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THE BIG AND THE BAD

-Vasuman Lohia, XI

The Indian government certainly likes making history habitually, this time by announcing the privatization of some Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and an insurance company for the Financial Year 2021-22. This can be considered the government's most zealous plan since the Vajpayee era. Privatizing banks is definitely a good idea to a certain extent, but privatizing LIC would be a disaster.

When a bank is sold to a private entity, the government gets back its capital. The value of this capital depends

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on the market condition and the inherent strength of the bank. Once privatised, the government need not infuse further capital into these banks, which helps the government consolidate its fiscal position. Privatisation policy in India has been typically motivated by the need to raise resources in tough fiscal conditions. This commitment to reform is particularly significant in the wake of the new agricultural market laws thanks to which the government is facing incessant protests.

Whether one likes it or not, Indian banking is headed the way of telecom and aviation. Private entities will walk away with the cream, leaving mostly unviable entities in the public sector. And all the king's horses and all the king's men will not be able to save Humpty

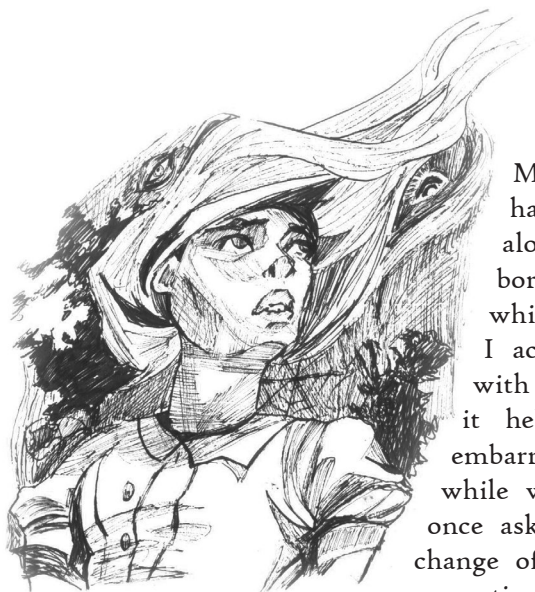
Dumpty from this fate. The private banks have a better net interest margin, lower costs and therefore continuing profitability even as public banks have lost money for the last five years. So, it is virtually written in the stars that private banking will continue to grab a bigger share than PSBs and corner the most bankable sectors, the best loan clients, and the cream of the deposit-taking business.

Modi government's plan to privatize LIC may amount to selling the family silver to pay the butler. The media appears to be excited that LIC will become a potential candidate for public listing. It is termed as a big bang reform. But what is the big bang? Flattening LIC is the big bang. Where will it lead to?

People know the credential of NITI Aayog. BSNL is fast slipping into bankruptcy. The telecom requirements of Indian Railways are handed over to Jio. 25 Airports in the country are on the anvil of privatization. Do we require more examples? This attack on the LIC and its timing is not an isolated activity. It is part of a grandiose plan, a blueprint. The autonomy of RBI and that of other major market regulators like SEBI and IRDAI are being diluted. RTI Act is being amended to make it toothless. You have the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) Amendment Bill passed in the Parliament where-in a dissenter's property can be attached. A critic can be labelled an 'urban Naxal', a 'terrorist', an 'anti-national' and handed punishment. The country's Constitution and the Judiciary are under grave threat. The paramount question is, how to stem the tide? What

is the political content of the working-class struggle? A political affront has to be dealt with politically. The Central trade unions have been organizing protest strikes. The Central government has pushed through labour law amendments, to convert 44 labour laws into just four labour codes. The amendments were done in a sinister manner which can be termed as unconstitutional.

The Union government is trying to sell such a prestigious institution like LIC. That is exactly what it means by big bang. This big bang will contain the pathogen that might destroy India's economic sovereignty. The present set of rulers have very poor knowledge of history. It is another matter that they know little of politics and economics as well.



My friend and I happen to come along the most boring topics ever while chatting and I accept this fact with pride since it helps with the embarrassment I feel while writing this. I once asked him for a change of topic during our conversation. "Ghosts", he

said. My eyebrows rose and he smiled as if to say, "Got your attention now, little kid". Ghosts are everywhere, and come in various forms and shapes, but we will talk about ghosts haunting AVS for now. I'd like to believe that these supposed sightings are hallucinations of those unfortunate souls to whom sleep says goodbye before visiting them. Blame it on stress or the sight of a stockpile of homework accumulated that teases them to see an apparition or two. However, not every tale is false for that would take away the sheer joy of the narration. The first story is about one known famously as, 'the Bride'. The inspiration behind the name comes from its apparent shape and dress code. While, other names such as Nightdress Nightmare, Sleepy Susannah or Mourning Murderer were considered, the aforementioned name stuck. Sleepy students, nervous students, hallucinating students as well as a few lying students have reported seeing a woman wearing a white gown or dress. She is

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seen near trees or at crossroads, at sharp road curves at night.

Though not popular, or maybe just something my friend and I know as a rumour, Entity Inc. is the second case which caught my attention. 71 ghosts, their bodies decomposed under one of the House buildings have attained nirvana, except for one, who roams the corridors of the hostel and rarely causes trouble. When it does, however, it bangs the doors close, breathes out cold breath giving people the willies, filling them with strange feelings of loss. The most legendary of these legends resound about the elephant pass. The beautiful path guarded by the nahors bring different people different feelings. Some have felt queasiness while passing through it while others have sworn of feeling the presence of another. In a rare case however, a girl reported having felt something like spider webs brushing her skin and rendering her speechless with fear, she managed to cycle though the middle of the pavilion field in open air along with other people who did not feel a thing.

Last but not the least, I had an experience with voices behind my house. The voices were of children but they had stopped playing an hour ago. I went to check just to be sure and had a strange feeling.

