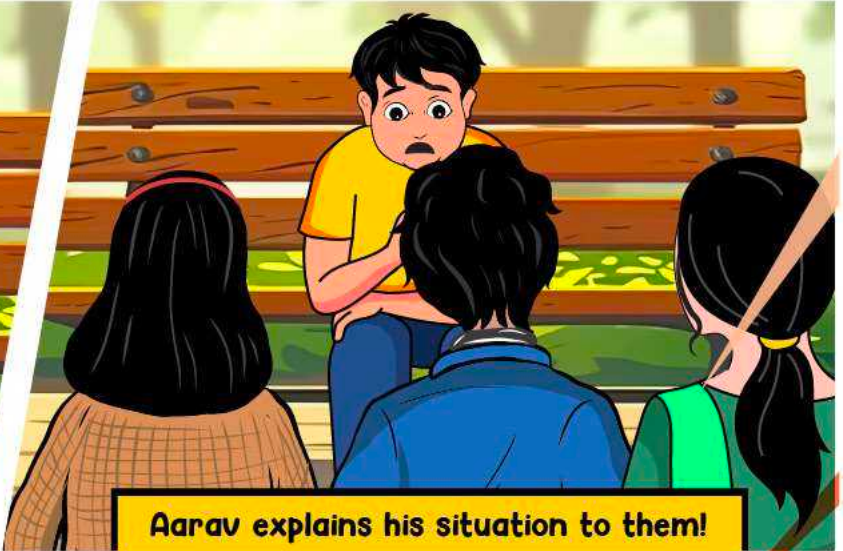






Hey Aarav,
you look worried

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?

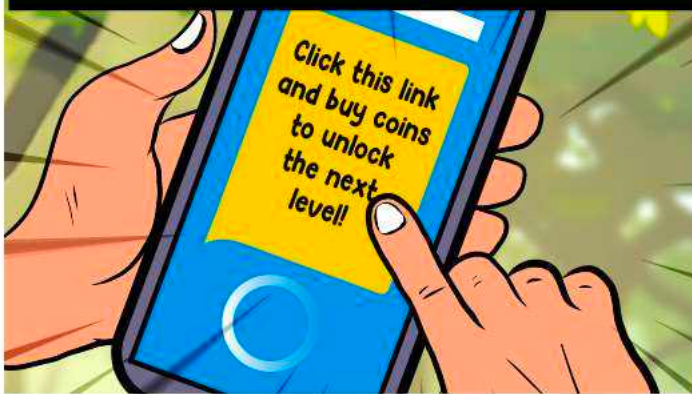


No! We don't fix phones, we
help friends understand how
to stay safe online.

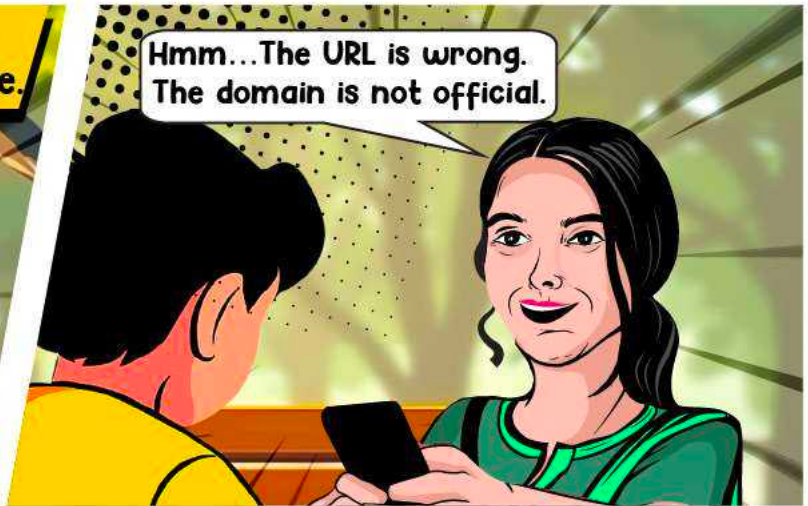
And what to do if you get
into trouble online.

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.



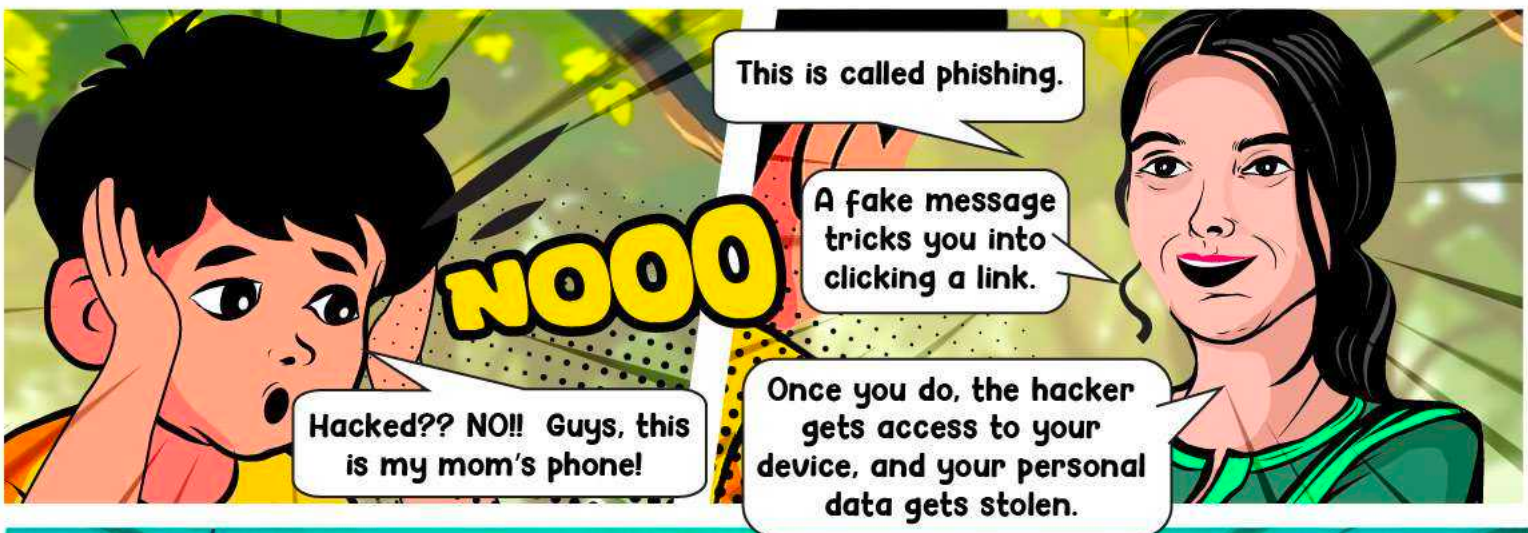
This phone has been hacked.



