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# Uttama Villain

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"Have you fallen in love  
for a single kiss?"

"Oh sensuous flower,  
are you attracted?"

"Have you fallen in love  
for a single kiss?"

"Oh sensuous flower,  
are you attracted?"

"Fallen in love for my  
eyes and voice?"

"Is it a soulful love or  
neck deep love?"

"Your single kiss is  
enough to get lured"

"In neck deep love,  
my Casanova"

"None can conquer  
you in bed"

"Your shadow is enough  
to be lured"

"You're an irresistible magnet"

"Even a stone can  
stick to you"

"No peak is untouched by you"

"I melted in love  
at seeing you"

"Your single kiss is enough  
to get lured"

"In neck deep love,  
my Casanova"

"Our nights never end"

"Hands become wings"

"Forget your sleep"

"Is this called love?"

"Your single kiss is enough  
to get lured"

"In neck deep love,  
my Casanova"

"You're the master of kisses"

"None to beat you in kissing"

"Kissing is the origin to ecstasy"

"You're exploring me like  
a scheming hunter"

"Will capture and topple you"  
"Have you fallen in love  
for a single kiss?"  
"Oh sensuous flower,  
are you attracted?"  
"Fallen in love for  
my eyes and voice?"  
"Is it a soulful love or  
neck deep love?"  
Welcome...  
He's almost here  
Your...our...hero  
- Invite the producer first  
- Oh ok  
But first I'd like to  
call up on the dais  
...the godfather of film producers  
Mr.Manoranjan's father-in-law  
Mr.Poornachandra Rao  
- Hey Mano...look at grandpa!  
- I've seen my grandpa mom  
Ok, keep it!  
Give it to him after  
the movie Ma  
- A sip of this, my dear?  
- Bad for health grandma  
God! It won't kill you  
to act your age  
But that drink might  
Your arrogance is the only thing  
in common with your Dad  
Atleast he is a film star  
How dare you...?  
- What do you say to that applause?  
- That's just sound  
Maybe for you...  
but it's their love  
Where are you off to?  
Hey! He's got the phone!  
Let him go  
Hey...sound guy...  
Turn the volume down  
It's hurting my head  
Why're you guys cheering at that?

The film hasn't given  
you a headache, right?  
- Chokku  
- Sir?  
- My head is aching  
- Would you like a tablet?  
- Where is my hip flask?  
- Oh no! They did give it to me  
I forgot it at home  
I'm the actor  
You're the manager  
Don't act with me  
I can't slip anything by you  
I know this is nectar but...  
I know...it'll kill me  
Only in excess  
Turn around...  
It's medicine in the right doses  
I know I don't have to remind you  
about the party...if you're discreet...  
Hey...take sir to the washroom  
on the first floor  
Don't let anyone bother him there  
or click selfies with him  
See another guy here  
don't click the photo  
I swear Indira I love you...  
My mom forced me to  
attend this stupid premiere  
The first floor toilet is closed  
send everybody to the one upstairs  
- Where did he go?  
- Sent him upstairs sir  
Sir...  
You can go  
The echo?  
I'm in the loo here  
Yeah yeah...Dad's new film  
Don't ask! It's disgusting!  
He's done a wheelie  
with the heroine in front  
Isn't he supposed to  
gas up the bike?  
I don't know

they're saying it's a hit  
What crap people  
are watching!  
But can I sacrifice  
the truth for a few hairs?  
Ok forget about all that  
We have a room in the hotel  
and there's the garden also  
- Welcome doctor  
- Good evening  
Why so late?  
The first song is over  
Had clinic today  
How's our hero today?  
Complaining of  
frequent headaches  
After drinking to celebrate?  
Why's he drinking everyday now?  
He says that's the only  
thing helping his headaches  
You're his supplier  
shouldn't you advise him?  
When does he listen to me?  
It's my job to listen to him you're  
his doctor...he'll listen to you  
Oh yes!  
As if...  
Special guest!  
Let her through  
Doctor, I think there's a problem  
Don't go and sit down  
watch the movie from here  
Do you have your bag?  
- Not this one your medical bag  
- What happened? Is he ok?  
I'll check and come  
- Where is he?  
- Here sir  
Bloody hell!  
Is this how you guard a body?  
Come here...  
Listen...nobody...nobody  
should enter inside the bathroom  
Say it's out of order

Lock it  
- Sorry sir! Not possible  
- Why?  
There's only 1 toilet to a floor  
and it's 5 minutes to interval  
This is ridiculous  
- Grab his legs  
- What sir?  
Grab his legs  
My name is Chokkalinga chettiyar  
Won't you do if I don't tell my name?  
Go grab his legs  
Oh heavenly goddess!  
Turn him...turn him  
Come on...come on...  
Set him down  
Oh God!...  
Come sir  
Hey Singh...lift  
- Spit?  
- Yes  
Why're you spitting  
instead of lifting?  
- Me...up...lift  
- Lift you? Why didn't you say so!  
Lift up  
Little more...little more  
Don't let go  
Let me down  
- Move your head  
- Yes sir  
God! Don't shake!  
Can't you just say yes?  
Oh heavenly goddess!  
Singh...if anyone asks  
You did this correctly  
Idiot  
Chokku...wait  
We're going to the hotel  
Tell your boss to come there directly  
He can change there itself  
What is wrong with you?  
- Just 5 minutes...Toilet emergency  
- Upset stomach?

Ok, leave it  
How dare he leave  
when I'm still talking?  
Come here!  
Always on that blessed phone  
- Go get the car ready  
- Here, have some  
Anything on 4 wheels  
As long as it doesn't  
backchat like you  
Such a chatterbox  
Mr.Manohar  
Where is the party?  
The party?  
At the Sheraton  
Take some more, my dear  
Enough popcorn, Ma  
We have to eat dinner right  
So will this film also  
collect 100 crores, sir?  
A - that's not for me to say  
the audience will decide  
B - First day collections  
...record break  
But sir, Mr. Manoranjan's guru  
Mr. Maragadarisi says  
...he is so talented  
that all he needs  
...is a good script  
not a huge budget  
- That's his opinion  
- Exactly!  
Chokku, I can't go into  
the men's washroom!  
How will you manage this?  
Me?  
How will 'we' manage...  
What!  
Sir...sir...  
What are you shooting there?  
Sir?  
Did Chokku give you  
a bottle that he refilled?  
Yes sir