Everything seemed the usual and the children were out on the ground, their innocent laughter filling the afternoon. Despite the obvious, and cynicism aside, I wondered if the voices belonged to those I now saw before me. For they were all boys and I was certain, I had heard the laughter of girls. Therein lies a tale.

LEFT, RIGHT AND CENTRE

-Karun Thapa, XI





Writings on the Wall

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Anchal: Thanks for sharing your happiness and pain with me, and for letting me do the same. You mean a lot to me and this may seem cheesy but you are my whole world. As I'm writing this, I'm forcing myself not to tear up just thinking about my college days without you. You are a strong woman and I'm proud of you for coming this far while life hits you with a tornado. I've had the best memories with you and I wish to create many more. I will not wish you luck for the future as this is not a good-bye letter and I believe you would do wonders in the future. Stay in touch, Love ya.

Anushka Agarwal: My Lion XD, you are literally such a kind and genuine human being I have come across. You have always cared for others and always helped people. Thank you for always leading me towards the right direction, thank you for always being the one I can go and discuss my problems or share my happiness with. You are a gem! I hope remain this way forever and I hope our bond grows stronger! From falling above DF to talking about the silliest of problems. I love every moment spent with you! Love you!

Chahel: I never expected you to talk so much. You changed so much in these nine months and I am so glad you did, pura 'grow up' na! Stay the same. I hope you have a happy and successful life. Take care, God bless!

Deep: The moment I saw you I fell deeply in love with you (joking). Those mesmerizing eyes and that colgate like smile will always be remembered. You are a very kind, hardworking and lively person and I hope that you remain the amazing person that you are. Do good in life. stay blessed.

Dristi: An hour feels like a minute, days feel like hours when I am with you. It's the weird connect which makes me feel so like you. Time wasn't kind when things started to gain momentum, with you did I realize that life isn't easy and you didn't ever let it be. Cannot vouch for a lot of memories with you but even those handful of memories were worth my whole class 12.

Gaurav: Consider yourself very lucky that I am writing for you (Joking). You are a very good listener and a good friend.

Classes are bearable because of you so thank you so much for that. You are literally like the only person in school who is allowed to annoy me so consider yourself lucky. I hope that we always remain good friends and please enjoy your last year to the fullest, you deserve it.

Harsheeta: I am so lucky to have you in my life and I am glad that I met you. You have a very pure soul. Thank you for always being there for me. I don't know what would I have done without you. I wish the best for you in life and stay happy always. Love ya!

Kashish: To put our friendship into words is literally impossible. My unexpected friend, I never imagined I would ever get so close to you. The past two years with you were amazing. Kashish, you are one of the kindest, sweetest, smartest, caring and a really trustworthy friend and person and I can never be grateful enough to have you. I wish you happiness and success in your future, keep laughing like you do (the special one) and remember I'll be there for you cause you're there for me too.

Keshav: Keshav, I love your positive energy and how you never fail to light up my day. Whether it's in class or fooling around in the house, I value your presence a lot and I hope that it can continue to keep it that way.

Krish: With your jolly personality and never ever worried face is that makes people like you. You are so talented but underrated. Stay the same - cheerful, excited and hyper-active kid that you are. P.S. Marvel Rules.

Kunal: Kunal, You didn't give me 'manpasand' sweets na! You have to okay! Don't forget ha! You know you were one of the first person whom I approached to talk since I usually don't do that. Thanks for always making laugh during classes with your smile! Please dont be sad okay! It does not suit you. I will always be there for you. All the best, take care.

Nandini Karwa: I had a nice time knowing you! I'll miss you and you being hyper 24/7. Hopefully you don't have to batch bathrooms in college. Also your constant supply of tuck, and most importantly not letting you sleep at night. Anyways, take care and good luck!

Priyanka Agarwalla: I love how crazy you are. You have been there for me since the beginning and I am very grateful for that. I love your sense of humor. You should not underestimate yourself and know your worth and most importantly, you must know that you are loved. Don't be too harsh on yourself and take life easy. I will always be there for you. P.S- I hope that you become a lawyer soon so that it won't be too hard for you to give us the five lakh rupees.

Rachit: You are an amazing friend. You are a very kind, talented and smart person. I know I can be really annoying sometimes so thanks for always tolerating me and choosing to be my friend. I hope you do well in life.

Raghav: Chill bey, 6'1" you are bey, not 6'3". You are tall, dark, maybe not that handsome.

Rishi: Ard, arey ya, which house are you in bey? I know you are riding captain and all but that doesn't mean you spend your life at the stables. But bro, thank God you found someone to love other than horses. Hope to see you in the republic day parade one day.

Sikunpriya: You have a euphonious voice and are the purest soul I know. The past two years with have been amazing. I really, really admire your hardworking self :) I know you'll do great in the future - keep in touch, aye? <3

Sneh: From being complete strangers to you being one of the most important people in my life. Being my founders' partner, to my bunking partner, to the one always telling me what is always best for me. I cannot thank you enough. Without you life would have been different of course but a little dull for sure. I do not even know whom to thank for giving me a best friend like you, AVS or God, but I am just so thankful to have a person like you, so pure, so kind. I love you Chutki, and I'll be there for you!

Suyash: I never got to tell you that I rather like your name. I wonder what it means. Perhaps that would have been a good conversation between you and I. You are shy and I'm sorry. We would have been great friends at a different time at a different place. If you are up for an adventure, let's find that different place.

I get adventure, you get time.

Yuthika: You are a very crazy girl who stays out of the world, does crazy things and at weird places. You are a fun person to hang out with and also share anything. Thank you for always being there for me and trusting me so much. I hope we always stay like this. Love you, meet me after.

Akshat: I'm writing this to you in case you don't receive any Writings on the Wall. If I had to describe you in three words, it would be 'annoying', 'short' and 'ant'. You are an amazing short friend and I hope you grow up to be a kind and compassionate short human being. Happy to meet a tiny friend like you. Wishing you luck for the future.

