

FEB8,2013

I am lying in my hospital bed. why? b'coz I tried to kill myself. Why again?...well b'coz I am psycho & broke~

financially, emotionally, mentally, every way possible. Doctor said if I was brought 5 minutes late I could've died. I don't know what reaction he expected from me but I gave him a stern look. Avoiding my glance he said that I was ready to go home but I'll have to see

some therapist I don't give a damn about. on my way home I was constantly cursing my luck, god, the doc...everyone who contributed in bringing me back from the realm of ultimate bliss to this lifeless life. this incident was another blow to my close to extinction confidence. I can't properly die even.

Back to hell: a place where I "live". I was welcomed by usual silence. I have a job but I am broke. every last day of the month I have money. but the next day I am broke. I cash my salary the very next day. bring it home & tear them into pieces. for me they are just piece of paper or probably less than that. I don't regret doing this.....it gives me peace. its like my drug.

U must be thinking how do I complete my needs like food & other necessities. I've got a rich dad, a dad who didn't came to see me in the hospital, a dad who doesn't care if I am dead or alive. got a call from office I've been given leave for 7 days to recover myself.

FEB 9,2013

k....it's therapy time...I'll bunk. What should I do? now that I've got so much time in my hand. suicide? I think I should get a break. I decided to write a letter to god. I got a pen & paper & started writing...

Deargod,

As you must be knowing that I badly want to meet you. I've fixed a date for that. "14th FEB,2013" it is! do not forget! After so much

struggles & unsuccessful attempts in meeting you, I really want you to show some mercy. Accept my proposal. It's a commitment between you & me, neither can you break it nor can !!

Your friend (you know my name)

I set a reminder on my cell "14 FEB 2013. MEETING WITH GOD". now what.....let's watch TV. nothing good. took my laptop, switched it on & typed on Google search "porn". watched it till my eyes were closed.

FEB10,2013

Next day I woke up emptied what's the plan for today? I had no idea. Watched TV, ate, slept, woke up, ate, slept, woke up, ate, can't sleep. Took the laptop & was planning to do the same thing as I did yesterday but then an add appeared. "TALK TO STRANGERS". prompted by boredom I clicked on it... I was directed to a chat website where I entered my details & system started searching to find my chat mate.

CHAT1-

You're now chatting with a random stranger. Say hi!

Stranger: Hi♥

You: hi

Stranger: ASL?

You:?

Stranger: AGE, SEX, LOCATION plz

You: (everything's getting shorter in this age. No wonder life too) 26,m,LOS ANGELES.

Stranger: u don't wanna know mine?

You: no. I just want someone to talk to. That's all.

Stranger: khowz life?

You: (touched a nerve there) it's good except the fact that I am alive! (desperation found it's way)

Stranger: hmmm sounds complicated!

You: yeah, little bit. Uknow job pressure & all.

Stranger: ya.Myjob's challenging too.& it gets tougher when people take it for granted. Anyways what are your hobbies?

You: hmmm (seriously what are my hobbies...I can't write watching porn or practicing suicide. So I'll just write...) movies.

Stranger: just movies C'mon there's gotta be more.

You: (more? Hmm eyes searching my room & stopped on the wall where a blue-black guitar hanged. It's been a long time since I played it.) playing guitar.

Stranger: cool!Describe urself.

You: how? U want to know how I look?

Stranger: no, characterwise. What kind of person are you?

You: (tricky one!) I am (who am I? maybe I should write what my friends used to say about meduring college days when everything was normal) I am a cool, out going, jolly, sometimes angry & friendly guy.

Stranger: u don't look like a friendly guy.

You: why? (what is she saying? I am a friendly guy......or I used to be)
Stranger: I know you guys very well. You guys tell ur sad life stories, gain sympathy & then....

You: what?

Stranger: LOSER!

(I was going to type something but it was too late) stranger has disconnected.

That was abrupt. Did I said something wrong? No, I was my personal best today. then why did she called me a Loser? Some crazy girl I think! My mood was so off with the first conversation that I didn't wanted to chat anymore. I went to get my food. As I was eating I kept thinking about the conversation & the girl.

How could someone call me a loser without even knowing about me & my life? I should stop thinking about her. So many different people are there in this world, I can't understand everyone. I put the plates on the sink & went to my bedroom. The thoughts kept nagging me all night, i repeated the conversation in my head. Was she jealous that I can play the guitar or I bragged too much about me? Can't a guitarist be friendly? May be she was angry because I didn't asked anything about her. girls are like that. No clue what went wrong. For the 1st time in my life I couldn't sleep because of a girl. I wanted the answer to my guestion so badly.