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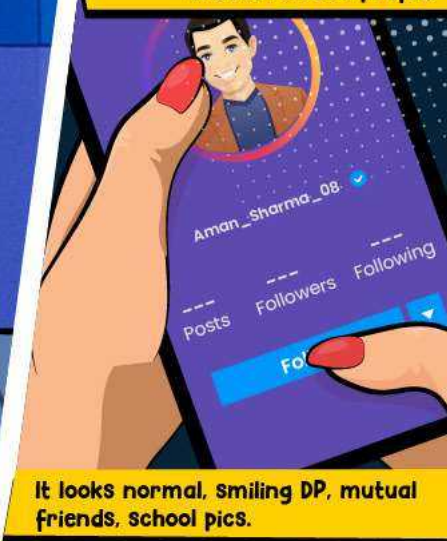
Rhea (14) is relaxing on her bed, scrolling through her social media feed.



Just then, another notification appears.



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.





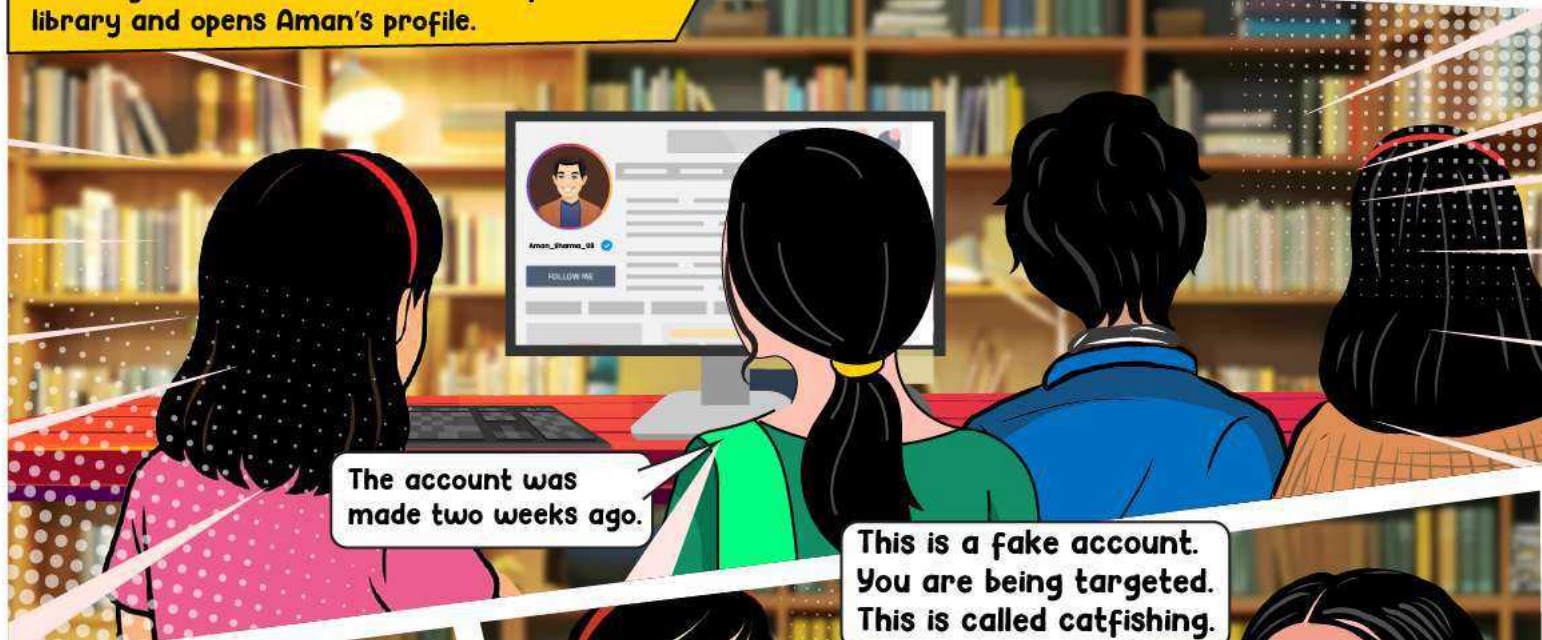


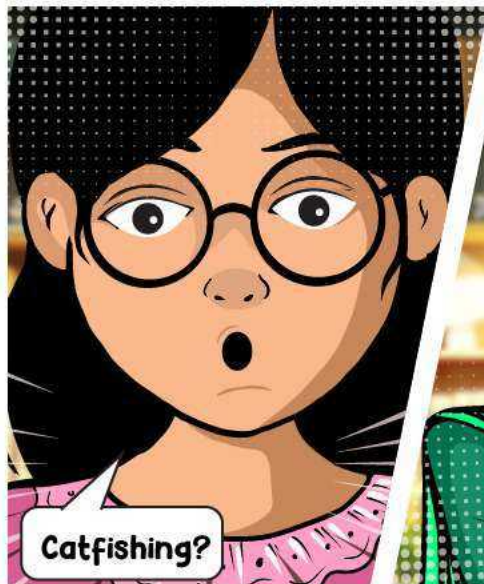
School Library, Morning

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

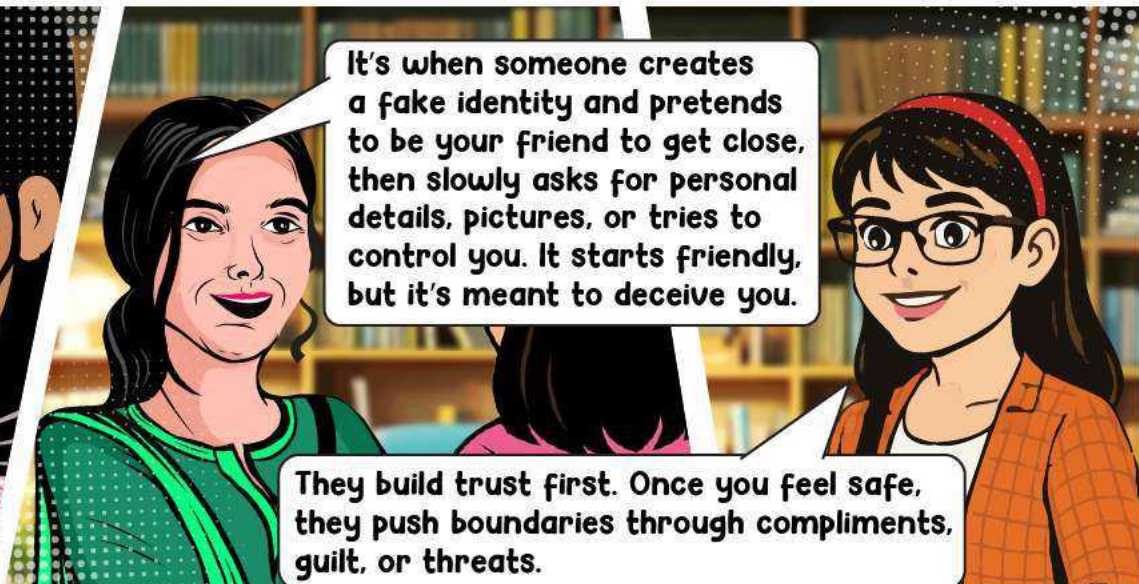


Rhea logs into her account on a computer in the library and opens Aman's profile.





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.

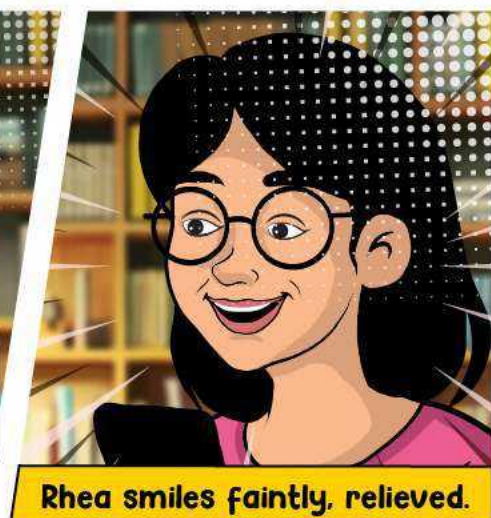
We can report this under the Women/Child Related Crime category. It's safe and confidential.



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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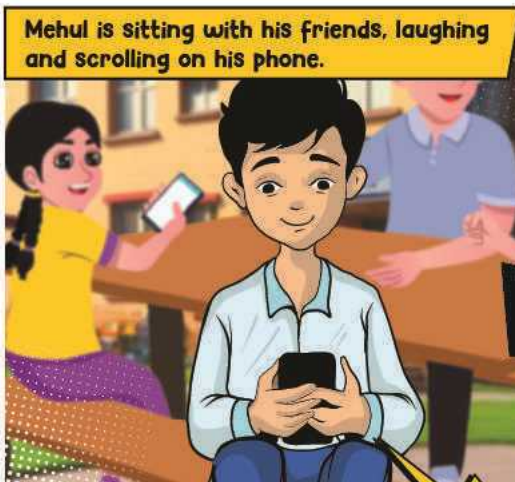
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THE CLONE ACCOUNT

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03

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.



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



Venkat, Saisha and Vidushi are seated together.

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.



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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.





NOT FUNNY



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



Aman_Sharma_08

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Photography
Awards
2025

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!

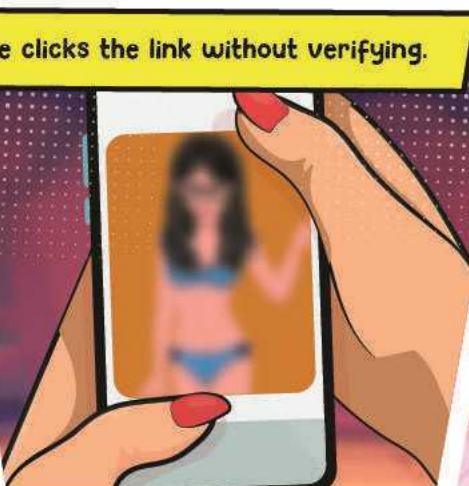
Seconds later, she receives a nude photo of herself where her face has been edited on a stranger's body.



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?