Divyesh: You are a very sweet and innocent person. I hope I get to know you more and our friendship grows stronger with each passing day. I hope you achieve all that you desire in life and become a successful person. I hope we stay in touch even after we leave. Take care, lots of love.

Himangshu: You are such a sweet person and a very good friend of mine. I am glad to have met you in my journey of AVS. Hope to stay in touch with you. Miss me and I hope you get what you deserve and desire for. Remember I will always be there for you. Love you.

Hiya Choudury: From sharing every little insecurity and problem to having endless talks about meaningless things, I knew I found a friend who I can trust and rely on. Thank you for being the best-est friend and always being so patient with me. You are smart and beautiful and please never doubt that. You are "imperfectly perfect" just like your favourite shirt says. I hope you have the best time in college. I'll wait for my Shein packages okay? I love you more than my emotionless self can express. I am very grateful to have you in my life.

Jatin: Tyaagi, I remember you as that tiny, chubby guy who joined school in class 8, and look at you now. We have come far, far away. I am grateful for our friendship. Thanks for everything.

Kanishk: You are such an amazing human being, I think it's been quite a while since we have known each other now and literally you have been such an amazing friend, the memories and the times spent

with you are the ones that I'll cherish forever. I enjoy your company like no one else's. I know it's been very little time that we have spent together but those times are precious. Thank you for making my AVS journey a better one just by being in it. I just hope our bond becomes more tough than ever and lastly thank you for being around me!

Masma: Your energy is golden. I will miss our jam and singing sessions. I will parcel you 'milk' flavoured ramen. You brought a lot energy to our batch. Thanks for being such and amazing friend. Keep laughing at my lame jokes. Lame poeple support lame people. You are amazing. Stay the same. Please study okay! Take care, hope you will be well in the future.

Mehul: I really don't know that to write. I guess it was the Nutella fight talk in class 9 when it all started and I am glad that it did. This place wouldn't have been the same if it wasn't for you. Despite all the quarrels, my moody nature and your annoying face I know we'll hold onto each other till the very end. I guess I have never appreciated you enough for your capabilities or thanked you for being an amazing person. So here's a very big thank you (bigger than my hatred for you, kidding). Hope you get what you are looking for buddy. All the best.

Mriganka: Hope you become the brand ambassador of #GUCCI someday. Whatever happens, you will always be my #Gkid.

Nandan: I am glad to have had a friend like you. You are a really fragile piece of ant. Don't let the world redeem your value and don't ever stop believing in yourself. All the best for your future and hope you attain success in whatever you do. Thanks for sticking around, buddy.

Nandini Kejriwal: Nanduuuuuu!! Wait when did we start talking again? It honestly feels like I've known you forever and words can't even begin to describe how much I cherish our friendship. Here's to a many more fun times and impulsive adventures together. Love ya.

Nishant Bezbaruah: I know that we will probably never interact, and that you probably don't know about my existence, but you are still the only face I look for in a crowd.

Radhika: Thank you for letting us know

that a bike is bigger than a truck. Jokes apart, you are an amazing person. You are trustworthy and honest. I never thought we would become such close friends. You are someone I can go to with my problems. Thank you for being a good listener. There are many colleges that do not require maths, so don't take so much stress. You are doing well and I know you will continue to do so. I'm so proud of how far you have come and how you are getting stronger and prettier each day.

Satvik: Satvik (Boss). You are the best EM Head the school has ever had. You are very smart and a caring friend. The most resourceful person in this school. Your "walk" is amazing, STOP OVERTHINKING, okay? Stay the same. Never change. Take care. Hope you will do well in the future. Thanks for being such an amazing friend.

Shashank: You are talented and crazy. I won't say much because I guess its self-explanatory but thank you for being a part of my life and being there for me. I love you. I will be there for you no matter what.

Suhani: What a tremendous actor, what a pretty smile, what a pretty laughter! Had we spoken more, I would have told you all of that. As of now, I have looked across the aisle at you and seen a happy place. You are much loved. Break through that gloom and smile, sunshine.

Tisha: Tisha, you are such a sweet person. There are so many memories that we share starting from tihu days till date. I really hope that things don't change between us. Stay the same. Lots of love.

Vaibhav: You are really a genuine person. A really funny guy and great to talk to. Thank you for your support. All your jokes always bring a smile on our faces. Keep playing tennis and your company shall always be remembered.

Vansh Sharma: Oh my Goodness! Vansh Sharma, never stop being you. I love your positive energy and all the vibes that seem to be flowing out of you. You never fail to make my day better and I hope it continues to be that way. Good luck for your exams and all the best.

Vansh Jalan: You are really a nice person. You are really dedicated. For you, cricket is more than anything. You can really

inspire people. Your presence in cricket matches will always be missed. Do good things in your life and never forget us. Be the same caring person throughout your life. Sometime take breaks from your studies and chill around.

Alfred: Dear Fritz, you're the sweetest and kindest person I know. Continue to amaze the world with your little magical feet.

Anahita: Blah, Anta and my dear daughter, I'm so thankful that you got into Subansiri and I still remember you crying about not wanting to go there. We've done so many crazy things together, things that shall remain unmentioned and buried deep in my memories. I don't know how two people can be as compatible as we are. You're good at things I'm bad at and I make up for the things that you're bad at. College may seem a scary step when AVS is your first and last school but rest assured with your personality you shall never have any want of friends. Although I keep scolding you, I genuinely am proud of the person you have become today (especially preboard marks) I hope that all your manifestations come true and you do get to meet Lee Min Ho however unlikely it may seem.

Anisha: You are probably one of the strongest people I know, emotionally. I know that we are gonna be friends even in college so I'm not gonna write much but I want you to know that I love and treasure you a lot.