Give it...  
Not in front of the fans!  
Use your head!  
Stop acting  
Is it really hurting?  
Yes...I swear...  
It's not the alcohol  
it's your torch light  
Your career needs the lights  
...not the alcohol  
Agreed, then I need good medicines  
Yours don't work  
Ok...take your shirt off  
We have time for all this?  
- What about the party?  
- Aren't you here for your headache?  
Yes  
Then what is this?  
Treatment...for my headache  
kiss it away  
Wait...my phone  
must be Dr.DS  
- Have you seen the MRI report?  
- Yeah I'm bringing it  
- You're bringing it?  
- Yeah  
Why...hey!  
Hello Dr. DS, M.D.  
How are you, buddy?  
Hey, aren't you her senior?  
M.D. Neurosurgery  
She's just a GP and  
she's hassling me  
What's she saying?  
Tell me...is it wrong to drink?  
- It is wrong  
- It is injurious to health  
Injurious to health  
any fool knows that  
Will I die immediately?  
No, right?  
- It's not rat poison  
- Of course not, buddy  
Right on! You're not

just an M.D...much greater  
- Let me get a word in  
- To say what?  
Need to tell you something  
- Tell me at the party  
- At least give her the phone  
You can see her  
at the party too  
Hey...don't...  
Why did you hang up?  
I needed to talk to him!  
We need to know  
the MRI result  
Do you need an MRI  
to see into my brain?  
Look into my eyes  
- Move  
- Why?  
This is a clinic  
That was also a clinic...where you  
kissed me 5 seconds ago  
That was just a peck  
Left to you  
you'd kiss me till I'm breathless  
What?  
Your wife's expecting  
you at the party  
- Yes...she'll kill me  
- Exactly  
My secret lover, get going  
Ok...see you at the party  
What is this  
and since when?  
Ok come to the party  
"Have you fallen in love  
for a single kiss?"  
You're sure  
they can't see us?  
Oh God!  
Are they clapping for us?  
"Fallen in love for  
my eyes and voice?"  
Come...please come  
Please have dinner

Who are you looking at?  
Who is he?  
What did he want?  
I think he wants to  
blackmail me for money  
With what?  
- He says I have a girl  
- Girl means...  
With whom?  
How would he know Yamini?  
- It's impossible  
- Are you sure?  
Which of the two?  
Definitely not  
He's lying  
Then inform the commissioner  
and get him arrested  
You have only one son  
Then get this fellow locked up  
and keep my name out of it  
- Our next film is 'Adi Sankara'  
- How are you?  
Here he is! We were just  
talking about you & your film  
Carry on...carry on...  
that's how it grows, right?  
- Have you eaten?  
- We shall...  
- So...not yet?  
- When have we eaten before you?  
- Then come...let's eat  
- Go ahead...I have to meet some friends  
He will fulfill his duty first  
Please...let her go  
She'll be right here  
Ganesh...let go  
Manohar! You're a man now!  
Just yesterday you were a cute baby...  
- I want a copy of that  
- Girish, give it to her  
Where's dad?  
Dad? Last saw him upstairs  
I like your hair by the way...very nice  
- Who is this?

- Oh! Girlfriend  
You're really a big  
man now! Enjoy...  
Do you really like her hair?  
I actually like short hair  
Shall I cut my hair then?  
Our doctor...drinks?  
Not usually...  
- You handle this...I'll check on them  
- Where're you going?  
- Why close the curtain, uncle?  
- That's what it's meant for, right?  
What were you doing  
behind the video screen?  
Touche? Much worse  
if your mother finds out  
For whom?  
The both of you  
What the hell!  
Margadarisi is badmouthing your film  
Have you heard?  
A - we can't discuss it  
when it's sub-judice  
Sit down man  
sit...sit  
B - Mr.Margadarisi has earned  
Mr. Manoranjan many awards  
But what use are they?  
To scrape his tongue?  
Yes, they're useless  
- But his star status...that...  
- Was because of you  
Oh Lord! No...no  
I'm just a...  
what do you call it?  
He is Telugu  
I'll tell you...an instrument  
Yes only an instrument...like a jeweler  
But my son-in-law...he is gold!  
Hello Dr...why so late?  
- I've been here awhile...I met Chokku  
- Yes he did  
Mr. Manoranjan  
has a headache

I've given him a sedative  
He's resting now  
- Oh no!  
- Nothing to worry  
- How's your BP?  
- Co-existing! Side-by-side  
We can't treat you separately  
Those sweets are for  
someone else, right?  
Dr! Let her be...it's just one day  
poor baby...you eat, my dear  
I'm a neurosurgeon  
This is not my area of expertise  
What does your lady  
Dr.friend say about this?  
I don't pay attention  
to all that, if I did  
...I would have died of  
frustration a year ago  
Forget about that...your friend has  
gone to bed on an empty stomach  
That's ok  
It's just one day  
Absolutely...he has to  
be fresh for tomorrow  
By the way, where's Dr Arpana?  
She was with you...  
She has an early day too  
Gone to bed  
Her also?  
In the same hotel?  
Are you insane?  
She's gone home  
- Come on...I need a drink  
- Of course! I'll get you a large one  
Pour...pour...  
What is it? Does she  
want to marry my boss?  
Oh god! Is she pregnant?  
She's a doctor, can't she have an abortion?  
Stop your vulgar blabbing  
You don't know anything  
Yes but when the shit hits the fan  
I have to clean it

That's my worry  
You'll have much bigger things  
to worry about  
Welcome sir  
- Cam 1...sir's close up  
- Have you told her to focus on the next film  
Sir told us not to speak of the  
'Adi sankara' film  
Why?  
He must have been distracted  
He's in a great mood...We gave him  
a coffee for his headache  
- His friend is also here  
- Who?  
There...the one in  
the second row with the coat  
This fellow!  
He's a Malayali  
gave me his card  
- I have one too  
- Yes...Jacob Zachariah  
Hey Anu!  
Stop drooling and begin  
Sir...we all have our favourite  
scenes from your movies  
Like that, what is the most  
exciting moment in your life?  
This  
But, what is so special  
in this moment?  
What are you  
thinking so deeply, sir?  
This applause itself is special, right?  
But you've heard this applause  
so many times...  
Perhaps but...  
An artiste is always unsure  
whether he will be applauded again  
So...I have that insecurity too  
Cam - 3 cover the audience  
See...your longing is satisfied  
Let's rewind a bit  
when Manoranjan is 24 yrs old  
You've made 5 classic films

all with Mr. Margadarisi  
But your 6th film...mega budget  
made you a huge star  
Produced by your now father-in-law  
That was also when you got married  
Tell me honestly,  
was that young Mano...  
...entranced by cinema  
or Miss Varalakshmi?  
She knew that you loved  
cinema over all else  
But your betrayal  
broke her heart  
Your father-in-law gave her  
a lot of money to leave you alone  
But she didn't touch a penny of it  
even though she desperately needed it  
She didn't take the money  
didn't have an abortion either  
If she had, I wouldn't have  
my daughter Manonmani  
Yamini named her  
We have another daughter too  
You are a great man  
Everyone lied to me  
Even Chokku  
Let that go! They did  
what they thought was best for you  
You know, my career was in  
Poonachandra Rao's hands  
I was a kid  
with big dreams  
In that conflict...my life  
We are Catholics you know  
but when I told my mother  
She did not forbid it  
I've known 2 great  
ladies in this world  
My mother and Yamini  
But both are gone now  
Yamini...she's no more now  
She's gone  
I'm here for my wife's sake now  
It was her last wish that Manonmani

meet her biological father  
I'm not asking  
for anything else  
I have never refused her  
anything that's why...  
- Does my daughter...sorry your daughter  
- They're both the same sir  
Does she know this?  
She does...But we told her a bit late  
After her degree  
Time flies by, right Mano?  
Would you like  
to see Mano's photo?  
When she was in school  
That's during her degree  
Is this something a sane  
person would do?  
Don't forget your next  
film is 'Adi Sankara'  
The press will have a field day  
One photo of you as a saint  
and the next one of you  
as a 'Married Bachelor'  
Manoranjan's Love Tales  
The film will stop halfway and  
then the producer will come to me  
Where are you  
walking off to?  
- Return the advance of that film  
- Which? Why?  
I don't have  
the time to do it  
Say's who? I've given  
them a block of 90 days  
- I have some other work at that time  
- All 90 days? What work is that?  
- Another film  
- With whom?  
My guru, Mr. Margadarisi  
Which fellow is producing it?  
I am  
Ok  
Have you told your  
father-in-law?