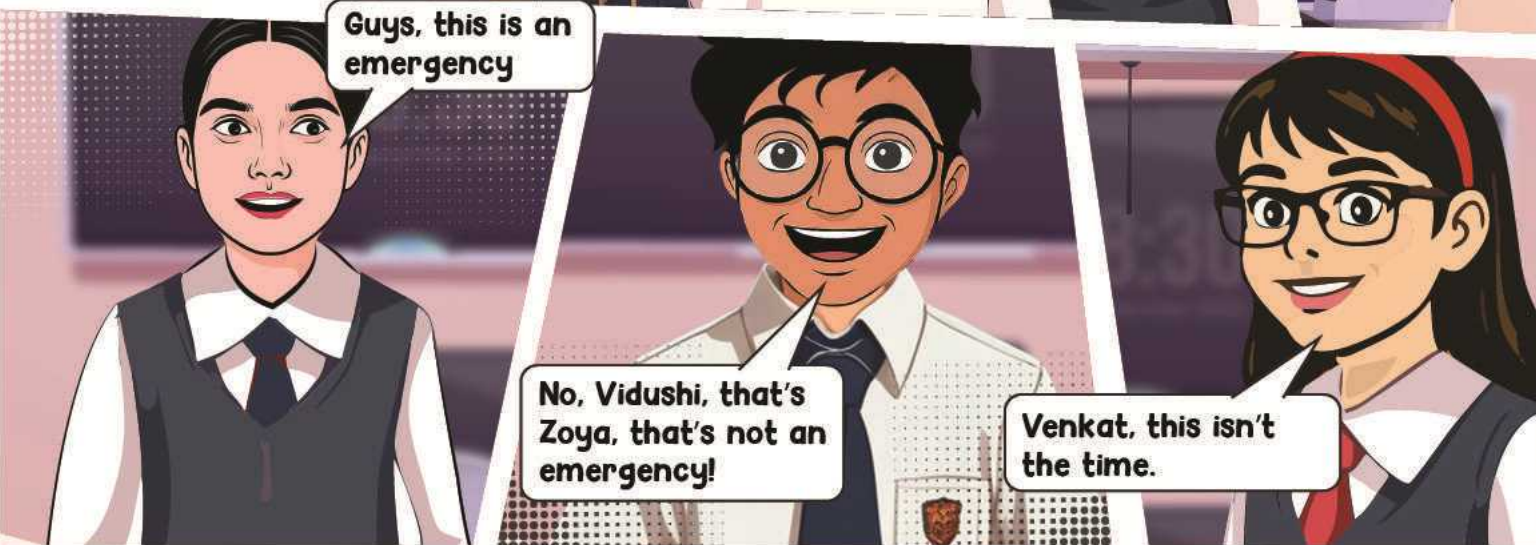
Vidushi, something really bad has happened.

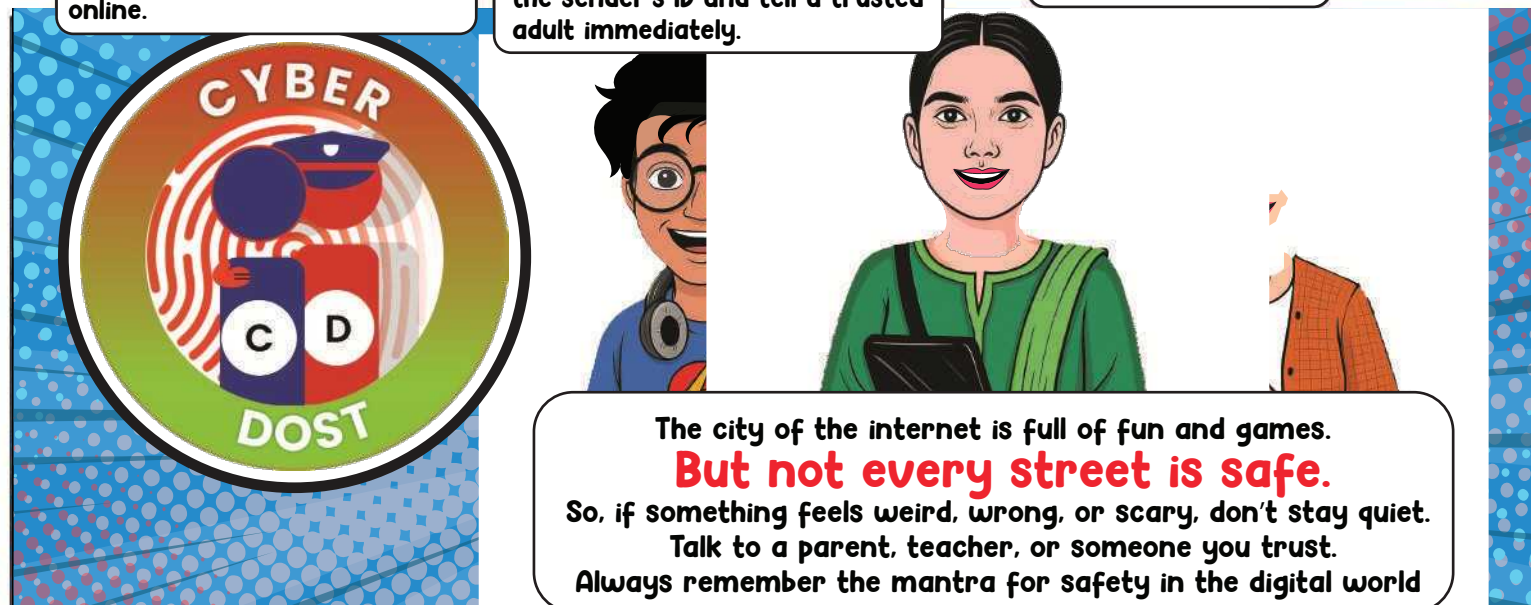
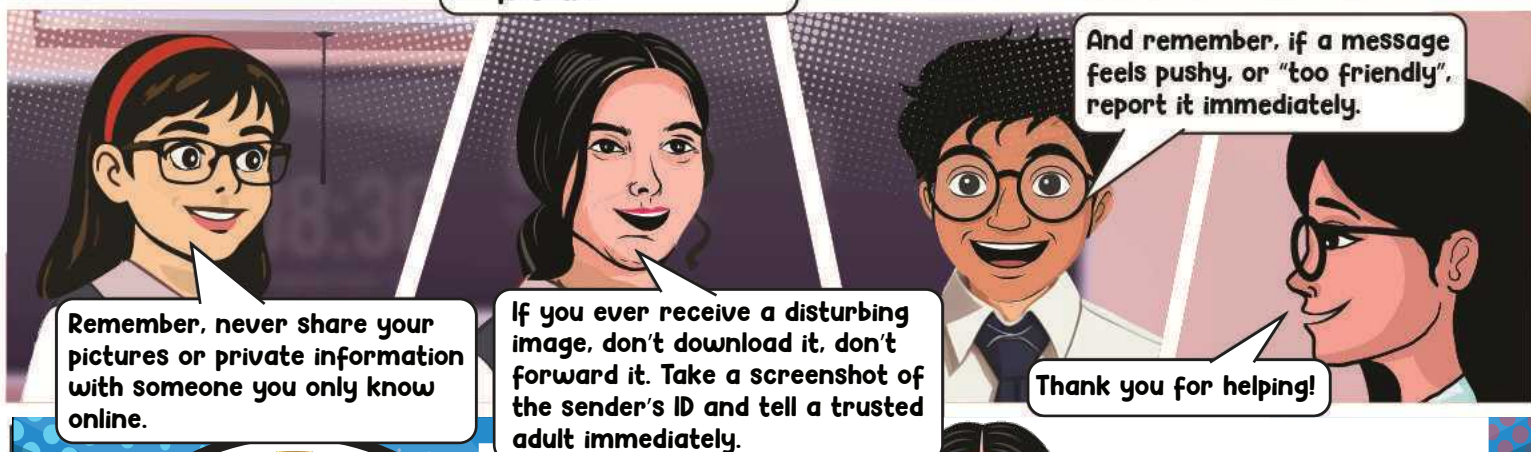
Zoya tells her friend everything.