Anoushka: There's no way you won't be able to recognize who wrote this so let's not waste time and effort being anonymous hehe. Here's to my first friend, first companion, to that first conversation which slowly led me to know the most interesting yet lowkey person in my journey of AVS. I'll forever cherish our conversation conversations and obviously, the friendship. I love how our personalities and choices are so different but still we could make the best out of this bond. Please promise me you'll always get to know about the new drama with me and let's forever stay out of it together. I know you'll do great in future, but all the best with your love life ahead. Keep me updated forever please.

Anshu: Although time may not have permitted us to get to know each other better, I'm sure you'd have been a great

person - I mean you are one already! I do hope we end up in the same city for college, take care.

Anuja: There can be no debate on how good of a person you are. That ever-glowing smile of yours has always managed to brighten my days in every situation. Secret pork diaries with you were fun. Continue to achieve greater things in life. Much love, from the room above yours.

Ashmita: I loved yours shorts and your scarf. You have always been that bombshell energetic wonder woman who needs no help and is so confident and settled. All the memories that we both have created hold a special place in my heart cuz I have known you for more than a decade. Your command is something that still gives me chills. Right from making useless reels till crying together out of joy is what I will always remember. The leadership quality you have no one can ever raise their opinion on that. You are loved and will be missed so much. Yet I will surely hijack your place from next time. Love you.

Asmita: Kakati! Thank you so much for all your help! You have been a really great friend. You are really an amazing person and hope you know that you are very much appreciated. Glad to have a metalhead and have amazing recommendations about music in general. You have an outstanding voice btw. You deserve the world and I hope you shine as bright as the stars even in college. All the best and I'll miss you.

Atisha: I do not know where to begin. These was not a single day where you failed to make me laugh at the stupid jokes of yours. I will be ever grateful to you for making me feel butterflies. I know for a fact that I will always have a special something for you and you will never know but for real you have always been a great friend and although we rarely talk nowadays you will always have a special place in my heart.

Chinoa: Chinzo, congratulations on being the coolest newcomer in our house. There were many a time when I would wonder how your mind functions as you kept on believing our pranks and falling for the same thing again and again but over the

years you have become truer to yourself and maybe a little smarter. The number of fleeting crushes you had and your ability to recall all the lyrics and steps to any item song always amazes me. I hope that you become more confident about yourself and that we still keep in touch in college and that you finally let go of '5:10'. I will always laugh about your bad choices in the past.

Dhajan: Dhajen Basumatary. I like you so much and all the qualities you bring to this school. I love your calm head and your easy temper. I like how you have so much control over any situation, and I hope we meet again sometime.

Dimpi: Dearest Dimpi, you're the kindest and sweetest soul Humanities has ever seen. Thank you for being in my life. May you achieve everything that you wish to. Much love.

Diya Harlalka: Thank you for always being here for me when I needed you, and you have done a fantastic job of shattering stereotypes, in every which way. You are an angel inside out. I would like to tell the people who haven't made your acquaintance that they have missed it all, because one can never regret spending time with you. Always smile, and be you, that is the only way that you will find a perfect boyfriend.

Gayatri: We became friends through very studious means like "Eco class, debating workshop, PSP, Mun" but I am so glad we became friends. You are an amazing host be it your room or Kolkata. You have an amazing sense of humour. You are a very sweet and a caring friend. I will always be there for you. Take care. Hope you do well in the future.

Hongyang: The guy with the most unique accent in this school. You have no idea how much you mean to me. Thank you for coming into my life. You are just too good to be true. I hope your Hindi becomes better when you will be in college. Thank you for always staying by my side through thick and thin. Last but not the least, keep smiling, never change and I will always be there for you.

Indrani Phukan: Words cannot explain how much you mean to me. Having a BEST FRIEND like ... (Me XD) is actually

a blessing. You have been my constant and will be my constant. Hard times will come but I'm pretty sure we won't have each other's backs like we are there for each other in good times. Till the end. You are my best friend. No take backs, it's done.

Ipsitia: Hey model, you know what, you are truly so beautiful, not just by ways of appearance but also as the real you. We have had a lot of beef in the past but honestly you are loved a lot. Right from fighting for a guy, it makes me realize how dumb we were. Ughhh those days. I have learnt so much from you. We will always have memories to look back on and laugh about. Thank you so much for making me believe that anything and everything is possible. Thank you.

Letminlun: My brother since the very 1st day. Take care of yourself you little monkey. Though we don't really talk much but you mean a lot to me. Miss me ANNOYING you. Take care and best of luck to your future. Keep in touch.

Lydia: You are so talented and pretty. Please tell me the secrets behind that glass skin. I really appreciate the time that we spent together. I am so glad we became close. KADIYA will forever be engraved in my heart, thanks for being a part of it. I hope @lmt.jpg grows and your love for art keeps growing. I will miss you in college. Hope that we meet even after passing out and if we don't find any jobs, we can open a bakery together in Qatar. Take care and stay hydrated.

Naavya: Hey, chocolate lover! Now I know I don't always tell you but I am really glad to have known you and I will really miss you a lot. I have seen you laugh, seen you cry numerous times and honestly I am really sorry for not consoling you half the time since I am hopeless and awkward. You made 'WILD CHERRY' possible and thanks a lot for that. I hope you have a successful and bright future ahead. Good luck, you will do well, stop cribbing okay! Take care.

Yajo: My baby yoji Yajo. I have seen you go through the worst and you are so bold like sooooo bold. Everything in

life has taught you something and you have taken everything as a new lesson with the biggest smile. All the little conversations that we had gave so many feelings towards you because you have an amazing heart. Yajo I respect you and know that one day you will be able to do maths properly with just a little bit of practice. Always be STRONG and know that you are never gonna settle for less cuz you are the boss here. Stay in touch and know that I will always have your back no matter what, "forever" is the word. I have known you for a really short time yet you mean so much to me. Love you.

