

YEAR OF THE RUNNAWAYS

Near a church, she stopped and looked across the green depth of the country, at the vast spirit of the giant hills. Is that where she was hiding? Help me, she said. Someone help me. He wasn't there and she didn't know why he'd gone.

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I'll cook. And you'll be doing me a favour. It gets scary at night when he's away

Our own people are the worst at bleeding us dry
Vidya 340

We can't afford to become involved with other peoples problems.
Husband
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vidya never went to the pool now Narjiner went simply because she enjoyed it, which felt like a scandal and perhaps a little shameful thing to admit
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they took their belongings everywhere with them these days, now that stealing had become so common in the house
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Bhaji! Randeep said, holding out his hand. Avtar was looking at randeep, looking at randeeps hand. Looking at randeep holding out his hand.
Bhajo, Bhaji please!
Avrat looked away, the door slammed shut.
That's it, he herd the man say
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(On getting a job for the first time) Tears had come to Narinders eyes. It felt as if for the first time in years some joy had entered her life.

But you cant! (make him leave). This is gods house!
We have to think of everyone who uses the gurdwara. Try to understand.
But my father worked in government. You can't kick me out.

You ae always welcome, but maybe it would be better if you were with people in the same difficulties as you.
Granthi and randeep

I wont let her do it again. I'll kill her first. Shes getting married, and then shes someone elses prolem.
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You can change lights now!
Its nor nard baba
I gues not, what else can you do?