Tell me, Zoya







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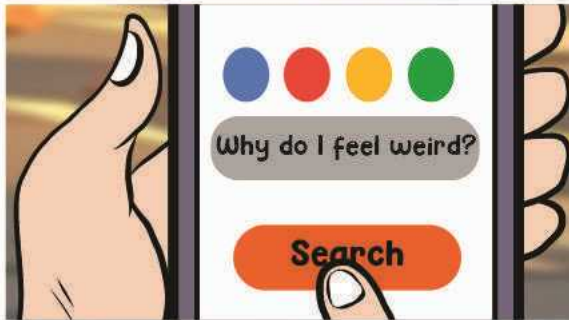
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The Quiet Room

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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.



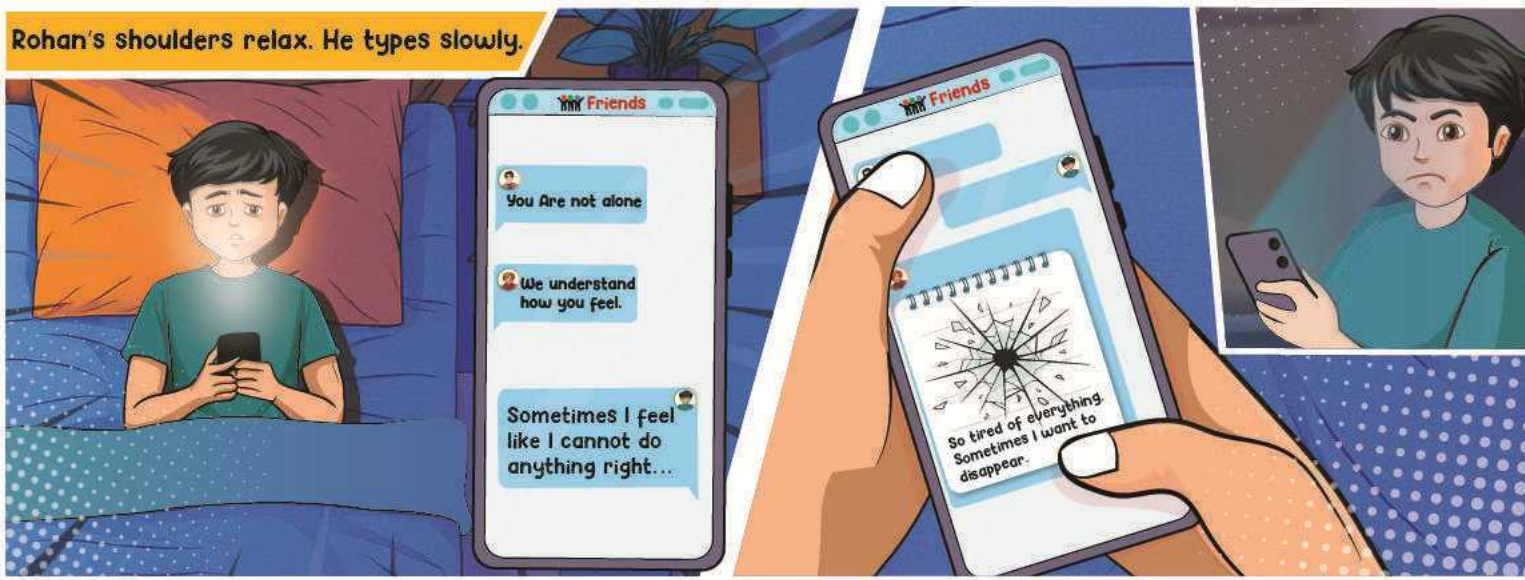
A moment later, he types again:



Rohan's Room, At Night



Rohan's shoulders relax. He types slowly.