FEB11,2013

Next evening I went to the chat site again in the hope of meeting that girl. But here are so many people. I didn't even asked her name. whoever will write "Hi♥" I'll chat with that person.

You're now chatting with a random stranger. Say hi!

You: hi

Stranger: hiii howare you?

You have disconnected.

You're now chatting with a random stranger. Say hi!

You: hi

Stranger: hello

You have disconnected.

Chat 2-

You're now chatting with a random stranger. Say hi!

You: hi

Stranger: Hi♥

(I am 99% sure she's that girl! About the rest 1% I'll find it out soon.)

You: ASL

Stranger: 25,f,Los Angeles

Stranger: wbu?

You: 26,m,Los Angeles

Stranger: k

You: howz life?

Stranger: complicated

Stranger: howz urs?

You: it's good except the fact that I am alive!

(after a minute)

Stranger ru the last night chat guy?

You: yep!

You: sry if I hurt u yesterday.

Stranger: y r u sry? It shud be me.

Stranger: Im sry for being rude.

You: it's k!u mind if I know the reason

Stranger: it's just that u remind me of some guy...

(sensing her discomfort I changed the topic)

You: urgud name?

Stranger: jenny. Urs?

You: rob

You: describe urself CHARACTERWISE

Stranger: did u saved the conversation smwer? Askin my ques...P

You: yes....in my head.

Stranger: OK....1 word-unique.

You: yes,ur!

Stranger::P

Stranger: as we talk, we'll get to know more about each other

You: only if we remain in contact

Stranger: we'll decide abt that later

You: ok!

You: wat's ur relationship status?

Stranger: single & not ready to mingle!

Stranger: BTYRU ASKIN? WAT'S ON UR MIND?

You: relax.....nthin like that. I was juz askin since valentines day is around the corner.

Stranger: K sry for shouting on u

You: it's klit's funny u actually had caps locks on ...: P

Stranger: Ya I wanted to be clear!!P

Stranger: wbu? Do u hv smthng special planned for smone?

You: hv smthng planned on this weekend bt just for me.

Stranger: wat's the plan? Temme!

You: I'll no longer be here. I'll be travelling to some other place.

Stranger: promise me u'll stay in touch.

You: wat? How?

Stranger: 9248157835

stranger has disconnected.

Iwas perplexed for a minute. She gave me her no. (after happy realization) I can't believe this she actually gave me her no.!!

Strange I forgot to eat dinner that day & went straight to bed. For the 1st time in my life a girl gave me her no. that too ONLINE! No wonder I was going crazy. I couldn't sleep for the obvious reasons. should I call her now? NO. it's 1:00 am. she might be asleep. A strange thought appeared in my mind "what if the stranger turned out to be a boy?" NO! she doesn't sound like a liar. "what if she is some kind of stalker, despo woman looking for one night stand?" I think I won't mind treating myself as these are my last days. But if

FEB12,2013

Next morning was different. I woke up, did a bit of stretching, did routine including shaving, got decently dressed, applied deo ~ all before 9:00am! It was like I woke up with a purpose. I didn't know one girl can change me so much in one day. made my breakfast ~ toast & tea, ate it. then read the newspaper. looked at the clock...10:00am & mumbled "It's time!" took my cell phone out from my pocket & dialled Jenny's no. Which I had memorized ~ 9248157835. after 3 rings the call was picked. Some woman voice answered ~

"Hello"

Me-Hello. Can I talk to jenny?

"may I know who's speaking?"

Me-it's rob

"rob, who?

Me-(slowly) I am rob....chat guy

"ohh....Rob! It's jenny. I thought you won't call"

Me-why won't I?

Jenny-you didn't called me yesterday

Me-Iwas a little busy. anyways wassup?

Jenny-working

Me-oh...sorry to disturb you.

Jenny-it's k.... it's brake time.u sound free....oh you are moving, rit.

Me-yes so how are things at work?

Jenny-schedule's screwed up a bit because of a hopeless guy

everything else is good. How are things at your end?

Me-peaceful as of now. By the way you never told me what's your job

Jenny-u never asked. I.....am...adoctor!

Me-ok.cool to be friends with a doctor. Might come in handy.(laughing)

Jenny(laughing)- what about you Mr. let me also know what will come in handy for me?

Me-well I am..... an architect. Currently unemployed. If Any work for me, please be free to contact.