And then?  
Do you work for me?  
Or for him?  
- That's not what I asked  
- Answer my question  
I work for you  
Then get an appointment  
with Mr. Margadarisi asap  
But at his convenience  
Can you or can't you?  
Of course...but if you  
asked our lawyer  
I just asked  
that's all  
Here he is...  
Get out of the way  
Open the gate...he's here  
Close the gate  
I can't let you  
in just like that  
Why does a gathering of journalists  
turn into a shouting match?  
I being the PRO man,  
knew just 20 minutes ago  
You'll know as soon as the meeting is over  
How can your Mano sir leave  
without answering us?  
Didn't I promise you  
an interview afterwards?  
So stop shouting!  
Do I look like a fool?  
Why ask us that? Don't you  
have a mirror at home?  
Aishu darling! So funny! Move  
your hand before it gets crushed  
Lakshmana, are they doing  
a film together after 14 years?  
Why? I've already made  
so many with you  
Reached you to  
the absolute peak  
That's true sir  
but I want one film now  
And whatever you want

you must get...at any price  
But all your money can't  
buy this Margadarisi  
Don't say that, sir  
just one film...  
so people don't forget us  
don't forget me sir  
Nobody will forget you, my boy!  
You have your father-in-law  
to remind them  
Sir, I'm no king! I'm an actor  
You made me one  
I don't know how to  
make films for big stars  
I must have a story  
And a story is not a platform ticket  
available at your whim and fancy  
I must find it convincing  
I don't have one like that  
Do you?  
No sir  
So simple! It's impossible  
Please go  
- Sir, Dr. Arpana is here  
- Who?  
I asked her to join us, sir  
with your permission, may I...?  
No need!  
Did I ask for it?  
Ok sir  
take it back...go down  
- Shall I return when you're done?  
- No...no  
I'm done talking  
Done  
Please don't say that sir  
Be kind sir...please  
Kindness won't cut it here  
You need a story big enough to fit  
the halo around your head  
We can catch  
hold of that sir  
Are you going fishing?  
Ok go, catch one...let's see

Sir...give me 1 minute  
to tell you my story please  
1 minute?  
An arrogant man like me  
Who thinks tomorrow  
is far in the future  
His world is one day  
shattered by two things  
Suddenly he has no time to say  
'I love you', 'Thank you', 'I'm sorry'  
Doctors say he has  
a brain tumor  
What?  
Cancer?  
Get out of here  
I thought you'd  
say something new  
Tamil cinema has  
done it to death  
That was my first film  
You yourself have done several  
Every story needs  
a rhyme and reason  
Sir this...this is the reason  
What?  
We have to find the story now  
I don't understand!  
I can't explain  
the technicalities of it  
That's why I've brought  
the doctor along  
Don't fool around like this!  
Is this true?  
You gave me a great time  
in the industry  
But now the time is running out  
I want my last film  
to be with you sir  
Sir sir...please don't refuse sir  
I'm not refusing!  
What is this?  
Doctor is this true?  
What abomination is this?  
I'm 83

He's just a boy  
How is this possible?  
What Dr...what is this?  
Oh Lord!  
It's manageable if it was  
in the frontal lobe  
It's at the back  
Can't you operate?  
We could...  
But...  
In his case...  
He has some complications  
- She's asking for the bathroom  
- Over there  
Come...come here  
Sit down  
- Sir, I'll sit there  
- No, sit down here  
Sorry sir  
I'm a bit...I'm usually  
stronger than this  
Me too, my dear  
But in Mano's case  
I love this rascal  
Me too, sir  
Who doesn't love this boy?  
Everybody loves him, everybody  
Okay  
I'll make your film  
as you like, happy?  
How much time  
will you give me?  
Don't have much  
of it to give, sir  
My God! My God!  
I shouldn't have asked  
Okay, tell me what kind of film  
you want to make?  
I'm ready  
Okay, sir  
No one else knows about this, sir  
Alright  
Let's keep this to ourselves  
I want the audience

to exit the theatre laughing  
Let's make a comedy film, sir  
Go home laughing?  
Laughing?  
Okay, my boy  
we'll make a comedy  
Uttama Villain!  
Who will finance it when both  
the partners are fighting in court?  
We've withdrawn the case with mutual  
understanding and submitted in writing  
Why didn't you write  
this house over to him?  
You ask me for everything  
food, drink, bath water, your scotch  
Didn't you think to  
ask me about this?  
Why should I?  
Why should you...  
Not needed,  
Mr. Manoranjan  
I'm not needed here anymore  
Now you have the great  
Mr. Margadarisi to advice you  
It's best that I fade out  
Leaving me alone, Daddy?  
Nobody has to leave  
anybody and go!  
Family, my foot! Family doesn't learn  
of your decisions on the TV  
That's your audience...  
Not me  
Daddy, admit me in the hospital  
or take me home  
I want to come too, Ma  
What, is this a joke?  
Selfish to the core  
Just like your father  
Look at him sitting there  
Don't you have anything to say?  
There's plenty  
But if you react like this  
to a small thing  
Calm down

I'll tell you later  
Oh! So you have bigger secrets?  
Come daddy, let's go home  
Don't sit like a statue  
say something  
I will when your BP comes down  
That will come down  
when there's good news  
Okay, I won't tell you  
Daddy, I'm going to pack, let's go  
Atleast say bye  
See?  
This is it  
Hey Arumugam,  
have you forgotten?  
Who you are?  
A good for nothing orphan  
I picked you up off the streets  
and married you to a goddess  
Is this your gratitude?  
Varalakshmi is my life  
My world  
If anything happens to her  
you'll die by my hand  
Oh! You'll murder me?  
If necessary  
This Poornachandra Rao  
does not lie  
Well, if your threat is real  
A - it would be the biggest favor  
you could ever do me  
B - You'll go to jail and  
I won't be there to see it  
I'm leaving now  
Wait! This house is mine, right?  
Or does your daughter, Varalakshmi  
Thank you  
I will leave  
- You will regret this  
- I will not  
- Let's see  
- Let's see  
Namaste  
- Chokku

- Sir?  
Namaste  
Yes sir...yes sir...definitely sir  
If we place the Akela here  
Don't do it  
he'll get worked up  
Sir please, must I  
wear this crown?  
It's very heavy, sir  
Yes sir, it is a bit heavy  
As it is actors are big headed  
Imagine them playing royalty  
Anyway, listen to the story first  
Okay, sir  
Long long ago...  
I mean...  
Oh no!  
Don't be afraid  
this is what folklore is  
Characters are in black and white  
but we shoot in color  
Hero's name is 'Uttaman'  
the film is called 'Uttama Villain'  
But 'Villain' is  
an English word!  
Won't you lose the Tamil Nadu  
tax benefit because of an English title?  
Oh wow! She seems  
to be a smart girl  
A very smart girl  
Who said 'Villain'  
isn't a Tamil word?  
One who fights with  
a 'Mallu' is a 'Mallan'  
and one who fights  
with a 'Villu' is a 'Villain'  
Arjun is a 'Villain' & Sivan  
is the greatest of them all  
- Hey...hey...hey...cut cut cut  
- The 'Kurinji' has a song that-  
Uttaman is a street actor in  
the kingdom of 'Muthuvala Nadu'  
He's playing Arjuna in the scene where  
he asks for the bow from Lord Siva