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



Park, Next Day



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

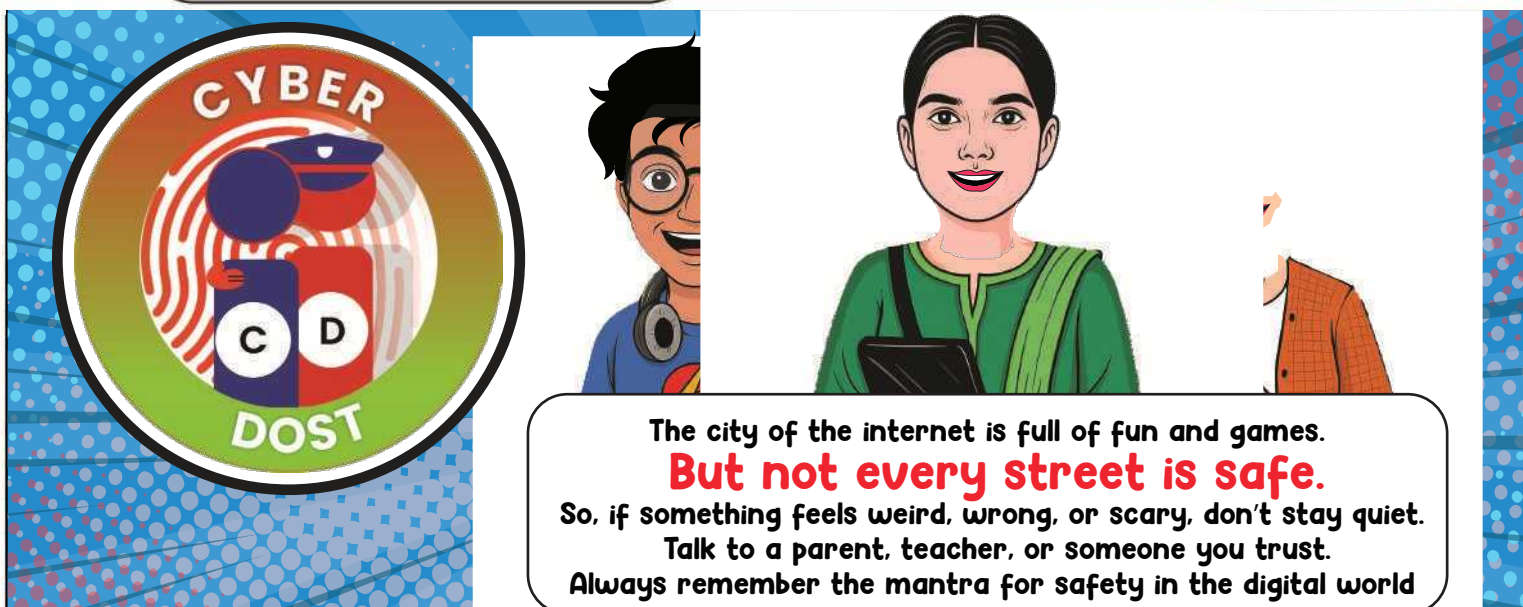
Discourage
seeking
offline help

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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07

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



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.



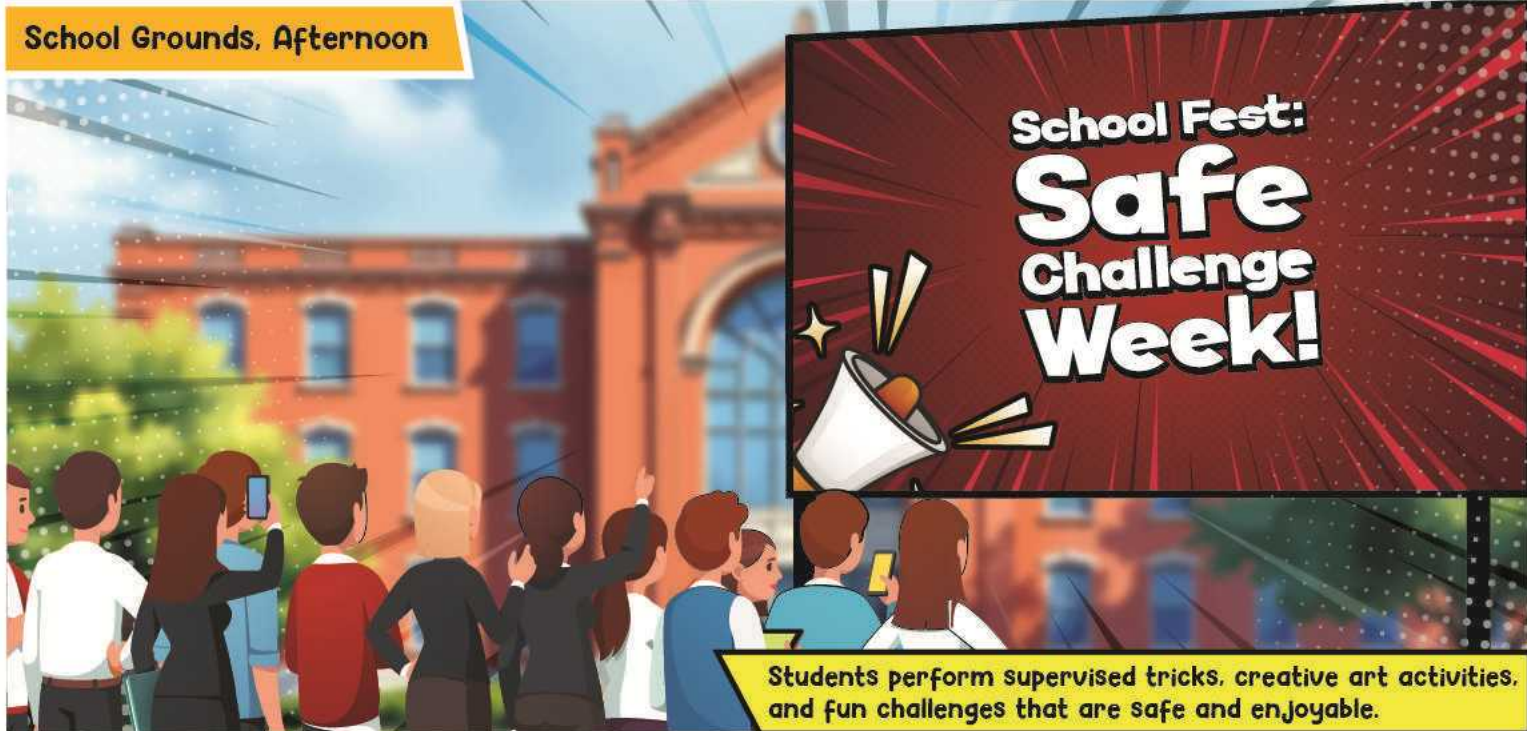
Shock video

Real harm

Likes and shares

Pressure to copy

Bigger risks



Teachers cheer and hold placards:



