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FREE HOME
DELIVERY

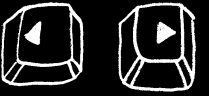
Coca-Cola

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Coke

TADK

Turn over



Exit



No water in O-block

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Coca-Cola









This reminds me of a conversation I had with vishwa...

Actually it's not allowed to stare directly into an indian womans eyes!

I think when Indian men stare at you, thats because they are freaking out seeing a white woman.

After a while they realize that they are staring and stop.

If they don't stop, it probably means something else!

White women seem to have a very doubtful reputation among certain people.

Don't worry, I'll protect you!

Haha!

After all, I promised your mother I would!

Err... can we pay please?

yes sir...

Sigh...



Wow! I guess I've never seen such a downpour!

Looks like we will have to run!

Must be a kind of monsoon.

WAAH! Take care! Everything is swamped!!

Quick!

One moment...

Now I'm really soaked!

But the worst thing is...

...there is still no running water here inside!

JEWELLERS
NEXT

SOA



Phew...

In this case, I'll go shopping again...

... can I leave you alone?

Sure! I'll call Michael then.

Hello? Kati?

Hey, hello! We still haven't got any running water!

I know! At noon a plumber came. It seems that the pump is ok. He couldn't tell me why there is no water!

Michael Günzburger
→
our roommate at the Pro Helvetia Mansion

I don't know! If there is no water in the evening, we'll have to find a water tank lorry.

What?! And what'll we do now?

Well, it IS evening now, and NO water!

In an emergency we could go to the neighbours to ask for a bucket of water...

Well, great!!

See you later...
Ciao!



Damn!
I'd really like to take
a shower!

Never thought
I'd miss water
so much...

Hello,
hello!

Today we brush our
teeth with precious
Evian water!

yeah!

What...?
Are you looking for
an Indian boyfriend?

Haha!
No!

It's this website
Pooja told me about.



A modern intellectual
male who is extremely
spiritual by nature.
Believe in only one
god the almighty.
Tall, good looking,
working in Govt.
school as computer
faculty MCA.

People who
want to marry
meet on sites
like
shaadi.com!

Marry?



Have a look at the photos!
Either they pose in traditional dresses,
or in tough-looking
business-outfits!

Hihi!

Ha! You wouldn't find
a thing like that in
Switzerland. Nobody
wants to marry there!

And they tell you
everything about
their parents, their
religion, and then
about all the different
castes and
communities!

But if somebody
does, they wouldn't
ask their parents!

The consent
of parents
seems to be
important!

Indeed!
I wonder what the
indians think about our
personal ads!

Name: Marco Age: 22
Profession: Marketing Assistant Height: 1,82m
I am: hot!! I like: Women
I believe in: me
I find sexy:
Tight, short skirts
I can't be without:
My new car
I dislike:
Lies and betrayal
When I'm drunk:
I talk to
everyone
I want to go to:
Ibiza



My, oh my...



Wow!

Take a look at
this one!!

Well... I'll go and try to flush
the toilet
once again...

... maybe it works with
EVIAN!



Hello madam!
Water?

Mechanic?

Oh! You are here because
of our water problem!
That's good!

Hello!

EVIAN

No Water?
How many
days?

Bisleri

Oh! This is the second day already!
You know, I am from Switzerland and not
used at all not to have water. I mean, honestly
I never would have suggested

... that one
needs water
for so many
things...
... you know,
... you wash
hands
or your face
... spoiled
in Europe, we
even
drink our water!

Okay...

So... do you think
that you can
fix it?

Haha!

Where is
water pump?

Push button here,
water comes...

Pump
active!



But I know how the pump is working! It was switched on the whole time!

Tomorrow at 4.30 morning you switch on pump. Then water, madam!

That's exactly what I did this morning and no water! Do you understand?

No, no!

Haha!

Look, why don't you just organize some water to fill up the tank?

Until the pump is working again?

No, no! Haha! Bye!

STOP! Where do you go?!

BADOUX! Can you come and help, please? Now!!

you can't leave now! We need a solution!

please!



What's the matter?

There is the guy who came because of the water. He doesn't want to talk to me!

You have to help!

He shouldn't leave!

...what will you do now? Will we have water tonight?

Okay, listen mister...

No, sir!

me

Well well well

What?! He didn't tell me that!

No water in O-Block! For two days!

I can do nothing, sir!

Badoux! Don't let him sneak away, you hear?!

Leave us alone! This is men stuff!

No! Wait!





I sweat and freeze at the same time...

I hope it's not a fever!

My forehead is all hot...

Brrr...

But in my room it's always too hot and noisy to sleep!

I haven't slept once since I arrived.

Oh shit! Where do these headaches come from?

WHAT I WOULD PREFER TO DO
(instead of unsuccessfully trying to sleep)

- Frying eggs on my forehead

Am I over 40 degrees yet? Did I ever have such high fever?

- Put my head in a bucket full of cold water

- Screaming so loud, that all the windows break

Should I call a doctor?

The next morning:





Would you mind bargaining?
They don't listen to me anyhow...