Parikhit: Dear veteran of the school, how lucky you must feel to share the closeness that we do, considering that you never had a 'girl' best friend before me. "you lazy of corruption" is what I am going to remember you by. You have colleges waiting for you, so do not worry – you Will get in.

Parthiv: Dear respected globally renounced speaker, the dhansiri prefectorial board will certainly miss you as the first and only Parthiv Gargo of this school. Much wishes and best of luck for your future in acting. Hope to see you in more movies.

Pratyushi: You are a sweet and caring person. A very good company to me always and I feel nice that I have someone to rely on. I hope you achieve all that you wish for and deserve. Thank you for always helping me whenever I need it. Lots of love to you. Hope to stay in touch with you. Remember I'm always there for you.

Rajanya: Though we haven't really bonded over all this time, I would still dare to say you are someone I treasure. I may not show it due to my shyness but you are one of the fewest people I can proudly call friend. All the best for your future. I hope all your dreams get fulfilled.

Samar: Samar! I have known you even before this name came into existence. Not kidding but when I came to AVS, I thought you will bully me but then you turned out to be my first friend and a softie. I hope I will get to catch all your performances live and wish to be

here for your matches. Even if you're not being able to see don't worry, I'll be there somewhere in the crowd, I promise.

Shrabona: Did we just meet around two years ago? I can't believe it. In these two years you have grown so precious to me. Thank you for being this annoying soul in my life. I just want you to know, you are so beautiful and deserve the world. Love you.

Tallum: You continue to amaze me how remain unfazed by things happening around and how you're always there when your friends need you. The only good advice my brother gave me was that I could depend on you and it's true. Thank you for everything.

Vartika: You are one of the people whom I am closest to in AVS. You are really caring and understanding but sometimes you just care about one particular friend and forget about others. Value all, spend time with everyone. May you achieve everything that you wish for. I am happy that I made a friend like you so remember me!

Aftab: Yo bhai! You know I seriously can't remember how we started talking but thank you so much for understanding me at my worst. Thank you for telling me that the competition is high and I need to hustle every day. Just wanted you to know that you are an amazing person, just smile often and don't be so low all the time. You were a constant support since class 9 and I know will continue to be. I know I can always come to you to talk about things and you would never let me down. Keep smiling and stay healthy. Meet you in AIIMS, Delhi (lol). My gift is still pending though.

Artham: You are everything to me and more. My sweet.

Havika: Your existence to me is a source of happiness. Thank you for being my best friend. Havi, I'm so glad that you chose me. I'm sorry for always making you seem like the mean one just because I couldn't say "no" to people. You are such a beautiful human and I will never replace you for anything in the world. I'm going to miss you so much.

Hiya Das: The twinkle in your eye has a crazy gleam that not too many can discern. You are a quiet friend but an

endearing presence. I shall miss our laughter and stories across just By The Way. Stay happy.

Hriyanka: My bebo baby. You are unique, you are not like the rest. You are so funny. Anything you do is so funny. I will really miss you in college. Thank you for giving me the memory of our legendary 'Tang and Mud Fight' about which I will surely tell my children and my grandchildren. Also thank you for being my constant teacher before every exam and never giving up on me. I will miss hanging out with you and finding out the "Gossips" of this school and the tea gardens too. Someday I will surely visit you in the largest tea garden of Asia. Till then take care and miss me.

Imna: To someone when I have always associated with a sloth and a lazy walker, nothing will ever compare to the feeling of sleep you spread when you are around. I always wished to have spoken more with you but I guess now is the time to tell you that I hope you know what a gifted person you are. In the best way possible, I hope you never stop being a sloth.

Indrani Nandy: My dear Molly, you have been nothing but the most supportive, loving, caring, hilarious and sensible friend to me all this while. You are literally are my go-to person. No Cap! Please, please, please stay the same. I'm so proud of who you are and I'm always going to be proud of you cause I know your capabilities and I know you are going to lead to your goals in life with flying colours. I love you Molly.

Jeremy: My tour guide. My shoulder to lean on. My lovely partner on Grads. My conversationalist. My everything. I love you, Lalrammoia.

Remin: The colour lime green will always remind me of you. You have a scary face, but you are a big softie inside.

Karma Chamling: Dear ovary, lol, I don't even know where to start. It's so weird how 1 and a half year can make you so close to a person. You've got a golden heart. Save it! Thanks for being a constant support system and sticking through thick and thin. I will sure miss telling you to fix the silliest of things and then call you 'Engineer Dolkar'

don't worry, you have got IIT brains. Everyone is a 'poor guy' and 'poor girl' right! Believe me you've got a beautiful soul. Just don't underestimate yourself so much. 'u are stronger, smarter than you think' (pun intended). All the memories will always be etched to my etched forever and always. Keep smiling and stay healthy. Hope you miss your 'sunshine'

Kavisha: You are literally the kindest and sweetest person I have ever come across. Never let anything change you. All the best.

Leyi: For always being there for me, thank you. You are one of the few people around who I am comfortable enough to let down all walls. Thank you for being that person for me and for always looking out for me. I have no idea how I would have survived without you, especially these last 2 years.

Limaangzuk: You are such a good person Lima! A little awkward sure, but in a cute kind of way. You are perfect the way that you are.

Magdalene: You are a very humorous person, although your cunning side is a bit of a double edged sword.

Mesam: My alu, I have known you for two years and it's amazing how you can make others smile and how you can be pining off at the same time. Thanks for helping me during exams and thanks for always covering up my history files. Thanks for tolerating me.