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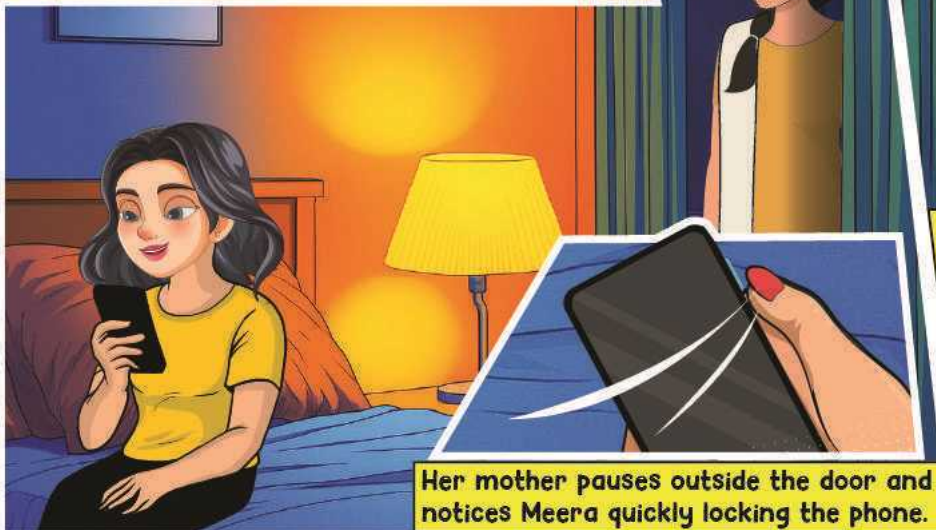
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Two Reactions, Two Outcomes

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08

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



Meera... what was that?
Let me see your phone.

Meera hesitates. Slowly hands it over.
Her mother reads the screen.

Reaction A

What is this?!
You used my card?!

That's it. Phone gone.
You're grounded.



I just
wanted...

Reaction B

I'm upset...
but let's talk.

What did you buy?
Why did it feel so
important?



I bought game coins using your card...
Everyone else has upgrades.
I didn't want to be left out.

Reaction A



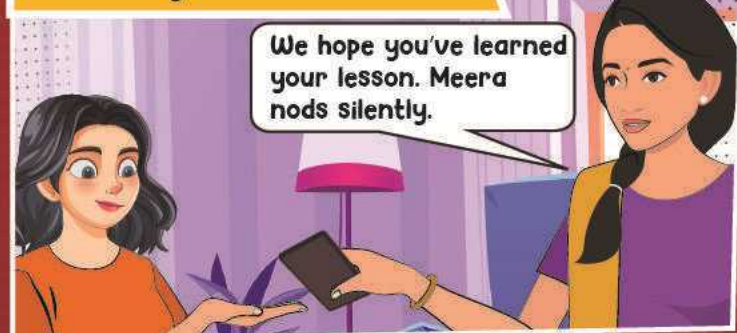
Friend's House, Next Day



Meera sits beside a friend, using her friend's phone. She hands over her saved pocket money.



Home, Days Later — LEFT SIDE



Reaction B

Her mother nods, calmer now.



Home, Days Later — RIGHT SIDE



Meera sits with her mother in the living room, setting up parental controls on the phone together.



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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The Perfect Feed

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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

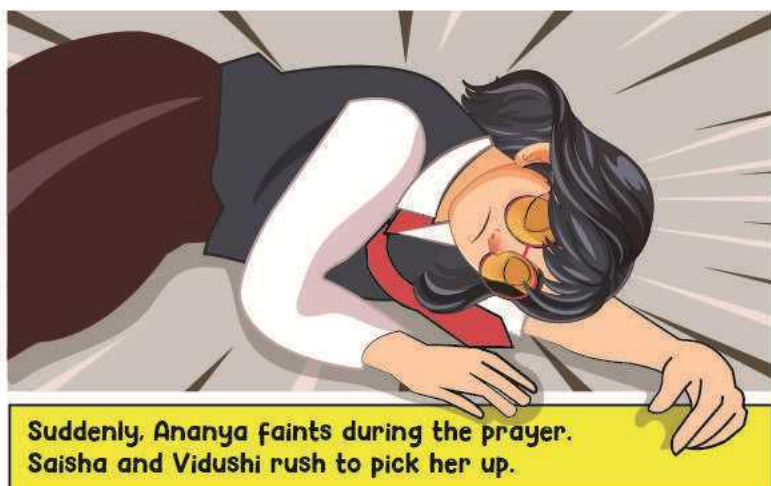


Her friends whisper behind her.

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.





Ananya hesitates.

I've been following this influencer's routine...

The Trio glanced at each other.

Yeah, that one.

Some trends hide unhealthy behaviour behind aesthetic videos.

Hashtags can lead to mental spaces that push extreme habits.

Do you mean the new #GlowUp trend?

Not everything you see online can be trusted

We struggle with insecurity because we compare our behind-the-scenes to everyone else's highlight reel.

You control your feed. Make sure it supports your health, not your insecurity.



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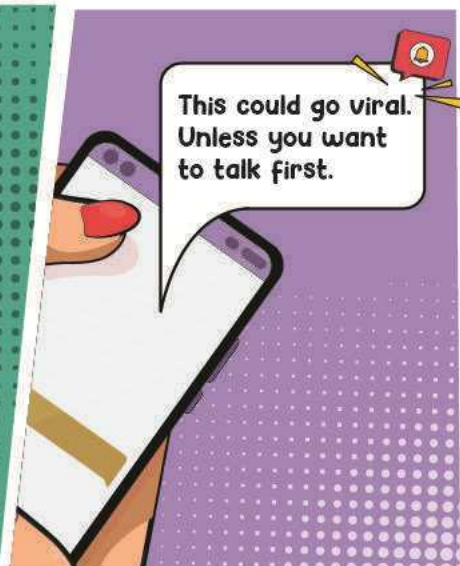
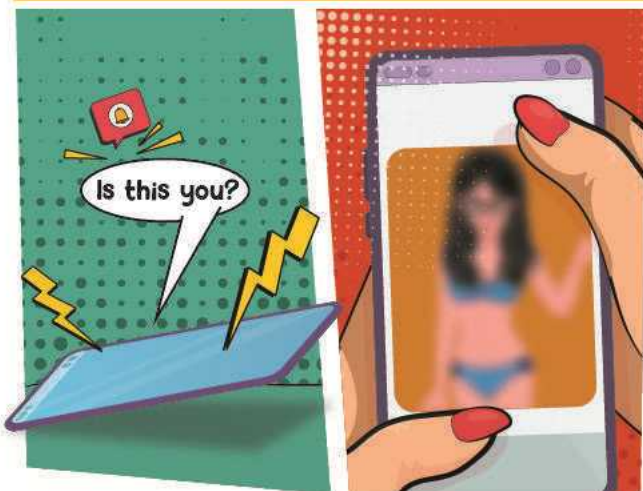
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The Stolen Face

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



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



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.