We're using a fusion of  
Villupattu & Kerala's 'Theyyam'  
The song is the narrator  
the dance brings it alive  
Are you ready, sir?  
This is the great Subbu...  
Subbu Arumugam  
He is a legend  
The authority on 'Villupattu'  
Let's hear the opening  
"Bless us, O Goddess  
As we begin our song in verse"  
"Bless us as we sing with music  
and instrument in rhythm..."  
"...enacted in the great theatre forms  
of the Pandian and Chera kingdoms"  
"...to tell the tale of Arjuna's plea  
for Lord Shiva's weapon"  
"...in a Grand performance"  
"Betwixt the sky above and the earth  
below stands the Great Archer"  
"...and his story will now be  
told by this painted actor"  
"Please narrate to  
the world, O Wise One!"  
"I have beheld a Miracle  
akin to a truthful politician!"  
"With great tenacity I have achieved  
mastery over many battle skills"  
"Is it the fruit of my  
penance to Lord Shiva"  
"...that the world trembles  
at the sound of Arjuna's name?"  
"The Lord's Weapon  
is now Arjuna's"  
"Eternally Victorious!  
The world's greatest Artist"  
"Lord Shiva!  
I bow to you"  
"The bounty of Shiva's  
blessing is all-pervasive!"  
"O Shiva! Beloved of your Consort  
O Cosmic Dancer!"  
"The Lord, who dances

unpaid in the temple"  
"King Arjuna, who performs  
on his own strength"  
"Why do you dance on one leg?  
Are you giddy dancing on both?"  
"Ganga on your head  
Drum in your hand..."  
"Woman by your side  
O merciful mother!"  
Hey! This is a snake!  
You'll die if it bites you, get away  
A snake?  
Just wait and see  
No no...don't do that  
It's a snake...a snake!  
It's on the stick...  
Snake! Snake! Snake!  
Oh no! My snake...my snake...  
Climb the tree everyone  
There's danger on the ground  
Ow! Who is it?  
Who pinched me? Who bit me?  
Where did it go?  
Oh no!  
4 people are dead  
Our man is in agony!  
Suck the poison out!  
So what if he's one of us  
I can't put my mouth there  
- The 5th one is dead too  
- Oh no!  
It's my snake or what!  
You were a snake charmer  
without knowing that?  
Oh no! Don't kill it!  
Not my snake...no not my snake  
Five people are dead!  
Water...water...!  
- You want water now, useless fellow?  
- I didn't say anything  
Then was it the voice of God?  
Put that rice in the orphan corpse's mouth  
Ghost! Ghost!  
Oh no...! Oh Lord...!

Ghost! Ghost!  
"Ghost...ghost  
ghost...ghost"  
"The voice of Uttaman was  
not understood by the people"  
"Oh! They screamed those  
with ghosts within them"  
"Ghost! Ghost!  
Ghost! Ghost!"  
"The villagers ran their heels  
slapping the nape of their necks"  
"Those with dancing ghosts within  
Accused Uttaman the dancer as ghost"  
"How did Uttaman rise  
magically from the pyre?"  
"Having bitten 4 the snake on  
the 5th bite ran out of poison"  
"Uttaman survived the teeth  
of the venom less snake"  
"A rational mind would  
have understood"  
"Alas! None of that  
kind lived in that village"  
"Ghost! Ghost! Ghost!"  
"The village tried to  
appease Uttaman's soul"  
"...by stuffing themselves  
with a feast in his honor"  
"Relentless and tireless they  
ate through the storm and rain"  
"Cursing his fate of attending  
his own funeral lunch"  
"Uttaman was the last to be fed"  
Worthless when he was alive  
but look at his funeral feast  
May his actor's soul  
rest in peace  
I would die every day  
for such a feast!  
Some more please  
May my soul rest in peace  
Huh!  
Is it you?  
Please don't shout

let me finish eating  
Ghost! Ghost!  
- No! No!  
- Ghost! Ghost!  
No one panic! Someone  
check for both his feet  
- But he's sitting cross legged  
- Nonsense! Can you see his feet?  
I see them!  
Ghost has stuffed my mouth  
Sir! I have two  
Here's one  
Oh languishing spirit!  
What do you want?  
2 vadai, 2 sweet pancakes  
a little sambar...give me  
Give it  
It's asking, isn't it?  
Yes...please give me  
Give!  
Is the ghost dead?  
Is it dead?  
That's how one becomes a ghost!  
"Uttaman strapped tightly  
to the funeral plank"  
"They walked again to  
the cremation ground"  
Water  
Water  
'Uttaman's thirst for life was  
quenched by the rising river'  
'The water entered the town'  
'The bamboo plank  
became Uttaman's float'  
'While others drowned'  
'The river gargled and spat out  
Uttaman granting him immortality'  
'The dam breaching  
mud coloured deluge'  
Water as far as the eye can see  
but not a drop to drink  
Oh Lord! Give me  
some water!  
That's enough

that's enough  
Amazing! I truly am a great man  
I'm in heaven!  
This nightingale is great too  
it has also entered heaven  
Bird droppings?  
Bird droppings mean this must not  
cannot...is not...heaven!  
Ah! The traipsing deer  
The dancing peacock  
The grazing rabbit  
Lord! Please send me  
something to eat  
Aah! Crocodile!  
I asked for something to eat and  
you send something to eat me!  
Lord! Release your discus  
and kill the beast!  
Oh no! Oh no!  
Oh no! Oh no!  
But wait...it pulls me too  
Lord! I don't want to die  
I won't die! I won't die  
- He didn't die of the snakebite  
- He didn't die  
- He didn't die of the blow  
- He didn't die  
Know why? Because he chanted  
the names of Lord Narayana  
The name of your Lord  
makes him immortal? Atrocious!  
- Immortal meaning?  
- One who has conquered death  
Hah! No one has ever  
survived this waterfall  
He would have reached  
Kailash by now  
- Why not Vaikuntha?  
- Vaikuntha or Kailash  
We'll decide when  
the corpse washes up  
Aah! A miracle  
He is alive!  
Where? Where? Where?

- Look! Uttaman is alive  
- Praise the Lord  
- Aah! - Aah!  
- He is immortal  
Hail, Immortal one!  
I'm okay with  
the last scene  
- You, DP?  
- Okay by me, sir  
Sure?  
I know you won't  
be satisfied till the end  
- I'll be back in a minute  
- Go ahead  
Yeah...yeah, come in  
Hey...come in  
one minute  
Come  
Please dear, come  
Come in, sit down  
No...one minute...  
my car is in front of this van  
To move the van  
I have to move my...  
You look exactly like...  
No! Fortunately I look  
nothing like you  
I'm exactly like my mother  
That's what I was  
going to say  
I didn't know your  
mother was pregnant  
I know  
My mother has told me  
this story many times  
- She told you?  
- Yes  
But I didn't believe it  
But that's irrelevant now  
My father  
I'm here for  
his sake only  
Can you do  
me a favour?