Nizo: You are the best roommate anyone can ever have. Thank you so much for saving me from every trouble since the very beginning. Can't thank you enough for it. I know I don't thank you enough for what you do because you know I am not good with words when it comes to you. Anyways will miss fighting and annoying you 24/7. I will promise to be with you forever. I am never gonna leave you. Will always be there. You are perfect in every single way.

Nunu: Nunuzuu, never did I think I would get close to you. I remember, I used to feel so shy from you when I came, it's funny to think of it now! Nunu, I love your dances, keep, making reels okay! Especially on Ariana Grande songs. I will cherish each and every moment

spent with you, from your mama-punte to sleep talks. Don't forget to tell all the cute stuff okay! I will miss you soooo much. All the best, I hope you have a bright and successful future.

Param: You are so inspiring. It is so nice to see you grow into the person that you are today. You could never know but I always felt nervous around you. Thank you for always making me happy around you and inspiring me every moment of my life.

Saluzala: To the amazing you. I feel so blessed to have you by my side. You make everyday so much better. I hope you know you are precious to me. Although the time we got together was so little but I have never felt strange bond before. Could not thank you enough for everything. I feel home when I am with you. Love you.

Sneha: Sneha, or as I love to call you, "Buddhu", I hope that in the future you'll remember to use all the 'gyan' that you have learnt from me. People usually think that you're this no nonsense, tough and smart girl but it's actually quite the opposite. Don't worry I won't expose you as you still have some captain duties to do but all your stories will be mentioned every time we have a get together in the future. You know already that your perfect room is my room and for us to continue this streak I hope we end up somewhere in the same city. Never have I seen such a clueless and unintentionally funny person and I'm not sure whether to commend you or be appalled at the little knowledge you have on celebrities or any forms of social media. Looking forward to making more fun at your expense and dishing out more 'gyan'

Somaina: Oi Coper! From class 6 you have been a constant support whom I know I can always rely on. There had been rifts but I would not trade the world for it. I seriously cannot thank you enough for always being there. "P for peace not ____" Haha You know what it is. "Yesterday, tomorrow, day before" these words always have to be there in our sentences. Keep smiling, stay healthy, don't look down upon yourself, you've got a beautiful soul, save it! I will miss coming for every meal with you while waiting in your room. Hope to see you rock the world with

your amazing voice. Love you. Till the memories will always be etched to my heart forever and always.

Shristi: I will miss laughing and cracking lame jokes with you during classes. You are a very good friend and thank you for everything. I hope we remain friends till the very end. Best of luck for your future.

Sushmita: Don't remember our starting point but it surely must have been a good deed that made me meet you. Well, I don't think so there's much difference in our height, and your smile isn't. Never met a person who smiles while crying so thanks for that one tick in my bucket list. Hope that you succeed in creating your own farm story and wish that you don't forget me after returning to your native land.

Lonin: I remember your first day in class just like it was yesterday. The phrase "time flies" would be the best to describe what I feel right now. From hearing out your name as "Techi poni" on the very first day to looking out for you secretly and to calling you an insect, six years have passed by in the blink of an eye. Trust me when I say, I always want you in my life so we can make memories together and they may not always be good ones but I would take a million bad days if it meant that I still had you.

Theja: Theja! Can't imagine my life at school, class or rather my whole life without you! Thank you for being the most fun person. I'm gonna miss you. So glad to have made friends like you here. Love you.

Wangchuk: A sportsman is what most people will describe you as, but for me you will always be the boy who doodle really well. You drew a pig on my palm once.

Vidisha: Pretty Vidi! Don't let anyone and I mean, ANYONE dim out your light. You are beautiful inside out.

Vishaka: The thing I will miss most about you is how you get so scared seeing dogs and moths. Also it was an honour to hear you sing lol. I love your sense of humour. You can make anyone's day brighter. The first day I met you, I thought you were a really serious person and that's

the complete opposite of you and I love that. I love how you are carefree yet know how to handle things well. You are trustworthy, relatable and considerate. Thank you for being an amazing person and even more amazing friend.

Zeenat: If there's someone ever asks me 'name a friend of yours from AVS' there's no doubt my answers will have your name at first. There's nothing much to say, you know it all. I've seen you crying, laughing, giving up, losing hope, getting up strong and what not. I'm proud of your growth. You're an amazing, adorable and a beautiful person inside out. Thanks for being there, to advice and for being such a good friend in my journey. I know there comes times when we both don't talk to each other on a daily basis, but always remember, I am there for you. I hope you get over your toxic coping mechanisms and have a great life. Don't forget me.

Akihito: Akihitoooo haha remember maam sps classes back in class 10 you Japanese samurai when will you be in the next collab video of ig haha just kidding one thing is for sure harry will miss you the most all of lohit knows this keep your gangster life hope to see you in the streets

Aaryav: I hope you achieve all that you aspire for and get out to have fun. Miss us once we're all out of school, and lend me money for free if you get rich. Thanks in advance. All the best for Boards. >:)

Akinali: The laughs and jokes we shared together really means a lot to me; they end up lighting my day. We have really come a long way, seeing each other grow up to what we are today. I feel so glad that I got to know a person like you. My friend, I have also really learnt a lot from you, your actions really speak out loud. You have helped me to become a better individual. Always stay the same and keep inspiring people like me to become better versions of ourselves.

Anushka Rai: My Peter! You are the most attractive girl ever. I am very fond of you though I don't make it obvious because of my awkward nature. Thank you for putting up with me. Always and Forever, L. J.

Archit: You're a great person and a wonderful brother, all the best for boards

and your future. Stay hydrated. Eat well. Exercise. Those kind of stuff and all or else you're get diabetes and what not.

Aryaman: You know how much I hate you right? JKJK, In a very short period of time, you became very close to me and you really do mean a lot to me. Take care of I.P.

Aryan Khatuwala: - Khattu! My favourite person in the world. I sometimes envy your skills, but most of the time I love that you have it and I love how you contribute it to the house and the school. Never stop grinding and never stop striving for better.