Jenny-yasure! Hey rob I got to go. Break's going to get over soon.

Me-oh,I forgot. Jenny...

Jenny-yes?

Me-I'll miss our chats.(blushing)

Jenny-me too. what will you miss the most from our chat?

Me-your Hi with a heart.

(after a moment of silence)

Jenny-byerob

Me-bye

Wow I can't believe this I have a friend now & that too a doctor. Strange things are happening. Now what? I looked around in my room. I know what to do. I took my broom & started sweeping my house. Did a bit of dusting. Such a huge pile of dust I collected. Mopped the floor. Did the dishes. Collected all soiled clothes from under the bed, closet, so fas, bathroom & put them into washing machine. Then took the clothes out & put them into the dryer. After 2 hours of hard work everything looked proper. I never knew my home could look this beautiful & fresh. I was so tired I don't know when I fell asleep on the sofa. When I finally woke up at 4 pm...I thought of calling jenny again. But I stopped & thought "If she would've been free she would have called me". Just then I got a call from office.

Jack-hey bro...it's me Jack.

Me-jackass....how are you buddy?

Jack- are you ok? Is this really you, Rob?

Me-talking to the right guy...why? what happened?

Jack-well, it's been a while since you have addressed me as "Jackass"!

Me-brace yourself buddy...those days are back!

Jack-good to have the old Rob back. Anyways how is your health?

Me-do I sound like a sick guy?

Jack-not at all! I must say that the psychiatrist is doing a great job! Me-Psychiatrist?

Jack- ya....do you go to the psychiatrist at all?

Me-oh!I completely forgot about that. Anyways I am good now. I don't need to see any Psychiatrist!

Jack-I know Rob that you are alright. But you won't be allowed to join the job unless you have the confirmation from the Psychiatrist.

Me-C'mon man you know I am alright then why this formality?

Jack–I am sorry bro I can't help you. You still have 2 days. Go visit her & get the damn letter.

Me-what if I give her some bribe?

Jack-works with me.

Me-kIll see her first thing in the morning.

Jack-hope to see you soon.

Me-bye

Jack-bye

Next I decided to call Jenny.

Jenny-hello Rob!

Me-hi

Jenny-how was your day?

Me-ok. How was yours?

Jenny-usual.

Me-I have this meeting tomorrow with a potential client. Hope I get the project. (I can't say I am going to see a Psychiatrist. What will she think of me.)

Jenny-don't worry everything will go well. by the way you remember I talked about the hopeless guy last time? He won't be trouble anymore. I've decided to ousted him.

Me-good for you!

Jenny-howdid you spend your day today since it was a holiday for you

Me-well....

Jenny-let me guess.....you woke up late, straight away called me, then you watched some porn or chatted with some girl. Right? Me-wrong! You think I am that kind of guy who have nothing good to do on holidays?

Jenny(in low voice) – sorry....I was just kidding.

Me-no, tell me what do you think of me!

Jenny–sorry Rob I didn't meant to hurt you.

Me-first you insult me then you are sorry!

Jenny–I was just having some fun. I promise I won't do it again.

Me-now I am kidding! (I laughed)

Jenny-Omg!youjerk, you scared the hell out of me!

Me-sorry I was just having some fun.

Jenny(laughing)-Ididn't know you were an actor too

Me-I am a man of many talents!

Jenny-sure!... I got to go now.

Me-bye

Jenny-bye

I need to sleep now so that I can wake up tomorrow feeling fresh. I have to meet the psychiatrist & convince her in giving me that confirmation letter. What was the name of the psychiatrist? It must be on that envelope I got. I searched & found it. Dr. Jennifer

FEB13,2013

I woke up at sharp 8. got ready. Just as I was about to leave Jenny called me on the phone.

Me-hey jenny

Jenny-good morning Rob. So are you ready?

Me-you bet I am!

Jenny-at what time is your meeting?

Me-it's at 10.

Jenny-krob, all the best. I am sure you will nail it!

Me-thanks Jenny & I will get the project.

Jenny–If you get the project we'll party together...

Me-really? Well then put on your party shoes.

Jenny-Ididn't finish. We'll party together but tomorrow.

Me-perfect!

Jenny-you are getting late. do inform me what happens......I'll be waiting.

Me-I will dear. Bye

Jenny-bye

The thought of meeting Jenny got me all excited. Now I have to get this confirmation letter at any cost. I entered the clinic & went to the receptionist. She was talking to someone on the phone.

Me-excuse me! I have to meet Dr. Jennifer Stuart. Receptionist-do you have an appointment?