Only if possible  
You have to lie to my father  
that I was polite to you  
That's not a lie  
Jacob Zachariah is my father  
It's the truth and it's  
what makes me happy so  
Happy...that's okay  
But the truth?  
It's my truth  
The one I believe  
You are the lie here  
He's my hero  
you are  
Well, that's in your story  
In mine, I'm trying  
to be the hero  
Can you do me  
this favour or not?  
- Sir!  
- No Parthi, wait outside  
Inform only Chokku.  
No one else  
Get the car ready  
We were just talking  
he just fell down  
We shall...we shall  
just give me a minute  
Would you help me?  
Hold both hands  
We have to lift him onto  
the sofa...grab his legs  
Is it life threatening?  
Actually this is a stage  
4 brain tumor  
Doctors say  
it is incurable  
To tell the truth  
he is sinking  
Have you informed  
his wife and Mr. Rao?  
No sir...they're  
not together now  
What? Not in the house?

Or in his life? Is he alone then?  
They were angry at both  
of you working together  
Mano didn't want  
me to tell you  
Whatever he said, how can they  
leave him at a time like this?  
He hasn't told them  
about the tumour  
- Not even his wife?  
- No  
I've been a faithful  
dog for 27 years  
He didn't tell me either  
Only because I know some Malayalam  
I could understand their conversation  
Or I'd have also  
read it in the papers  
But you know now  
why are you angry?  
Not angry, I'm hurt because  
he chose not to tell me  
And I know why  
he made that choice  
Why?  
That...is between us  
What's the matter with him?  
Feeling tired, buddy?  
Sir! Please come in  
Stay...stay  
I've canceled the shoot  
Rest a bit, don't get up  
No sir, we're on a tight schedule  
I'm good to go, sir  
You're good to go  
but I'm old, I need rest, okay?  
What can I say to that, sir?  
You're the youngest old man I know  
Correct, I'm the youngest old man  
You're the oldest young man  
"While this story pauses here"  
"We are about to tell you  
a story from another place"  
"The King Sadayavarman

ruled Muthuvala Nadu"  
"He ruled justly his  
spectre glowing"  
"All was ruined due to avarice  
and treachery by his relative"  
Long live the King  
Sadayavarman  
Here she comes  
a painting that walks  
The light of the dynasty her  
Highness Princess Karpagavalli  
Long live princess  
The King's wife's brother  
Decided to kill his brother-in-law  
...by loosening some bricks  
of the royal balcony  
Welcome King!  
Long live the King!  
Long live the King!  
Greetings to the King of Kings  
Behold the torrent  
of your subjects!  
Here...here  
Please lean over and see  
Hold on tight  
Let me go...let me go  
Alas! What is this horror!  
Oh Mother Earth, accept me too!  
Don't let go  
No, my King, there is none else  
to safeguard the kingdom  
- Besides, my hands are paining  
- That's also correct  
Alas! Duty calls  
Majesty!  
Your Majesty  
Alas! How can I bear this?  
How can I bear this?  
A month after putting  
the King below the earth  
Mutharasan sent his sister  
to keep royal company  
Go, my little birdie  
So! She seeks the aid of

our neighboring King!  
You! Have you caged  
the Princess's tiger?  
It is done, your Majesty  
See there  
Who has caged my child?  
- It was I  
- Why?  
That child has 4 legs  
I can give you a 2 legged child  
That neighboring King  
Senguttuvan is not fit for it  
- Your Majesty!  
- Get out! She is enough for today  
The Villain tried to rape his  
own sister's daughter.  
The Princess in a mad rage  
chewed his ear and spat it out  
Oh no! She's bitten  
my ear off and spat it out  
Alas! You didn't  
hear my warning  
I did! I do! Even after  
she bit my ear off  
...I can still hear  
First conceal your ear  
No! Not that!  
It should not become known  
that the King doesn't have a ear  
It's a deficit in necessary  
Kingly qualities  
Yes! We can cover  
it with a turban  
No eye should see your ear and  
no ear should hear this news  
What are you blabbering?  
We can change your hairstyle  
to a bun on that side  
First get some medicine and then  
kill the demon who bit my ear  
No  
My King! Continuous deaths are  
not good for the monarchy  
First let us imprison her and

let the madness subside  
So that she can bite  
my other ear off too?  
No, your Majesty,  
so we can have a wedding...  
...to your Majesty  
Don't they say  
marriage cures madness?  
That is an old saying  
We want not old  
but everything new  
...that is our aim  
Imprison her!  
Ah! I can hear! Minister,  
we must stitch my ear and...  
- Oh no! Where is my ear?  
- Here, it was here  
Where?  
Oh no! It had a gold earring too  
Keep quiet!  
Correct, what does it matter  
when the ear is gone?  
- It was a good ear  
- But we have the right ear  
It can never be  
equal to the left  
Big...ministers you are!  
The dictator's reign  
brought peace to none  
Including the guilty Mutharasan  
The superstitious Mutharasan  
was warned of dark times  
'May you have a horrible death'  
His death was confirmed  
by the sacred texts and...  
...shook him to the core  
As he sat terrified  
word came of Uttaman  
...who'd cheated  
death five times  
Mutharasan commanded  
he be brought to court  
Go and get him  
- Hey! Are really immortal?

- Nothing of the sort  
- Can't you be stoned to death?  
- I most definitely can  
Lets try and see  
10 stones for a coin!  
10 stones for a coin!  
Take it  
Brother! What kind  
of business is this?  
"Stones for sale  
Stones for sale"  
"Stones for sale"  
He who has cheated death!  
You have immortality?  
Give me some  
Oh God, woman!  
Would I keep it to myself?  
Your Highness, someone  
has started a rumour...  
...that this fellow  
is immortal  
- What is your name?  
- Some Uttama  
- Some Uttama...  
- No! Just Uttama  
- He has two names?  
- Uttaman!  
Do you know why you  
have been summoned?  
Don't you think that you  
have been bound in chains...  
...and brought here  
for the sheer fun of it?  
What is this?  
I expected a witty response...  
...but he just stands there  
This is the Immortal One?  
Not at all  
That is what...  
I'm dead  
No, Your Highness  
he is died  
But that is what  
he too says

- No, your Highness, he denies it

- Just answer the question

No, your Highness

It was this snake charmer

who hit him on my order

Yes, I hit him and he died

Before that he

died of a snakebite

Wait! He was also

bitten by a snake?

Yes

Then why did you spare

the snake and hit him?

- The dead snake was mine

- Then this fellow?

He also dead

Majesty...!

- First was the snake bite...

- No, this is the Princess's bite

Your Highness! This is

meant for the right ear

Should not political

secrets be kept secrets?

- They must! What did you advice?

- Let us test him & verify!

Good idea

Go, sit down

I have an idea

These two accepted

their crime, correct?

Yes your Highness

Therefore, the murders

will be killed!

- Your Highness

- Your Highness

May the people be told that

my weapon of justice before the law

- Play now you fools

- Fools play

Stop...stop I say

Hold still or you'll lose your

life instead of your hair

Honorable ministers,

is this mustache sufficient?

