

Eight One Eight Two [8/1/82]

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

That man was a lunatic and an evil dictator!

SANTOSH

Crimes are increasing. We are still a small minority here.

KAJAL hangs up phone and rejoins.

KAJAL

Sounds like everyone is accounted for and they are staying safe. She will call back in a little while to give another update. I hope those *goonda's* don't make their way here.

SANTOSH

With everything that's been happening lately, I was just telling Papaji that we need to begin to look at opportunities for our future elsewhere.

SANTOSH'S FATHER

Elsewhere? Where else can we go?

SANTOSH

We can go to America!

KAJAL

America? Do they even know what *makhi-di-roti* and *chole bhature* is there?

SANTOSH'S FATHER

What are you going to do there? Eat at Ronald McDonald's with their Ronald Reagan and Ronald Isley of the Isley Brothers? You've lost your mind Santosh!

SANTOSH

Vishal is there!

KAJAL

Your brother can't support all of us.

SANTOSH

Vishal will try. He can get us started. All the support we provided him over the years to go to medical school...he is doing well there!

SANTOSH'S FATHER

(sitting down)

I'm happy for my son but I belong here in Kenya. I came from Punjab in 1928 and this has been my home for over fifty years.

KAJAL

Papa-ji is right. Our families are here. Our lives are here.

Start here ↓

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.

End
here!