

PARDEEP

So how'd it go?

DEV

Um, I didn't get it. They wanted me to do an accent, so

PARDEEP

What, you don't know how to do it? It's super easy, man. I just do an impression of my Uncle Madu.

DEV

No, I know how to do it. I just feel weird doing that voice. Do you always just do the accent?

PARDEEP

No, I don't always do it, but it's a cab driver. I mean, I don't think it's a big deal.

DEV

Yeah, but isn't it frustrating, so much of the stuff we go out for is just stereotypes? Cab driver, scientist, IT guy.

PARDEEP

Yeah, but it's not all like that. I mean, look at this. I just got this one today. "Pradeep, East Indian man with a spiritual air, full of philosophical platitudes. He runs a convenience store, has a funny Indian accent. This is not a good example.

DEV

Look, I get it. There probably is a Pradeep who runs a convenience store, and I have nothing against him, but why can't there be a Pradeep just once who's, like, an architect, or he designs mittens or does one of the jobs Bradley Cooper's characters do in movies?

PARDEEP

Dude, I think about that too. I just can't wait for that. I got to work. And, look, in the meantime, I can do good things with this Pradeep money. I mean, I can go donate money to charity. I can buy cool clothes.

DEV

Well, at least they're actually getting Indian actors to do those roles now and not going the Short Circuit 2 route.

PARDEEP

What's wrong with Short Circuit 2?

DEV

They got a white guy to play an Indian guy.

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What, the rob The robot movie? With Johnny Five?

DEV

Wait, you don't know this?

PARDEEP

Wait, which Indian guy are you talking about?

DEV

Dude. That guy's a white guy.

PARDEEP

The robot or the Indian?

DEV

The Indian guy is a white guy. That's Fisher Stevens. They used brownface makeup.

PARDEEP

Wait, what?

DEV

Yeah. They got a real robot and a fake Indian.

PARDEEP

I'm sorry, man. I'm just Wow, I'm experiencing a lot of emotions right now.

[sighs] Man, that's, like, one of my favorite Indian actors.

Dude, it still happens.