Enough...enough  
Sudalaimuthu, do you see  
how we have fallen?  
Kaakapusunadar, we erred in  
allowing the king to test him  
This fellow has bound hand & foot now  
Why don't we test him ourselves?  
- How?  
- Like this!  
Immortal! He's Immortal  
Bring the crane  
back around  
This shot was good,  
shall we go?  
Give him a towel first!  
Fantastic my boy wonderful  
The next shot we can  
take on the front of original river  
What's that in your nose?  
Looks like a rose petal  
- Looks like blood, sir  
- What! Blood?  
- It's bleeding  
- Will you shut up?  
Sir, please come with me  
Please, go that side  
Please, come  
What is it?  
What is happening?  
Nothing to fuss  
about it sir, this is normal  
- How can this be normal?  
- It's normal for this illness  
But I find it abnormal  
Lets go to the doctor  
No no need for that  
I called the doctor for here  
- So you won't listen to me?  
- Sir, they will be here any minute  
What do you want  
me to do now?  
Call for a short break  
I'll clean up  
& will be right back

Hey you! Do you know this chant?

I swear I don't

If he doesn't even

know the immortality spell...

...how could he be immortal?

Your Majesty!

An idea, that is...

Why don't we test him

to prove it?

O holy Ones...

Yes, majesty

Don't you grease this  
sword once in a while?

It never comes out

when I need it

Your Highness...pearls...

There...

Your Highness?

Some more pearls

Get out

Your Highness!

This kingdom of pearls  
is aptly named

There...one more pearl

What is wrong with them?

Uh...it is proven that  
they are not immortal

It's a marvel he

hasn't lost his head

Could he be immortal?

Your Highness, this is  
just blind luck!

Blind or deaf

luck is luck

- Hold this

- Uttama

What use immortality for  
a commoner like you?

Give it to your King

Your Majesty, how can  
we beg this fellow?

You...scum...

Sir

- Get back

- That's right  
I will prove that  
you're not immortal  
An artiste lives, dies  
and is born everyday  
people might have mistaken  
that for immortality  
Me and immortal?  
But these unimaginable  
riches, this palace...  
A beautiful statue...  
who is it?  
Princess Karpagavalli's  
You have such  
a beautiful daughter?  
Rubbish!  
She is my betrothed  
Oh! When is the wedding?  
I'm waiting for  
the madness to settle  
Doesn't appear so  
Your Highness, may I  
say something?  
In your ear...  
Keeping a pet crow...  
listening to these ministers...  
if you cease these  
the madness will surely settle  
Whose madness?  
Hey! You...  
I will chop you  
up into crows food!  
- Your Highness, permit me!  
- No no!  
It's just eaten 4 whole ears  
Don't overfeed it!  
Give me your ear  
- My ear? Your Highness!  
- I need to tell you a secret  
- Your Highness, me?  
- Everybody come and listen  
But first we must safeguard  
ourselves, come!  
- You stay there

- As you command  
Begin!  
Hurry up!  
Rat!  
Tiger!  
A charging rat and  
a cringing tiger  
This truly is  
a mad kingdom  
What are you?  
A rat...  
or a tiger?  
I am scared  
I feel I've seen  
you somewhere  
That snake bite  
was an omen  
Now every animal  
& human wants a bite  
Oh! Are you the one  
the snake bit?  
So you think you  
can bite me too?  
Please don't mistake me  
Are you also mad?  
You also...meaning?  
I'll explain, I just saw a very  
big headed King downstairs  
He has one pet crow  
and 2 ministers  
Are you an enemy  
of the king's?  
- He is my enemy  
- That is good  
An enemy who does not even  
have the courage of this rat  
How did he set  
my tiger free?  
He went in the cage  
and let the tiger out  
I knew it  
Is that statue outside  
any relation to you?  
It's identical but

for the hair  
- It is I  
- I knew it  
Run away with me!  
What manner of place is this  
They imprison a woman  
and free a tiger  
Do not fret, Uttama!  
Why fear when I am here  
You are here but I'm  
afraid I will cease to be  
What need of  
laughter now?  
I can hear the  
tiger nearby  
Can't you smell  
his stink?  
Somewhere here  
Ah! It slapped me!  
Oh it was you  
What is your weight?  
I'm light but the palace  
food has added to it  
Why do you ask?  
Your weight is  
breaking my waist  
Forgive me! I dangled on you  
like a jackfruit on a creeper  
That's alright  
atleast you got down  
Thank you for that  
It obeys you  
Is it your pet?  
What's his name?  
Oh! His name is  
also Uttaman?  
The tiger's name  
is Puliyeru  
This man's name  
is Uttaman  
How do you  
know my name?  
The whole  
kingdom speaks

...of you  
Saying what?  
That you are the king's  
newest boot licker  
That you are immortal and  
will teach the spell to the king  
Nothing like that! I don't know  
even one blessed spell  
Then he will surely  
take your head  
I know that now  
but not how to escape  
It's the skill of an actor  
act your way out of it  
Of course  
act as what?  
One who has  
conquered death  
That is what I'm not  
and even if I do  
how'd I convince them?  
It is possible  
You mustn't bite  
Do you have the courage  
to save your country?  
What use is courage?  
What can a mere actor do?  
Plenty.  
But will you?  
I will but I fear your tiger  
will devour me in your absence  
Swear you will save your country  
and the tiger will become a cat  
Alright...I swear  
Henceforth my tiger  
is your pussycat  
Spread your legs  
like this  
- But these are hands  
- Your legs  
A little more  
Close your eyes  
Ah! Your eyes  
Uttama, obey!

Open your eyes  
without fear  
The tiger's gone  
thank the lord  
It's between my legs  
- Just stand there  
- I am  
I'm talking  
to my tiger  
Oh! Please carry on  
Rise, my dear  
rise  
Aah! Oh god  
oh god oh god  
I'm dead...I'm dead  
I'm dead...  
Is this how the  
Immortal One speaks?  
Our savior's voice  
must not tremble  
Must not  
Now hold the neck  
Ah! The tiger's neck  
He will turn as  
you pull him  
Pull!  
Oh god...oh god  
the tiger has turned  
Do you wish to  
walk like a horse?  
Nudge his flanks  
with your heels  
- Can't reach  
- The tiger's flanks!  
Courage is the spell  
of immortality...courage  
Courage...  
Nudge him with  
your heels  
Courage!  
Oh...father!  
Not your father!  
Call upon the Lord  
- Courage

- Immortal One!  
- He truly is immortal, isn't he?  
- Yes Sir...yes  
Look at that tuft on his head!  
Swaying in its majestic beauty  
- He truly is immortal  
- Yes yes  
The tiger was a  
pussycat in my hands  
That's the magic of cinema  
Right, Mano?  
He's asleep  
Don't disturb him  
Let's leave  
- Sir, about the DI  
- We'll check it on the table  
He gets tired  
very easily now  
Yes and we've  
started chemo too, sir  
- This is luck?  
- Yes sir, in a way  
Some patients have a lot of pain  
He has none  
Some have memory loss  
- They don't know their family  
- Oh God!  
But he's fine with  
dialogue & all, sir  
Even so, people  
near him can see  
It's wrong that he still  
hasn't told his family  
I don't have any  
of this ego nonsense  
I'll do it myself  
Go that godforsaken  
Raoji's house...  
...and fall at his feet  
What is this, sir?  
Go inside! You need to be  
there when he awakens  
What is it?  
- What?

