

Jinu furrowed her brow, determination etched across her face as she surveyed the tranquil scene before her. The sun's rays filtered through the trees, casting dappled shadows on the ground that seemed to shift with each whisper of the breeze. She took a deep breath, inhaling the scent of freshly cut grass and damp earth.

"I think this place holds a few secrets about the old suitcase or maybe the suitcase itself," Jinu began, her voice barely above a whisper. "It looks like for over two generations, someone has been after that old suitcase. We have to find it somehow. Time is running out... If we don't find all the pieces of this crooked puzzle fast, either of the Reddys' lives could be in danger!"

"Alright then," Jamie said, her eyes narrowing with resolve. "Let's get to work."

The J girls methodically inspected every inch of the garden – the ground near the fountains, the sidewalls, and the water pumping system. As part of their investigation, they switched on the water fountains, which had grown dilapidated from disuse since Ashok's disappearance and Mrs. Reddy's death. Water jets arced gracefully from the fountain tops, converging at the center of the stone-paved frame. It was a sight to behold, especially with the sound of chirping birds emanating from strategically placed speakers among the bushes.

"Wow, this place is incredible," Ashwin murmured, his gaze sweeping across the garden. "But let's stay focused."

As the water flowed, Jinu noticed something amiss – the right corner fountain's jet began to slow down. She approached the water tank and peered into a narrow space, only to find that the water level was lower than it should have been. The entire tank appeared drained, despite Mrs. Vivek's assurances that it was always filled.

"Guys, come check this out," Jinu called out. "The water level is way too low. Something's not right here."

Jamie and Ashwin joined her by the tank, their eyes reflecting a mix of concern and curiosity. Jinu couldn't help but feel a chill run down her spine as she considered what this new discovery might mean for the Reddys.

"Let's keep looking," she urged, her voice steady despite the mounting tension. "We need to uncover every secret this garden holds if we want to save them."

"Guys, I think we need to take a closer look at this water tank," Jinu said, her eyes narrowing in determination. "I have a feeling it's hiding something."

"Alright, let's do this," Jamie agreed, her hands on her hips as she assessed the situation. Ashwin nodded, his expression a mix of curiosity and concern.

With the trio working together, they managed to remove the covering of the water tank. It was a small, square space measuring 2 feet by 2 feet, and Jinu decided to climb inside to investigate further. As she carefully tapped on the sidewalls with her knuckles, she couldn't help but feel the weight of responsibility bearing down on her shoulders. The lives of the Reddys were at stake, and time was running out.

"Come on, Jinu, you got this," she whispered to herself, trying to stay focused as her knuckles began to ache from the constant tapping. Just as she was about to give up, her knuckles hit something shallow, and her fingers found a small lever hidden within the wall.

"Hey, I found something!" she called out excitedly. Pushing down the lever, she heard a series of clanging sounds, and a secret compartment slid open before her eyes. Inside, covered in dust and damp from the moisture of the water tank, was the old suitcase they had been searching for.

"Unbelievable," Ashwin breathed, his eyes wide as Jinu emerged from the tank, clutching the suitcase. "We actually found it!"

“Jamie, think you can pick the lock?” Jinu asked, setting the suitcase down on the ground. Jamie cracked her knuckles and grinned.

“Piece of cake,” she replied confidently, pulling out her lock-picking tools.

As Jamie worked on the lock, Jinu couldn’t help but feel a surge of adrenaline. They were so close to uncovering the truth behind the mysterious suitcase, and every fiber of her being was focused on the task at hand. At the same time, she felt a pang of fear – what if they were too late to save the Reddys? What if this discovery only led them deeper into danger?

“Got it!” Jamie announced triumphantly as the lock clicked open. The three of them exchanged nervous glances before Jinu cautiously lifted the lid of the suitcase, revealing its contents.

“Whatever happens next,” Ashwin said quietly, “we’ll face it together.”

Jinu nodded, taking a deep breath to steady herself. It was time to confront the secrets of the past and fight for the lives of the Reddys. And with her sister and friend by her side, she felt ready for whatever challenges lay ahead.

The air hung heavy with anticipation as the latch of the suitcase clicked open. Jinu, Jamie, and Ashwin huddled close together, their hearts pounding in unison. As Jinu carefully lifted the lid, a glint of red satin caught her eye.

“Would you look at that,” Jinu whispered, her voice barely audible. The trio stared in awe at the big butterfly shaped structure nestled within the suitcase, its delicate wings seemingly crafted from an intricate arrangement of bones. There was a chilling beauty to the object, and Jinu couldn’t shake the feeling that it held great significance.

“Definitely not human,” Ashwin murmured, examining the structure closely. “But what kind of animal could these bones belong to?”