Bidisha: You really seem like a fun person to be with. I really admire the way you make everything seem so exciting. With a playful attitude, you make my day, I have never come across a smile prettier than yours. One day you will become a doctor who is capable of not killing people. Lastly, I am going to miss AVS jam sessions without you - I don't think that I will get the same energy there now. Love you.

Dhrupad: Why didn't you come before in my life, I required you so badly! Though we might not be one of the friendliest buddies but then even those disagreements with you count a lot. Your front two teeth always remind of all the chicken and meat you had devoured pitilessly as if there's going to be none. Two years with you was just enough to recognise your ability to sleep, eat and sleep again. Loads of love to my only hunchback partner.

Diviyaa: You are a cutie and have a very beautiful soul. I will always cherish the times spent with you. Could have spent more time with you and talked to you more. You are a loving person and a fun company to be with. Lots of love to you.

Fazil: You are a great brother, a great human being. I hope you achieve everything in your life.

Humraj: Keeping all sarcasm aside, a genuine thank you. Thank you for being a very good friend and obviously a good company. Thank you for all your help and I know your future is anyway bright, so let's skip that part but yeah, try to see the positive side more and

pass 'The motivation talks' to yourself first. Please avoid the unhealthy coping mechanisms and try to hold on. I hope 'Kasoor' always helps you. Have a great life.

Jigyasa: Dear V, thank you for supporting and cheering for me. You are one of the kindest souls to ever walk on earth. Just know that I'll be there for you whenever you would need someone to hold. Don't think that you are all alone in this world, for people with souls like yours can never be truly alone. I've seen you help anyone and everyone even when you are busy. All the best for your future.

Lemuel: "Nice to meet you where you've been, I could show you incredible things", if only I had enough courage and time. "You've got that James beam day dream look in your eyes" and the voice of an angel. I wish you were a bit more social and then we may have gotten to know each other but it's okay, "Someday we'll be living in a big old city". Anyways hope you climb up the ladder of success and do really well and ya, also hope that you meet Taylor swift someday.

Mayank: Thanks for being part of my AVS experience. Don't forget the time you've spent here, put effort in the stuff you do and fly high like a phoenix in the sky. Lol. Take care and all the best for Boards bro.

Naman: It is so hard for me to come and talk to you because you are such an introvert. Really glad that there was once a time when we were good friends. You are such a kind-hearted person so please stay the same. Love you.

Nihar: Idk how to write stuff like this but I just want to say that you've been one of the cutest people I met in AVS. Thanks for being such a good friend to me and you're an amazing friend to me and you're an amazing soul. I love your presence and love how you came for your friends. Have a 'problem-free' future and try to be mostly low hehe. Looking forward to making memories for these last days.

Nishant Borah: Bruh, I don't know how you are managing science when 60% of the time, you are watching anime. But seriously, you are our school's anime man. You GAVE UP basketball, GAVE UP on academics, GAVE UP science,

GAVE UP everything just for anime. I hope everything works out for you in the end.

Nomera: My ball of joy, my Monera, my mons, logophilia XD. Thanks for having me the way I am. I will surely miss the teasing :c love the bits and pieces.

Piyush: Mere pyare Piyush, your Million Dollar smile never fails to make my heart stop. Like the moon, your face always glows whenever you get the question paper during reading time. Hope we get to have lots of fun in the future.

Rikor: I know it's been only two years ever since I came across you. But honestly, I'm thankful for this. I'm blessed to have a friend like you. You're a powerhouse of positivity. Thanks for always being so sweet to me and I really love your presence. You're very beautiful and adorable. Have a great life ahead and always keep smiling.

Sunep: You are a beautiful soul and I will always be grateful to you for everything you have done for me. You are literally my best friend and I love you to the moon and back. You have always helped me through the most difficult times of my life. Cheers to our beautiful friendship. And always remember there's always going to be a friend to help you through your ups and downs. You deserve the best things in your life. You are better than you think and I have always felt so proud as a friend to see you grow into the person you are today.

Urvee: Our friendship over the past six years has only grown and made on bond stronger and stronger. Stop underestimating and undermining yourself okay! I am thankful to have you in my life, my couch potato. From our time walks to late night talks, I will miss it all. You have really made a great impact on my life and I shall forever stay by your side no matter what. Always keep smiling and spreading that beautiful smile of yours. We gotta workout okay! Love you, Take care.

Abhay: The memory of you which I will recall the most would be solving equations in the air. Ill also remember PCCM being your best buddies. Hope that you do well in the future, all the best, future scientist

Kabir: You have seen me at my lowest. I don't know if you still remember it but I do. You made me realize a lot many things that I should have realized a long time ago without even saying a word. We are not the closest kinda friends, not anymore at least. But Kabir to me you will always be someone I love and treasure. I know I probably don't show it but I really do love you and treasure you a lot. Thanks for being someone I can call you mine. I hope we never lose contact but in case we do, I hope you don't forget me and the fact that I love you.

Ananya: Saraswati, I know we are not as close as we used to be but that does not change my affections towards you. I am very glad to know a person as pretty, smart, creative and sporty as you. I am so proud of the person you are today. You inspire me as nothing can stop you. Take care.

Anushka Bora: I really really hope you get through AIIMS with flying colours and become a successful neurosurgeon. Thank you so much for introducing me to 'Squash' and class 10 was super dupe amazing with you. 'Thugee' remember? Love you so much baby! Take care. All the best!

Arindom: Dear Bakri, after all the highs and lows in the two years of friendship, I've always been able to depend on you. Even though we're only few miles apart, I hope our friendship lasts forever.

Aryan Baruah: Ay reptile whats up? How does it feel being the second oldest being in the universe next to cave man? Jk, You always look so serious, man you need to smile more. And stop licking books, it's not normal. All the best for your future, Hope you don't die out like the rest of the dinosaurs.

