

Chalo America!

Chotu is our hero.

Chotu is a boy next-door (a bindas hyderabadi student), finished his 10 + 2 and gets a good rank in EAMCET and gets in to a good college in hyderabad, has good friends, bike, girl friends, college friends Bindas! He has a friend Johnny (side hero).

Both Chotu and Johnny are friends from childhood. Chotu always wanted to go to US after his bachelors and Johnny wanted to get a good job after his bachelors.

Both are good friends in their bachelors. Time pass by and by the time they realized some thing was happening they are in their final year of engineering –

Chotu gives his GRE's and TOEFL and start applying for Schools; every thing is fine and all set for Chotu to reach US. Chotu's Dad wakes up him up one day early in the morning and sends him to a walk-in job interview by a local software company. Chotu was not interested but wanted to give it a try. He picks up Johnny on the way and they go to for the job interview -

It was a Job in some small start-up firm and 6 students show up/ apply to it;

1. First guy is good in Academics, 80 % Topper. Very talented guy but could not move or work in a team.
2. Second guy had got lot of work experience, works for a big firm Satyam /Wipro
3. Third guy is a fresher Average skills, average acads, but is smart-!
4. Fourth guy has good skills; he just started working for another small firm.
5. Chotu- Fifth guy just applies never even bothers
6. Johnny- Sixth guy, he has a average Acads but keeps Excellent projects, Projects which no one have ever heard of all hi-fi projects. Some one tells Johnny that if you keep good projects in your resume and make it good; you will get picked.

All 6 apply for the job and meet each other and later after a couple of days the first and second guys they don't call back (they have excellent profiles) but the third guy keeps in touch with HR manager and shows that he has interest in that job and willing to work, 4th guy shows some interest in the job and our Chotu & Johnny are waiting for the phone to ring or for the post man to get some letter.

Couple of weeks later the company has interviews and finally decide to pick one student? Now just think for sec, if you were the Manager of that company, whom would you hire-
Just try to ink the list down please!

Now its human psychology and our ideas many not be same, but this is how the company would go. They will pick the 3rd guy-

My order would be (if I am a manager)

Third guy

Fourth guy

Second guy

First guy

Fourth guy! – “Chotu”

Sixth guy – “Johnny kaka”

Why?



You need some one smart and flexible. He need not be a very intelligent or very talented person, the manager needs some one he can mould in to his firm/team.

After the results; both get to know that the third guy got selected. Chotu and Johnny meet in a nice Hyderabad Cafe, Both get disappointed and sit a café having irani chai, having Cigarette –

Jhonny: “Arey Chotu, Kya apan Ko job nahi lagara re, Mera bad-luck hi karab kai re”! ; Then our chotu says to jhonny

“ Arey Apan America jaynge, idhar job kaiku re, Light le re Johnny”. No one will recognize our talent in India; we will go to America; finally Chotu does convince Johnny to apply for US.

But console each other and walk out of the café; they never try to think why did they not get the job! Just think; I am defending my selection (say I am the Manager)

- Third guy, I am a startup-up firm and I need some one flexible to take up the job. The work will not be Rocket-science and he will catch up in 1-2 months. Company needs some one flexible.
- Fourth guy, he already has some Experience so he is good as he will catch up fast, but he is jumping his job so soon that means he is not a Team Person or he is not so good at work.
- Second guy, he has lots of Experience in a big firm, I can't afford him and also he may not be willing to work in a small firm and he may leave the firm any time. He is just looking this job as a temporary job and he has some personal plans
- First guy, he is good, topper but these guys either go for big jobs or not so flexible so I don't wanna offer him a job. Generally such guys are very rigid and you can't mould them easily.

Don't know why but this is a fact –

When you graduate and looking for a Job, Companies hire GPA 3.4 to GPA 3.7 guys first and then the GPA 4.0 guys get job next. Always the topper gets job after 2-3 guys in the batch get. Why Reason? Now “Milk is white”- why: Don't know

- Fifth & Sixth guys, your Bindas Chotu & Johnny > “Naseeb, bad luck”!

The company picks the third guy, as they will be looking for a smart and young chap who can blend in to the TEAM. Company did not offer job to first guy as he was over Qualified for job and also to second one bcos they fear he might also leave his company and his comp any is way too small for those people -; so he picks the third guy

Well. Is it luck?

He earned his job and that's one need to get a research or teaching position; it's all timing

Now see this way - The Company is the Professor of a pretty good school, (say rank 40-100) who is active in some research and building his lab and who has a research position and needs students (support, AID) and six students from India send applications to him for the research position -

1. First guy is the one with GRE score of 1500 and BE 80 %
2. Second guy is a Guy who is trying for PHD (for aid) or MS which ever, he also has good profile
3. A 1250 GRE guy, 75 % BE, good projects, good profile with a good approach, keeps in touch with profs and sensible in emailing, shows interest in research.
4. A transfer student in some another university in the US.
5. Our Bindas “Chotu”, All of his friends applied for MS so he also applied and waiting for i20 to come. Some one tells send an email to prof so that he will fund you- ok did it !
6. Johnny kaka -Gad-bad kaka, this guy has good scores but keeps on mailing to profs for AID, I want aid, he sends 2-3 emails a week, and irks the profs. Just Attach resume FWD to all Profs – hi-fi resume - (some one told him if you send good resume to prof, he will give AID). Johnny has all the new latest works in his resume-

Now Just think whom will the Prof pick and why?

A prof from a decent school will not take these first guy and second guy as he fears they will leave him and go to an Excellent top ranked school so he will not go for them; many students join a Prof and leave him in middle of research which is a great loss for him – so he will pick the guy who is suitable to his TEAM!

The 5th guy “chotu” will not get chosen bcos he is not even interested in; the way of approach is bad, 4th guy prof may think of helping him and considering him and 6th guy Johnny will not get / Even if ehe gets he is in trouble some day- Professors can say be seeing the resume and the way you write the way Present, how good your profile is – they can read you! Cant just bluff tem all the while (can bluff for an extent). They want a student who is sensible in their team not some one who doesn't know what's he is doing.

Prof will pick the 3rd guy.

That's how things work and this is what one needs to be to get AID.A decent profile and a good Approach. Hope that makes sense and be positive; try to be the third guy in the story!

Finally, Our Chotu and Johnny kaka get i20s and VISA's and get to US and go after profs for a couple of weeks and do not get financial support and finally they meet in a bar one Friday night and instead of Irani chai, hold a Budweiser beer and a Marlboro Cigarette –

“ Kya re Chotu, Mera college me sab Ko AID mail ra re, muje koi nahi dera”.
“ Apna Naseeb re”

After 2 years: Chotu & Johnny graduate from school and get good jobs!
Happy ending (Indian story Na!)

Regards,

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