

*A Novel*

# THE FABULOUS FIVE

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## **MEET THE FABULOUS FIVE**

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One day Danish was playing with his friends Priya, Sumitra, Neel and Nikhil. They were playing in the coconut grove next to his house. Danish's dad owned it. It was always filled to the brim with coconuts. The kids used it as their play area. After play Danish would walk through the coconut grove to his house where his mother would be waiting on the porch for him with the dinner ready. He would eat his dinner then he and his mother would go out and listen to classical music on the porch while waiting for his father.....

When his father would come he would eat dinner and go for a walk. When they came back Danish would say his prayers, brush his teeth and go to bed. The next day was a Saturday. Usually Danish would be in bed till 9:00 in the morning but today he was awake by 6:30. And that was because today his friends were coming to his house!!! He was so excited! He was literally jumping out of his skin! Oh what fun they would have! He ran to his parent's room and said "Mother! Mother! Wake up." His mother said "why dear." He said "have you forgotten what is so special today???" His mother thought for a while then she sprang up "oh yes I'd better get prepared."

Later that day his friends started to arrive. First was Sumitra punctual as usual next was Priya and then Neel and finally Nikhil. First he showed them his house. Next they played hide and seek, and sat to a wonderful lunch made by Danish's mother. Then they went to the house's garden and played for a while. After that they spotted a tree, they were tired and so they went and sat under its cooling shade . After some time of cooling off they looked at the tree then Nikhil said let's try climbing it. And so they took turns and climbed the tall tree.

When it became time to leave Danish said"oh yes,I almost forgot" he ran back to his room and came back with a pile of thank you cards! Later, after the play date Danish met Nikhil he said"won't it be fun if we started a gang". He said "yes Nikhil that would be fun but what shall we name it" Nikhil said" I've got it. Let's call it **"The Fabulous Five"** and make you the leader of the gang" the name stuck and so they set the date and time of the first meeting as tomorrow 7:00 in the morning.

## **THE FABULOUS FIVE MEETING**

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The next day the fabulous five started to arrive at Danish's house. First as usual was Sumitra, next was Neel, Priya and finally Nikhil, late as usual. And so the five started the meeting first Danish gave them their badges. Then he told them the password. After that was done he explained the rules. And finally he told them to meet every Monday to discuss the events of the week and that he would inform them if there was nothing to discuss

When Nikhil was coming home he thought he heard a sound. CRASH!!! Now what could that be? He ran in the direction of the sound. He ran down the hill through old town, he soon reached town square where he took a left. He soon reached the scene. A trucker had hit a car! He saw a policeman nearby and asked "what happened?"

The policeman said " we're puzzled. We don't know how it happened" Nikhil looked puzzled. He hadn't understood a thing! The policeman heaved a sigh he said "here watch this video you'll understand"

Nikhil saw the video and understood everything. He rushed back home and telephoned Danish. He told

everything he heard, then, they decided to have a meeting as soon as possible.

## ANOTHER MEETING

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The next day the fabulous five came to the door, knocked and said the password which was "Danish". When all had sat the meeting began. Nikhil told that the policeman had told him the driver of the truck had purposely turned and hit the car. I was told that they don't know the identity of the man. "Any ideas of who could this be?" They all stared at Danish. He heaved a sigh lets start by looking for clues.

The next day they all met in the park. Neel said I saw something weird while coming here, I saw a man digging a pit in the fields on the other side of town. That's unusual he would probably be boxed up by a farmer. What's more is that he looked awfully familiar. He looked like the man from the car crash. You saw him! Said Danish in surprise. Only a glimpse, he was running away.

"Can you take us to where you saw him"asked Danish. "Sure, over here." He took them to the other side of town where the fields were. They saw an area with very loose soil. "Here, I saw the man digging here."

"Come on guys. Let's dig up this place".

So the children ran back home and came back with their hands filled with digging equipment.