Astha: Astha-pasta, you are the definition of "don't judge a book by its cover" as I don't know how you maintain to keep your real self-composed until we reach the house. You're one of the most hardworking and dedicated people I know but with horrible taste in crushes. Your many acts that shall remain unmentioned will always be kept safely locked in my school memories. I hope that you ace all your exams and NEET so that you can start eating beef again.

Biraja: Biru, how are you always so hyperactive and lazy at the same time? I wish I had half of your energy. I love your storytelling and acting skills. I will miss our weird singing and dancing sessions. Anyway I wish you nothing but the best. Take care and stay hydrated.

Bono: Bono, pylie, bonsho, vannar rani, at first I found you really annoying, the way you spoke with an american accent, how you only cried in front of teachers etc but over the years I have realised that i still find you very annoying and also that your parents must be saints to tolerate you. All this is true, but even with you being the way you are I'm grateful for your friendship and realised that you played a huge role in making my AVS journey memorable. I'll always be available, so feel free to call me up when you're lonely in college. Oink oink.

Divyanshu: Where do I even start? You have been a constant in so many phases of my life and I'm sure many other people's life as well. Even now when I'm having bad days, just your smiling face is enough to light up my mood. I don't know how we came to be friends but im so glad that we did. I've had some of the best times of my life along with you and im so glad that we spent those moments together. Thank you so much for always helping me, be it in class or life in general. You and your bright smile are an inspiration to many and you have the potential to reach great heights in life. Keep smiling, handsome.

Ethanael: I hope you don't regret not talking to people. Seeing you always made me wonder what is going on in your head but then somewhere all of us know that you have a pure heart and keep that up. We all accept you the way you are and maybe, just maybe, we also admire you.

Gautam: Gautamm, Duck! I can never forget the memories made with you, in class 10 especially. I'm so glad we become such good friends. Thanks for always being there for me and I promise to forever support you. Take care, Thugee.

Harry: My harry, I hope you know I love you more than my bata shoes and you inspire me more than my Tupperware bottle

Hrishi: Nothing needs to be said about the effort and dedication you put into

everything you do. Probably why I have always been in awe and admiration of you. There has never been a time you have failed me as a friend and I certainly hope that you feel the same about me. Also, the camera belongs in your hands. JUST BECAUSE. I know you will do great things in life and I wish you all the success.

Karma Gyaltsen: You hate plucking flowers, so you would get me the ones you see fallen on the ground. You hate killing insects too but sorry I cannot help it. These two years I have known you, you have been very eye opening. I didn't know that a person can have an in built flirting machine. You have been really kind to me and I hope to repay it someday. All the best for your future and I hope that we will do gardening together one day.

Kritika: I hope you know that it's okay to be the most awesome person in the room. You and your confidence has never failed to amaze me. All the best for your future. I hope that you attain your goal in life and make yourself proud.

Magdolina: Dear Magdo you have been the most cutest yet the most annoying and dumb friend but I still don't understand how do I tolerate all your nonsense all the time lol. I love you so much shorty.

Aruni: Ning nang ning nang ning nang ning nang ning nang... Translation: Dear Rumi, I hope we will be friends till the end of time. You will keep me entertained with your stories and I will keep you entertained with mine for our ears are larger than our heads. #Gudetama forever. Thanks for floobie.

Nilay: I hope you know that you have been blessed with a mind like that. I will forever be grateful to you for unintentionally teaching me that it's okay to be different and I really admire your courage to breakdown the society's expectations and doing whatever you love to do. Just remember, I'll be there for you.

Nitya: Dearest Nitya, there is something about you that I have always found interesting. Perhaps it's the way you keep quiet and find it difficult to put thoughts into words or perhaps the sudden bursts of laughter that take people by surprise. I wish you took more photographs. I wish you shared more and you were around more often to share. Keep the camera close

and hopefully the frames will follow.

Priyanka Saharia: Pepelooo, I used to think quite a lot of things, but after I started talking to you, all of those changed. You are really a very good friend. Best of luck for your future.

Tanvi: Future doctor, I hope you achieve all your dreams including meeting Rohit Saraf. You are one of the most hardworking person I have seen. You are strong and kind. I'm really jealous of your hair. Please don't cut it in the future. Thank you for being an amazing friend. We will miss seeing you in the stage.

Tarh: Ting Paul, it's high time you start cleaning your room by yourself. Never stop being the creep that you are.

Vedansh: The Service Captain - I really can't put into words what you mean to me and I don't know how we have come this close but I hope you stay the same or our friendship goes stronger. Stay in touch with me, lots of love.

Wasfia: Everyone has to give something to the world and you my friend, have given so much. When I am having a bad day you knowingly or unknowingly always cheer me up. You are the weirdest, the funniest and the most 'Geju-Geju' person I've ever met. Even God is unaware of the inner workings of your brain. I hope you get whatever you are looking for in this life and thank you for making AVS feel like home.

Ripple #154

-Eloziini Senachena, XI

Raindrops falling on
his skin

A silent reminder of
where he's been

And in the darkness
a dusty grin

The mud washed off
but not his sin

Tongue Of Slip!!

1. Stop speaking false lies and truth - Mubin H. Khan, XI (*Let's just stop*)
2. She will come back yesterday - Manlee Angh, XI (*She is never coming back*)
3. That is so expen-cheap - Ms. Sarmistha P. Sarkar (*You still can't afford it, Ma'am*)
4. You blazer didn't have? - Naviya Chamariya, XI (*At least I have grammar*)
5. Look at there - Prakriti Sharma, XI (*Where?*)
6. Can you get a camera from Ashoka's camera? - Neelabh Kashyap, XI (*Inception wasn't made like this*)

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