

Yogi

The curse of Gupt Nagar

Ravi Das is a corporate office worker used to late nights, unfinished tasks, and systems that reward silence over confrontation. In his professional life, Ravi has learned that things run more smoothly when individuals do not ask questions or get involved beyond what is expected of them. He notices inefficiency, imbalance, and quiet exploitation but chooses to adapt rather than resist. For Ravi, survival has always meant keeping his head down and moving forward.

One night, after another long day at work, Ravi falls asleep on a late-night train while returning home. When he wakes, the train has stopped at an unfamiliar, nearly abandoned station. Disoriented, he steps onto the platform, only to watch the train depart and leave him behind. A brief phone call with a colleague grounds the moment: they remark on Ravi's habit of staying late, taking responsibility no one notices, and accepting extra work simply because it is easier than pushing back. Ravi acknowledges this casually; it is how he has always lived.

Unable to exit the station through normal means, Ravi is forced to move forward into a dense forest. When he tries to return, two silent men block the path back without explanation. With no choice left, Ravi continues onward and reaches a secluded village suffocating under fear and decay. The villagers suffer from poisoned water sources, sickness, and quiet desperation, yet avoid speaking openly.

Ravi soon learns that the village is controlled by a man known as the Yogi, who poisons the water and rations clean supply in exchange for bribes. The villagers comply not because they trust him, but because resistance carries consequences. Outsiders are offered money and told to leave in silence. Those who refuse are never seen again. Ravi recognizes the structure immediately; it mirrors the systems he has spent his working life navigating, where authority remains unquestioned and silence keeps things functioning.

As Ravi searches for food, shelter, and a way out, villagers cautiously ask for his help. Each request reflects the village's dependence and fear. Ravi can choose to help or refuse, but every decision has permanent consequences. Helping earns access, trust, and temporary relief; refusal closes paths forever. Like his work life, progress comes through compliance and efficiency, not justice.

Eventually, Ravi reaches the Yogi's Ashram and uncovers the truth: the poisoning is deliberate, performed through a hidden magical ritual that channels corruption into the village's water supply. The Yogi confronts Ravi calmly and offers him the same deal given to every outsider before him: money in exchange for silence and departure.

This moment reflects Ravi's lifelong pattern. Accepting the bribe means leaving without consequence, preserving the system through non-interference. Refusing means direct confrontation with authority and accepting the cost of involvement.

YOGI is the story of an ordinary man whose habits of quiet compliance are tested inside a system that survives because people choose not to interfere. Ravi's journey is not about becoming a hero, but about recognizing that neutrality is never passive and deciding whether he will continue to live by it.