## CLOTHES?

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So the fabulous five began digging. They dug and dug until they noticed a red piece of cloth sticking out of the ground. Sumitra's dog Philip had come with them, he started barking at the piece of cloth, then he tugged on it with all his strength and it came out of the ground. It flew over them and landed in front of a scarecrow. The fabulous five stood right there completely surprised, it was the farmer's clothes!!!

They took the clothes in their arms, they could not believe it, farmer Prakash was responsible. He was or is a friend of the culprit. Attached to the shirt was a note, it read

"Dear friend" that was enough to make Priya faint. Danish cleared his throat and started again.

*"Dear friend, I have completed the first consignment, here, I have sent back the props I have borrowed from you. Call me whenever you need me for the second consignment"*

Danish beckoned Nikhil to get some water to help wake Priya. Meanwhile Neel said "so..... the culprit is a friend of the farmer"

"Yes" said Danish "I believe this calls for another meeting."

## Chapter 1.5

### MR KABIR

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The next day, at exactly 2:00 in the afternoon the five went to Danish's house and started discussing. Then Sumitra told " guys, today I saw farmer Prakash talking to a tall man with a beard. Then I heard that his name was Mr. Kabir."

" So" said Danish "now we know who the culprit is. Now we just need to expose them to the public. Sumitra do you know anything else they said?" Sumitra said "he mentioned farmer Prakash as his brother and I followed them to his house. Here, I've made a map to his house, it's outside town in the paddy fields near Nikhil's house."

Yippee! Said Nikhil as they cycled down the hill to his house. The wind rushed through his hair . It was the first time his friends were coming to his house. When the fabulous five reached Nikhil's house they were greeted warmly.

The had some tea and biscuits then Nikhil's mom showed them to the paddy fields were they cycled to Mr. Kabir's house.

## UNCOVERED

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They reached the house and hid behind a haystack. Then they started to hatch a plan. First they went and hid in Mr. Kabir's fields. Then Neel, Nikhil, and Sumitra took some wheat and started to run this way and that. After that Danish and Priya set fire to the haystacks. The first stage of the plan was complete.

Mr. Kabir seeing his haystacks on fire thought somebody was stealing his crops and came running out followed closely by farmer Prakash. And then the chase began.

Never in his life had Danish run so fast, and yet, he was not surprised. His goal was to reach town and so with the help of his friends he ran as fast as the wind. But then, farmer Prakash pounced and caught him by the leg and tripped him. This was it, everything was over but a boomerang came flying out of nowhere and hit farmer Prakash on the head. Farmer Prakash let go and Danish started to run again. "Your welcome", shouted Nikhil. "Nice aim" Danish replied.

They reached the town square amidst many bewildered faces. Then Danish announced "Ladies and gentlemen.

Farmer Prakash and Mr. Kabir are guilty of accident you witnessed the other day. Farmer Prakash hatched the scheme while Mr. Kabir enacted it. I request you to call the police ". Not long after that the police arrived and took Farmer Prakash and Mr. Kabir away and congratulated the friends. They then proceeded to Nikhil's house where they stayed for the rest of the day

## **POLICE WOES.**

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Two tall men in police outfits were walking on the fields were our friends, the fabulous five found their first clue to solving the mystery you read just now. And next to them walked those very friends, Priya, Sumitra, Neel, Nikhil and Danish. They were headed to the spot were they earlier had found Farmer Prakash's clothes in the ground.

They were here to give the police proof that Farmer Prakash and Mr. Kabir were guilty. Sumitra's dog Philip once again started barking.

They dug a hole in the spot they had marked earlier ' and lo and behold there appeared the clothes ! One of the police officers asked one of the prisoners " are these your clothes ?" He nodded. The police officer then turned to Danish and said " thank you. You have been very helpful" . And he put the prisoner in the van and drove away. Then Nikhil turned to Danish and said " you think we should have another meeting ?" And Danish replied " you know what ?, yeah"

The End