

Eight One Eight Two [8/1/82]

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(Based on a True Story)

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SETTING: Sunday, August 1, 1982 at an apartment in Mombasa, Kenya. Members of the Kenyan Air Force are attempting a coup'd'etat in the country's capital of Nairobi.

SCRIPT NOTES:

- 1) AUDIO CLIP of actual broadcast from 8/1/82 will be provided with Script Submission. Clip is 30 seconds.
- 2) Words in *Italics*: language and meanings are listed below:

Paan - Hindi. After dinner treat (betel leaf + aca nut + paste)

Mohogo - Swahili. Yuca (fried in this case)

Raula - Punjabi. Noise

Papa-ji Hindi. Father, formally/"ji" adds respect

Bhen-ji Hindi. Sister, formally"ji" adds respect

Bhagwan - Hindi. God

Goondas - Hindi. Thugs

Makhi-di-roti - Punjabi Food - Bread made from corn meal

Chole bhature - Punjabi Food - chickpeas and fried bread

Sitaphal - Hindi. Fruit - custard apple

Mango Lassi - Hindi. Drink - mango, yogurt, sugar, cardamon

Mango Achar - Condiment/Pickle - mango, oil, spices

Jambo - Swahili. Hello

Frere Jacques & Alouette - French nursery rhymes.

CHARACTERS:

Santosh [Sun-Thosh]: South Asian Male, Late 30's. Wearing a relaxed short sleeve button down shirt and shorts. Born in Mombasa, Kenya. Married to Kajal. They have 2 young sons together. Has concerns about the future of his family in Kenya.

Kajal: South Asian Female, Mid 30's. Dressed in an Indian Salwar Kameez. Born in Nairobi, Kenya. Married to Santosh. They have 2 young sons together. Enjoys gardening. Comfortable living in Kenya due to it's familiarity and having other family in Kenya.

Santosh's Father: [Referred to as Papa-Ji] South Asian Male, 70's. Walks with a wooden cane. Father of Santosh. Enjoys British Royal family gossip and Indian movies. Moved to Kenya from India (Punab) in 1928. Does not want to part with his bed - has sentimental value to him. Comfortable with his current lifestyle and living in Kenya. Clothing ideas: Male's Indian Kurta Pajama.

RELATED LINKS:

- 1) NY Times Article: <https://www.nytimes.com/1982/09/01/world/a-fearful-reminder-lingers-for-asians-in-kenya.html>

2) Audio clip from a Kenya radio station where participants of the coup broadcasted their messages:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCY8jWE3kHE&t=214s>

3) Additional Articles:

<https://www.nytimes.com/1982/08/29/world/leader-of-kenyan-coup-attempt-said-to-have-been-a-private.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/1982/08/09/how-kenyas-rebels-botched-their-coup/calfdf2f-3961-476f-a682-45be109e583f/>

KAJAL

ChipMUNKs! Haven't you forgotten we are in Kenya?

(Pointing offstage)

The Mara is right out there with lions, giraffes, cheetahs and MONKEYs! You can go on Safari whenever you want.

SANTOSH'S FATHER

Listen to Kajal, Santosh. Don't be a Dumbo, we've got plenty of elephants here!

SANTOSH

Animals aside, the future for the kids would be better there. We are still young and can do this if we start planning now. It's a sacrifice worth making.

SANTOSH'S FATHER

I'm not young anymore. I'm not strong like I used to be.

SANTOSH

You provide this family with strength and inspiration in other ways. You made the decision to move from India to Kenya years ago when it was even tougher to do it back then.

SANTOSH'S FATHER

Yes, I did what was necessary then...but America is a very different place from here.

KAJAL

Being different isn't necessarily a bad thing but it does help to have familiar things around. Do they have beaches and palm trees like we do here?

SANTOSH

Miami has one of the best beaches in the world! And lots of palm trees. We can still do the Sunday tradition of getting the children coconut.

(perking up)

And maybe have new traditions, like pizza night!

KAJAL

Would our house be able to have a garden?

SANTOSH

A garden and a yard! The climate is great there. You can have flowers and grow vegetables and *sitaphal* and ...you know what else..

KAJAL

What?

SANTOSH

MANGO Trees! We can grow our own there. Think of the varieties...Carrie...Keitt...Tommy Atkin...Valencia Pride!

Start
here!

KAJAL

Mango's all the time and homemade *Mango Lassi and Mango Achaar!*

SANTOSH

(doing a little dance)

Absolutely! The 1980's in Miami, Florida. It will be exciting!

KAJAL

(dreaming aloud)

Mombasa to Miami.

SANTOSH'S FATHER

(standing and waving cane around)

Snap out of it Kajal! Santosh is hypnotizing you with his Mango sorcery.

SANTOSH

I'm not hypnotizing anyone. Things are pretty crazy out there! I'm thinking realistically. I know it's been tough since Mummy-ji passed,

(pausing)

this could be an opportunity for you to be with your son's again.

SANTOSH'S FATHER

(sitting down)

She is dearly missed. We shared many great memories watching you boys grow up here in Mombasa.

(pausing)

It would be nice for us to be together again. Kajal, what do you think?

KAJAL

I agree about doing what's best for our family. I also need to consider my sister and other family here. This type of change is scary to think about but so is what's happening out there. Let's ask Vishal to get the sponsorship paperwork started so we have that option and then discuss this further.

SANTOSH

That's fair, Kajal. Let me make the call and then we can check on what's happening in Nairobi.

SANTOSH walks over to the phone and sits down. Dials one number.

SANTOSH

Jambo, Operator. I need to reach my brother in America. In Miami, Florida. The number is 000-1-305-652-2818

End here!