- Nothing  
Come here! I'll get  
a crick in my neck  
I've been faithful to you  
all these years  
Even my lies were  
for your own good  
Okay so what?  
That is...  
I'm leaving  
But this letter...  
it belongs to you  
I kept it hidden  
all these years  
...even that was for  
your own good  
What letter is that?  
25 years back...  
Yamini wrote you  
It was a mistake...  
my mistake  
Mistake?  
Ok...it was a crime  
a sin  
Don't look at  
me like that  
I'm your Chokku  
We've no blood ties but you've  
been my brother all these years  
- Let me go sir, I'll leave  
- Shut up!  
Leaving...do you know  
what it really means?  
Stop shouting at me  
Even an ant has pride  
don't you think I have too?  
I have it too  
sit down  
Sit down!  
- Read the letter  
- Is this my punishment?  
Penance! Yours and mine  
Read it  
Read it

I can go...  
May 5th, 19...  
Even though we know  
each other's thoughts  
...love can make us deaf & mute  
Therefore I write this letter with love  
I trust your vows but  
my heart is anxious  
I got my pregnancy  
test result...Positive  
I can wait for you  
but our baby can't  
I will not have  
another abortion  
If you fear this will hurt  
your 'Dream Lover' image  
...or destroy your career as  
Mr.Poornachandra Rao has threatened  
...I will definitely not  
be the reason for it  
I leave for Kerala tomorrow  
at least call me before that  
If I don't hear from you in a week  
I'll understand your silence  
As I wrote, your father-in-law  
to be & your manager  
Read  
...Chokku came here  
They first threatened  
& then tried to buy me off  
They said you  
knew of this  
If you do know, my  
waiting is stupidity  
I had to throw  
them out rudely  
If possible, please try  
to see us soon  
As we decided, our son  
will be called Manoharan  
Our daughter...  
Manonmani  
If you are not with us...  
...don't I need another

to lovingly call Mano?  
With faith that we  
shall be together, Yamini  
Didn't you give  
her my letter?  
If I did, your father-in-law  
threatened suicide  
What should  
I have done?  
No punishment will suffice  
Whatever...I will accept it  
Please don't look  
at me like that  
Dismiss me  
I'll leave  
I can't fire you now  
You have work for  
another 9 months, hmm?  
If you're done earlier...  
someone else will inform you  
But you'll be paid  
for the 9 months  
Stop crying  
It doesn't suit you  
Get to work  
Arpana...Dr come  
Good morning, sir  
Enter  
- Madam...he's arrived  
- Yes, a while ago  
Not our sir...hero sir has come  
along with that director  
I must confess, I've  
abused you a lot...sorry  
So have I  
Naturally!  
How is your BP?  
Better than my daughter's BP  
What did you want to discuss?  
Mano...tell him  
What is it?  
That...  
I won't be around  
much longer

Alive

- Can't take this more!

- Give me the ball

No! Give it to me

You've had it now

Please granny it

won't happen again

You'll feel your

grandfather's slipper

What is this?

Let me fall at your

feet...forgive me

What are you doing?

This bloody rheumatism...

I can't even bend

Please stop this

Sit down...sit

Don't say that

no one is a villain

Not you

me or Zachariah

Just fathers taking care

of their daughters

I'm only worried

about telling Varu

Are you leaving mom

for another woman?

- No

- Go away

- Get lost

- Uncle...

- Get out!

- I'll talk to him!

You tell amma

Manohar, come

- What is it?

- Sit...sit down

Playing with a cricket ball?

Isn't it dangerous?

Am I a kid?

Easy easy...

I'm a kid

It's obvious

Are you leaving mom?

I'm going to die  
Liver cirrhosis...from too much  
drinking? You won't die if you stop  
My liver is fine...the problem  
is Glioblastoma multiforme  
Another name for it is  
Grade IV astrocytoma  
...in Tamil, a growth  
in the brain  
Cancer?  
Wait...wait...  
I'll get it  
- Can you do all this?  
- What?  
Playing in the sun?  
How can a Dr dictate?  
I'm with my son  
Want to go inside? Or we  
could keep playing here  
Not that! What do you  
want to do in college?  
As a kid you wanted  
to be a lawyer  
- You remember that?  
- Of course...how could I forget?  
You were 3 years old  
when you said that  
Is that still your goal?  
Why ask now?  
Should have asked...  
Making up for  
things I didn't do  
Instead of saying sorry  
Ok, what do you  
want to do in college?  
Shall I say it?  
A good writing program  
in the UK or Columbia  
Writing...hmm  
what will you write?  
Screen...screenplay?  
Why suddenly?  
Not sudden...I've been thinking for a while  
I must write a good screenplay

...and show this Kodambakkam  
crowd who you really are  
By the time you're done  
with your course  
you might find another  
good actor here...  
or you could find one in  
Columbia itself, right?  
Perhaps...but they  
won't be my dad  
Please this is my private time  
Please go away...please  
Go away...please  
This happens to everyone  
Oh god! My baby's  
heart will break  
No, we'll take  
care of her  
Dhanam, let son-in-law come in  
He'll handle it  
That's right! Varalakshmi  
can't hear it from anyone else  
- Mano must tell her  
- Correct sir, you're correct  
I must be strong  
for my son  
I can't just lie around and  
weep the whole day  
Oh lord...  
It's heartening to see  
you so brave  
I was shattered on  
hearing the news  
That godforsaken disease  
has united this family  
I confessed I hid Yamini's and  
his letters and...he forgave me  
You told him? Why?  
What difference  
does it make now?  
When he himself  
is leaving us  
Couldn't that godforsaken  
tumour be in my brain?

Who has a brain tumour?  
He...Oh god!  
Mr.Margadarisi and your father  
were discussing it, so I thought...  
I didn't know that you don't know  
what they know...I'll be downstairs  
- Stop right there  
- I've stopped  
Who has a tumour  
in the brain?  
If mom finds out  
Stop that! Arpana is here and I've  
called for an ambulance  
It'll be fine  
Then why an ambulance?  
My baby can't bear this  
Silly woman! What do  
you mean 'baby'?  
She must know  
I'll tell her  
Manohar and I will  
We have to tell her  
What?  
What is it dear?  
Why didn't you tell...  
My baby! I told you...  
"Is there anything sadder than  
immortality? My lord"  
"Will an endless tale  
have takers (listeners)? My lord"  
"According to astronomers  
the world it seems a round ball"  
"Others globules going around  
like it would also die"  
"The allegedly deathless sun  
in another eon will also turn to ember"  
"The embers will burn  
and burst and later"  
"There will be life sprouting  
out of lava again"  
"Like the banana tree  
that springs dies"  
"...and springs has a seed  
in its every death"

