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A tale of a father and two children

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Today something extraordinary happened as I was driving towards Hyderabad. As we started our journey at 4am from Karachi. At some point we picked up couple of friends. And just reaching Hyderabad at around 6am this quite person who was driving us asked “Can I use your phone Sir, because my phone has died?”. It was an odd request but my friend said “Yeah, sure!”. And he called up his daughter, it was on speakerphone as he said “Beta, get up!”. She said “Papa, I had asked you to wake me up at 5am and you’re waking me up now!”. I could see the chauffeur embarrassed. He said “Beta, it’s okay! You wake up now. Make some food, you have to go to school too”. And then that young girl, that little voice on the other end said “Papa, I have woken up at 4am, prepared the food too and now I am leaving for school”.

I knew something was happening but didn’t exactly know what. And then as the called disconnected, our chauffeur said “She has grown up” with a wide smile on his face. I asked him, indirectly, “Who all are there in your home?” He said “My 12 years old daughter and my 7 years old son. I lost my wife last 25th”. When the child cracked the joke on her father saying that I have been up since 4 and I have cooked and I am ready, we didn’t know her age but we all just started saying “Wow!”.

As the story got completed by our chauffeur, we realised that a little child has become a lady being responsible for her life. There we saw a father of two children trying his best, even as he is away from home to bring up his children so that they can have great education. Don’t each one of us find obstacles for us? Then we get put off. Well, we want

more but it's true that each day in our life so many people are achieving a lot of things with so little. We really need to be grateful of what life has to offer and make the most of that opportunity. Not just trying to make everything comfortable and nice or really get that people can be bigger than their scenarios, can be bigger than their situations, can be bigger than the comfort we think we should be looking for. In the end everything will be worth experiencing and that's what life is all about.