Me-yes.

Receptionist-your name sir?

Me-Robert Green

Receptionist-(after checking on the computer) sorry sir, there's no appointment by the name Robert Green.

Me-please check it again. It was 6 days ago.

Receptionist-Idouble checked sir. There's not your name.

wait....there's your name.

Me (sighing)

Receptionist-but the appointment was cancelled yesterday.

Me-(not believing) cancelled? Why?

Receptionist-the reason is unstated. Only Dr. can tell. I suggest you wait here sir.

Iwas very angry. I had to get with it over soon & tell Jenny the good news. I decided to wait & sat in the chair. I hour past. by now I was not only angry but frustrated too. I went to the receptionist.

Me-Excuse me.

Receptionist-yessir?

Me-you told me to wait...it's over 1 hour. I can't wait anymore. I am a busy person too.

Receptionist-well sir, the Doctor is with a patient right now. As soon she get's over with it I'll let you know.

I went back to my seat. After 30 minutes I couldn't wait any longer. I went again to the receptionist.

Me-Iwant to meet her right now.

Receptionist-sorry sir but it's break time. It won't be good to disturb her now.

 M_{e-so} ?

Receptionist-sir you'll have to wait for one more hour.

Me-1hour more?? Are you kidding me. I've been waiting here since the morning. You know what I don't care about your break I

am going in.

Receptionist-sirwait....

I ignored her & stormed inside the Doctor's room. She was on the phone with someone.

Doctor-yes?

Me-I had an appointment today with you but the receptionist says it has been cancelled. I want to know the reason.

Doctor-who are you?

Me-my name is Robert Green.

Doctor-oh, Mr. Robert Green....the suicidal guy.

Me-yes.

Doctor-finally you came but sorry your appointment is cancelled. I cancelled it.

Me-why?

Doctor-since you were not coming to the sessions it was hampering my schedules. So I cancelled it.

Me-but now I've come...

Doctor-too late. You'll have to get a new appointment.

Me-I hate to trouble you but I just want a confirmation letter from you stating that I am fine now & ready to join my job.

Doctor-how can I give you that if you never attended any sessions?

Me-don't worry mam, I am fine now. Believe me! Much better!

Doctor-you may be but I can't give you that letter. It would be wrong.

Me-okhow much?

Doctor-what?

Me-how much money you want to sign on that letter?

Doctor-(getting up from her seat) are you offering me bribe?

Me-(sensing her anger) not bribe. Just a token of thanks in return for signing the letter.

Doctor-you need not thank me because I am not going to sign.

Me-please doc there's got to be some way. I am really fine now. I want to join my office.

Doctor-only one way....I am giving you an appointment for tomorrow at 11. it's a 1 week session. If after that I find you mentally fine I'll sign your letter. Here you keep my card.

Me-(taking the card from her) how did you became a psychiatrist if you can't even know that if a person is fine or not!

Doctor-you are being rude now. Should I cancel this appointment too?

I exited out of the room angrily, slammed the door behind. Threw her card in the trash & went away.

Got in a cab. Took my phone out. I missed call from jenny. When did she called? She must've called me to ask about the project. What should I tell her? I so want to meet her, talk to her face to face. Well I can lie. Yeah that would be right thing to do. Any way's she thinks I have a real project. I called her. She didn't picked up. I called her again. this time she answered.

Jenny-hello (in low voice)

Me-Jenny are you ok? You sound sad

Jenny-hopeless guy came. So rude & you know what he even Me-why are you spoiling your mood behind that guy. He's hopeless.

Jenny-you are right. By the way how did the meeting went?

Me-we are going to meet soon. then I'll tell you

Jenny~you mean they accepted your project! Wow!! So happy for you!

Me-so what about the place & time for the meeting?

Jenny-place....how about starbucks?

Me-fine with me.

Jenny-kthen starbucks at 5.

Me-sounds like a plan. But how will we recognize each other?

Jenny-good guestion. Since it's valentines day most people will be wearing red. so I'll be wearing yellow dress & you also dress up in any color except red. If you like you can hold a flower for me. I would like that.

Me-I'll be waiting for you. Jenny-me too.Bye Me-bye.

FEB14,2013

HAPPY VALENTINESDAY TOME! For the first time I won't be spending valentines day alone. I am in such a good mood today. Still some hours to go when we'll finally meet. In the mean time what should I do? It's 10 am now. I am so excited to get back to office & tell my buddies everything. But it won't be possible unless I get the letter signed. Today is a big day for me. she had given me the appointment at 11. I should go. I am so happy today she might sign it & if not it's still ok. I should leave that job to her.

