

# 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/>

SANTOSH'S FATHER

My bed is here!

KAJAL

My garden is here!

SANTOSH'S FATHER

My bed is here!

KAJAL

My garden bed is here! Our friends are here. And don't forget about the Rotary Club!

SANTOSH

I realize that but we can't only consider our comforts of the past and present.

KAJAL

What about the Day Care that I run and your managerial job? What will we do there? How will we make money?

SANTOSH

We have some money saved. We're hard working people. We'll find jobs, Kajal. We'll do whatever we have to.

KAJAL

I don't know. This sounds like such a big change. Where would we even begin? What about all our things?

SANTOSH

It's not something that will happen overnight. We'll need to plan everything and Vishal will need to help coordinate the sponsorship paperwork. This will take time but it will be an investment.

KAJAL

And the kids? They're growing. Such a change might be very confusing for them.

SANTOSH

The kids will do well and enjoy there. I've read about their good schools and universities. Also, they have built a huge amusement park called Disney World in Florida.

KAJAL

Now who's dreaming of the fantasy worlds?

SANTOSH

They've got rides and characters dressed as mice, dogs, chipmunks and ducks. It's fun for children.

Start here! →

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!

End  
here!