Ishita shows them the image. Venkat clenches his fists.

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

AI tools can be misused to:



Create fake images



Damage reputations



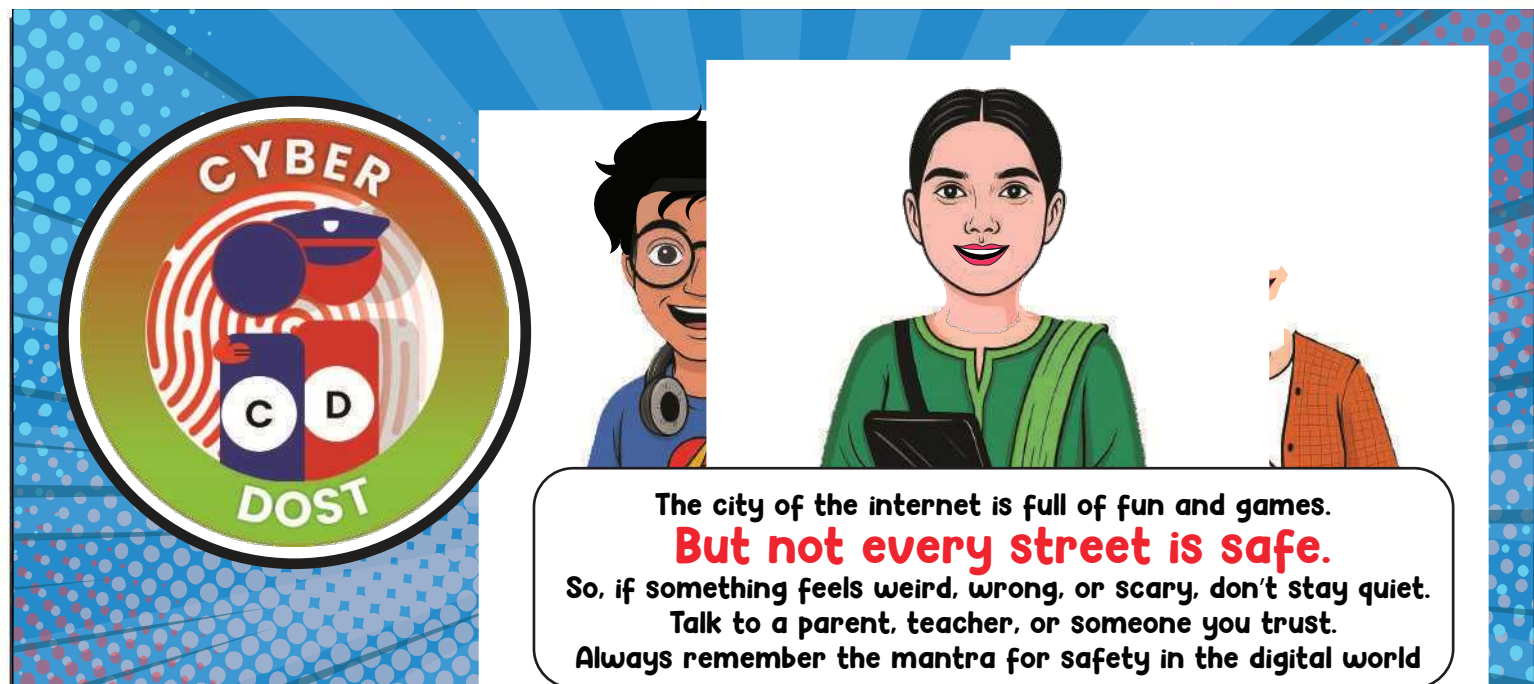
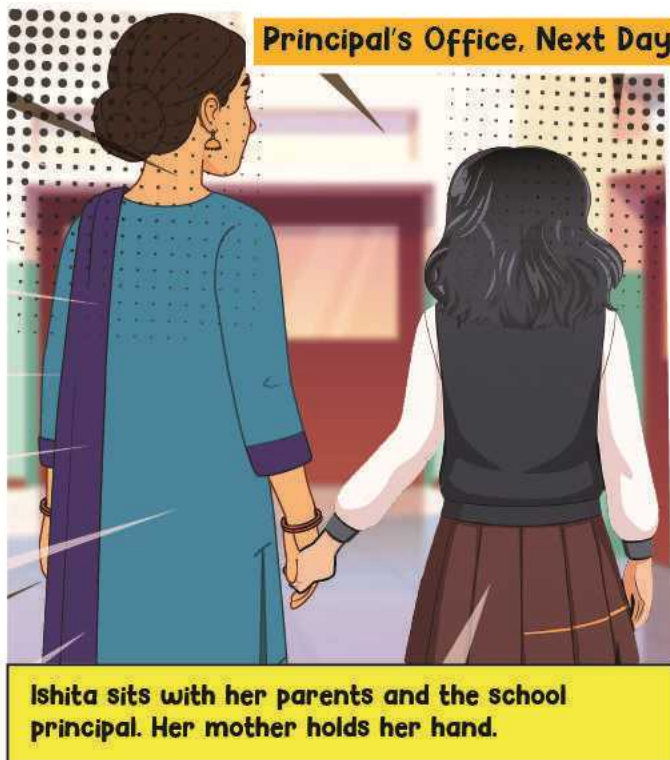
Blackmail victims



Spread false content

Creating or sharing
such content is
a crime.





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