I entered the room.

Me-good morning mam!

Doctor-good morning. I wasn't expecting you especially after the way you exited from the room yesterday.

Me-Iam sorry for the way I behaved yesterday.

Doctor-apology accepted. Shall we start?

Me-sure!

Doctor-we'll start from the beginning. Tell me about your childhood.

Thus went my 1st session. I told her everything about my past. I felt

light. Quite a few emotional moments when I remembered my late mother. After 1 hour of emotional & revealing session -

Me-thanks mam for your time. I feel much-much better.

Doctor-glad you do. see the sessions are not that bad! It's good to talk about your feelings freely sometimes.

Me-Idon't believe this but I must say that I had a great time.

Doctor-surprisingly me too. See you tomorrow same time.

Me-okmam.

Doctor-you can call me Jennifer.

Me-OK Jennifer. See you!

As I came out of the clinic. Jenny called me.

Me-hey Jenny.

Jenny-avery happy valentines day to you!

Me-same to you. You sound very happy today.

Jenny–I am. 1st reason you know. 2nd reason I was so wrong about the hopeless guy. He's a nice guy. Everything's going great today.

Me-same pinch! For me too. I had a great meeting.

Jenny-so are you done with shopping?

Me-shopping?

Jenny-are you coming empty handed?

Me-no....I was kidding. Of course not! I did my shopping yesterday only.

Jenny-kbe ready at 5.

Me-I will bye

Jenny-bye

Okay now I need to buy her a gift. There's a gift shop in front of the starbucks coffee shop. I'll buy from there.

It's 3:00 PM. I should get ready. I am nervous & happy it's weird feeling. Like it's the day I was waiting for all my life. After much

thought & tries I wore a dark blue sweater & matched it with denim jeans. It's 3:30 now. I should better get going because it will take me a lot of time to choose which gift to buy. I reached the gift shop. Browsed around the shop. Stopped near the greeting cards, bought a huge red one. Then moved to the gifts. I decided to buy a pink silver Citizen watch. A beautiful gift for a beautiful girl. After payment I went to starbucks & sat on a table, Waiting for her. The watched showed 4:40 pm. Still 20 minutes left. My eyes were stuck at the door, any time she would be entering through that door. Beautiful weather, so much crowd in the gifts shop, happy couples holding hands, whispering in each other's ears, saw a boy proposing a girl with a rose....all so beautiful. Rose...Omg! I forgot to buy flowers for her. I straight away ran to the flower's shop. Bought a flower bouquet consisting of lilies $\mathcal E$ a beautiful red rose in the middle. The flowers smelled great. It's 5. I should be in the café. I was crossing the road suddenly I saw a car speeding towards me before I could think

"hello I am speaking from Apollo hospital.

"yes what happened?"

"do you know Mr. Robert green?"

"yes I am his therapist. why? what happened?"

"Mr. Robert green had an accident.

"Oh my god! Is he ok?"

"His condition is serious. We found only your no. in his cell. If you know his family members please inform them too."

"no I don't know about his family."

"in that case I suggest you come here as soon as possible."

"okay I am coming"

I should call rob & tell him that I can't meet him today. Why is he not picking up the phone?

Igot in a cab & reached the hospital. All the way I made calls to

robbut he didn't picked up. I was confused.

Me-can you tell me about Mr. Robert green.

Receptionist-yal called you. He's in operation theatre. His condition is very critical.

Me-ohmy god! How did it happened?

Receptionist-it happened near the starbucks. He was crossing the road when a car hit him. here are some of his belongings.

There was a phone, a wrapped gift & a huge greeting card.

Me-Did you found anything about his family?

Receptionist-not yet. Hey May be we can find something from the greeting card.

I opened the greeting card & started reading.

Dear Jenny,

I am head over heels in love with you. from the very first time when we chatted. I didn't sleep that night. I love everything about you. Be it the way you used to write Hi♥ or talk about the hopeless guy. I am very grateful to you. You changed me. You made me a better person. You have given me a reason to live & that's you. I love you!

I can't believe this....I went on to check his mobile. Only my no. with the name Jenny. "he's rob" I murmured. Tears rolled down my cheeks. I was still in shock when I felt a hand on my shoulder. "I am sorry. We tried our best but we couldn't save him" I was numb. His cell started beeping. A reminder sound. I was shocked. The phone slipped out of my hands......

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