

**Click the button for better future**

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EXT. OPEN GROUND - DAY

(IN THIS SHORT PLAY EVERYTHING IS SILENT, WE DON'T HEAR ANY SOUND BUT WE DO HEAR SOUND OF THINGS THAT MAKE ARJUN HAPPY LIKE THE WISTLE OF THE TRAIN, RIPPLING OF WATER AND ACTORS PLAYING ON THE TELEVISION.)

Kids are playing cricket and having a fun time while a single kid is sitting near a water body just staring at it.

We first see the reflection of the kid in water. He is ARJUN, a 6 years old child filled with dreams and ambitions. He watches the water pattern move in a rhythmic flow. Then he picks up a stone and throws in the water. A ripple is generated around his reflection.

Then we hear a train approaching from a distance. He turns and gets up from his spot with a smile. He then goes onto race along with the train. Eventhough the train is way ahead of him and defeated him, Arjun still enjoys the race, that until a huge kid appears in front of him. Arjun collides and falls down.

The bully kid stands there like a tower and laughs at Arjun. Arjun gets up, wipes away the dirt and walks away giving him a stare. The bully kid is still standing and showing off his dirty smile.

INT. ARJUN PARENT'S HOUSE - SAME

Arjun walks back home disheartned and falls on the sofa. He turns on the T.V and surfs channels. On one channel he comes across a Kannada movie played by Rajkumar and he quickly gets attached to his acting. He gets up and religiously watches the entire movie. His innocent smile is back on his face.

Time flies by as the kid watches several movies during several period of time. Many actors flashes before his eyes and kind of becomes an inspiration for him.

A MONTAGE SHOT

of several films come and go from old movie to new one playing famous dialogues from every actors.

INT. ARJUN'S BEDROOM - DAY

Our boy Arjun has grown up and is enacting various actor roles and memorizing dialogues. Many cut scenes appear and go away.

Then he is browsing on his mobile and he sees a website offering acting course. Excited he begins to fill in the details and his thumb hovers over submit button when a thought appears on his mind.

FLASHBACK BEGINS:

INT. ARJUN PARENT'S HOUSE - DAY

During dinner with his parents Arjun expresses his love

towards acting and further his career in that. Father clearly is not supporting him in this acting business even mother is having second thoughts on this. Father presents him with engineering brochure to make him join the college and get a better life.

EXT. OUTSIDE TEA SHOP - DAY

He asks his friend's for suggestion on his acting career. Everyone appreciates him taking a different path but they also try to caution him about the risk factor. They urge him to stick to some safezone and work your way through to acting from their. They said keep my acting career like a second option.

EXT. PARK - DAY

SOWMYA, Arjun's lover have been together ever since they were young kids. When Arjun talked about his big dream in hopes she will support him. Sowmya says she is really proud of him and really wants to support him but she also gives some concerning comments on how her parents are looking for a guy to marry her who is well settled. If he picks up the acting career which as 50/50 chance of survival then there would be time when he won't see Sowmya again.

FLASHBACK ENDS

INT. ARJUN'S BEDROOM - SAME

All these thoughts rush together like a raging waves crashing against his ambitions. His thumb slowly moves away from the mobile screen and he pockets it. Then he walks out of the room.

MONTAGE SHOT

Arjun graduating from college with Engineers degree, his parents are really proud of him and bursting with happiness but not him. He is trying to hold the smile.

Then he passes an interview in a big reputed company. He drives back to his home where his parents and Sowmya are waiting. She runs and hugs him with overwhelming sense of gratitude but Arjun maintains his old rusty smile.

It's marriage day. Everyone are in colourful dress and they are thanking the couple wholeheartedly. Sowmya is recieving gifts and she is really happy about this day. Beside her is standing Arjun who is just greeting back with no emotion and even the old smile is fading away.

Then time begins to fly away faster. Arjun getting up early, dressing up, driving to workplace, working, earning money, getting back home and looking after his kid and then going back to sleep. This cycle goes on forever until one day.

INT. ARJUN'S HOUSE. DAY

Everything is dark except for the T.V screen. He again watches the first movie he watched when he got crazy about acting in his childhood, Rajkumar's film. As the camera closes on it and that eye turns old as the scene transists to a old man lying on his death bed.

Everyone are around him and he is breathing his last. A small screen lights up beside him showing what would have happened if he had become an actor. Scenes of him delivering dialogues and doing great films and projects.

A tear rolls down his cheek and everything stops for a moment. Now everything is static and it slowly rolls back to the past. Everything he has done so far reverses fast until the day where he had a chance to submit his acting application.

Now Arjun realizes his future would be better if he clicked the button so with a smile he taps the button and a sucess sign shows up in his screen. Now he is contend with the decision he made. He walks out of the room.

THE END