Hello...umm...
for Nizamuddin,
G-Block?

We won't pay
more than
40 Rupees!

Yes please!

How much?

200!

No, no
sir!

FIRST STEP:
SHOW CONSTERNATION
MENTION BUSINESS COMPETITORS

200?!!

No!!

yesterday, we
did go there
for 50!!!

200!

Good
price!

We take it
for 70,
okay?

WHICH OF COURSE
IS NOT TRUE!

Good?

NO!

170!

Or...

...for
you,
I make
special
price...
150!

SECOND STEP:
SHOW CONCESSION AND
GENEROSITY

No!
70!

100!

Well?

Only
30 Rupees
too much!
We are
improving!

Last
price!

Let's
go!

THIRD STEP: CONSENT

At the doctor's:



Wow! Did you see all the drugs?!

What does he need the flashlight on the table for?

Tell me, how was your trip to Agra?

Oh! Very exhausting, very beautiful and very funny, too!

We met a very enthusiastic reception committee at the train station...

My name is MONU, I was born in Agra and I LOVE Agra!

I'll make you a very good price!

his competitors

his Ambassador without AC!

The most stubborn driver made a particular favourable offer and drove us to the Taj Mahal.

Boah!

Wow!

click!

It was full of indian tourists.

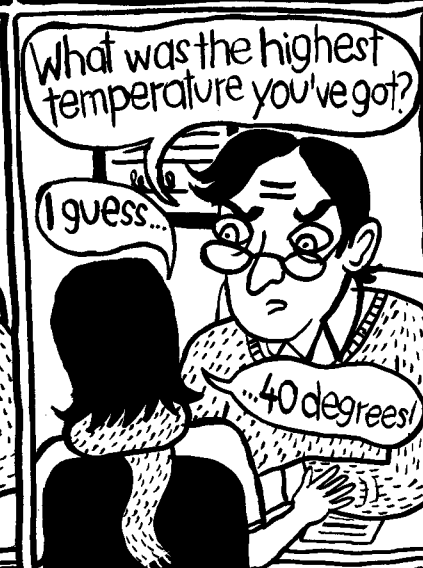
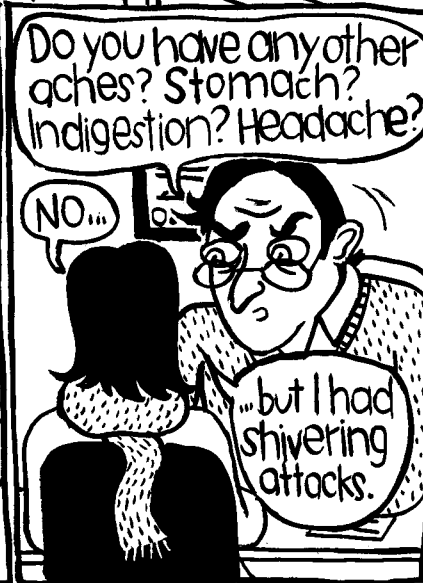


Many wanted to be photographed together with us ...



On our way back our driver was eager to take us somewhere.







Kashish

HOTEL

You see!
Nothing serious!
Just a virus!

If I was you
I would have made
a blood test!

I'm so
relieved!!

Never mind your
fear of injections, it
would have been important...

Yes,
Badoux?

...to
definitely
know it's
not Malaria!

Hey, Kati,
good news!
The tap water
is running
again!

WHAT!
Great!
And I only got
a virus!

Let's drink
to that!

SE

ON OPEN

Parker

SALE
50%

PSI

CITRA
HUUP!

FANCY PHOTO

KAPOOR
FABRIC
SALE

TAXI

Taxi!







Oh no!
It's all wet!

It is sweat??

Ah... could we
sit somewhere
else?

llllle
lll

Over there's
a seat!

Yes!
Let's go there,
please!

llllle??

llllle??

llllle!!!

Sorry!

PAL
HOME
VERY



GOPAL
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Coca-Cola

To India!
A wonderful country
that doesn't cease
to excite us!

Cheers!
To good
health!

Cheers!
To Delhi!

PEOPLE
AT UNITED
COFFEE HOUSE

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- Vishwa
tell me,
you said
that you're
not allowed
to stare in
an indian
woman's
eyes...
...what
does it
mean when
indian men
stare at
me?



- Well, first I think
they're amused that
you as a white girl
wear indian clothing,
they think they
could ~~present~~ take
you home + introduce
you to their mothers!



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Mahnum



The break

Hati!

"I think when men stare at you, that's just 'cause they're freaking out to see a white woman. After a while they will realize that they stare and stop. If they continue that means sth. else"



K:- Wow!
What is that?

V:- It used to be a big cinema. One night they had a fire during the film and several hundred people died inside. The problem was, that the door keeper locked the audience room to have a tea around the corner...

K:- How terrible! one can still see the burning traces! When did that happen?

V:- Oh, ten years ago...

K:- ...what? And it still stands empty..



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BEI
MONIKA
UND
RHANA



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Delhi



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