"Sow another life like  
yours and you will"  
"understand the life  
in my poems"  
"For your dynasty to live and  
for you to serve it as you live"  
"You need a love that rhymes  
with your inner poem"  
"Inner poem"  
"A thousand stories abound  
of men who got everything"  
"They wished for and  
then finally and died"  
"My lord!  
Oh My lord!"  
Stop the spinning!  
They have, your Highness  
But the earth is still spinning  
Stop that  
But that...  
Ah! I understand  
Wisdom reveals  
the true form (nakedness)  
I have been  
mistaken about you!  
A great wisdom is  
slumbering in you  
Has it been  
awakened?  
It's arisen, alight  
and I have realized  
Have you realized  
impermanence, my King?  
What?  
Impermanence...?  
I have realized love  
Love? You've latched  
onto my last 2 sentences?  
Is not the best  
saved for last?  
My tongue has been hardened  
with talk of blood & gore  
I want to soften it  
Practice on the riverbank with

a mouthful of pebbles to...  
I want to feel love!  
Feel love...you?  
I have felt it  
now she must too  
Give us a spell for that  
Immortal One!  
- A spell for this...  
- Say that you will!  
Say  
As good as said!  
How's this?  
Abra ca dabra  
Abra Karpagavalli  
Oh no! your Majesty!  
- Karpu (Chastity)  
- Why do we need that, your Majesty?  
What is the secret  
of your tuft?  
Fear  
Verily you are  
a good actor  
Why do you say that?  
You act well as  
a frightened man  
But I truly am a timid man  
And I have heard of how that timidity  
has made a puppet of Mutharasan  
- Congratulations!  
- Thank you  
Your proximity is  
the first step to our victory  
Why do you grimace?  
The thought of his proximity  
to me makes my flesh crawl  
But he wants to be with  
you and demands my help  
But would it be real?  
It's just an act, O actor!  
I am a man first  
only then an actor  
What are you saying  
Immortal One?  
If I do explain it...

I fear it will be proven by your  
hand that I am not immortal  
And yet you say it  
That needs bravery  
Can one have love  
without bravery?  
You do not seem to be  
of a timid nature  
Mutharasan's prisoner  
Karpagavalli-mad  
Immortal street player  
Uttaman-a coward  
Calm down, Uttama!  
The minister is our man  
Oh! Has he swung  
sides then?  
This gorilla doesn't  
know how to swing  
...till there is breath  
in this body  
- Will you learn now?  
- Justice for my King's murder  
...and crowning my Princess  
these are the goals of my life  
That is alright then  
What happened?  
A new blade  
It pinched my hip  
And this is the one  
that helps you plot  
Princess, it's time for our loyal  
guards to change shifts  
It is inadvisable for you  
to be here after that  
Please return to your prison  
We can resume plotting tomorrow  
Uttama, we shall meet again  
Calm down! It is our  
neighbouring King's spy  
Princess! Why are you here?  
The spy is almost here  
Please go inside  
Who the hell  
is whistling?

It is I, get down with  
no more whistling  
Having the same signal for  
both Kingdoms is a nuisance  
Couldn't you just change it?  
- We did  
- To what  
A cough  
What happened  
to the cough?  
Just then, our erstwhile King  
had a bad congestion  
He coughed the whole day long  
...and every secret entry  
in the palace opened and closed  
...till everyone  
knew of them  
including Mutharasan  
You've finally arrived  
Minister! I bring my King's word  
your problems will soon be solved  
We asked your King's help  
not his astrological predictions  
And also you've been  
saying this for 8 months  
What does your  
Sengoottuvan say now?  
He is our man  
Fear not  
You! Stand back  
- That is all  
- That is all?  
Did you shove  
me for this?  
Did you hang from  
that rope just for this?  
Our princess is  
so worried  
Should you not have asked your  
King about a better reply for her?  
This is the most I've  
spoken before my King  
May be so but  
we don't need him

our Uttama's plan...  
But it's none of your business  
Right Uttama?  
- Absolutely not!  
- What are you...?  
Go tell your King  
we will manage...go!  
These neighbouring  
spies are polite  
Seems he's too  
lazy to climb  
Is there an another way out?  
That path straight  
ahead will take you up  
Thank you, my lord! We're  
exhausted lifting this fatso  
Uttama, I must go too  
You forgot your tuft  
However, I praise  
your acting talent  
It is my duty  
to reward it  
Your spell will soon  
make me fall in love  
...with Mutharasan  
Go tell him  
What is this?  
It's the scene you  
asked me to show, sir  
Yes, but in the hospital?  
Sorry sir  
No no  
It is I who asked him  
They're running all these tests  
and I was a bit tense  
God is taking from me  
what I took from Yamini  
I'll be left only with  
what is meant to be mine  
- I can wait outside  
- No Dr  
You are like family  
You must be here when  
I beg his forgiveness

He loved Yamini so  
deeply, you know?  
But I threw  
a tantrum like a brat  
and got my father  
to marry us  
Honestly, don't you  
still love Yamini?  
Atleast let her  
soul hear it  
- Souls don't have ears, ok?  
- But I do!  
So, still you love her?  
- Rest now  
- How?  
What dear?  
How can you still love me  
after I've destroyed it?  
I married you because  
of anger toward Yamini  
...out of that  
grew affection  
You are a nice person so  
affection turned into love  
Now I know Yamini  
did no wrong...  
- You're angry with me  
- No no no no  
I'm not angry with you  
You're the mother of my child  
You're a child yourself  
A beautiful child  
Stop trying to  
pacify me with lies  
No Varu  
I was very beautiful when  
I was younger, isn't it?  
I ate my  
beauty away  
My heart is heavy when  
I weigh myself  
That is an extra weight  
I was petrified he'd leave me  
for a beautiful girl like Yamini

But fear isn't enough  
I've to watch my mouth also  
Lazy glutton!  
Worthless creature!  
I've given you a sedative  
No Dr, please don't  
I want to keep looking at him  
Give me something  
to stay awake  
I will...I will Please rest now  
Please Varu  
I don't want  
anything else  
Shut up...will you  
listen to me?  
Atleast now, you mean?  
Oh God! We realize the value of  
things only when we lose them  
...for fools like me  
so tired...  
I felt scalded  
by Varu's words  
Thiruna is a loyal man  
Completely trustworthy  
Thank you, sir  
I swear I've never breathed  
a word to madam at home  
I know, Thiruna  
That's what I said  
I'd give my life  
for him, sir  
No need for that  
You have a good future  
and I've gotten  
you a good job  
My friend Wasim in Dubai  
I've told him you're my greatest treasure  
and he must look  
after you well  
What's this! Ok, pull  
over and let me drive  
No sir, I'll drive  
You said I'm your treasure  
That's all I need

Thank you, sir  
Am I your treasure or trouble?  
What do you want, my love?  
She must live with  
good health  
and I, without embarrassment  
So the 3 men in this car must  
swear to keep this secret  
I swear on my child, madam  
Please...  
They might  
ask in heaven  
But I can always lie my way through  
I am an actor, right?  
"At the altar of  
God called love"  
"In the temple  
called eyes"  
"The thirst of  
the body is worship"  
"At the altar of  
God called love"  
"In the temple  
called eyes"  
"The thirst of  
the body is worship"  
This game is yours!  
You've done some magic  
Your Highness!  
Your Highness!  
Come  
Your Highness!  
There-  
What?  
The Princess was calling  
your name in her sleep  
And then?  
I ignored it thinking  
it a nightmare  
- What?  
- But in the morning  
- And in the morning?  
- She was all decked up  
- Decked up and?

- Oozing sensuality  
- Sensuality and?  
- Lost in yearning  
- Yearning and?  
- She is singing!  
Singing what?  
"At the alter of  
God called love"  
"In the temple  
called eyes"  
"The thirst of  
the body is worsh-"  
Your yearning itself  
is stealing my heart  
Sandal paste...quickly!  
Is my breath stinking?  
It's the fragrance of arrack  
and dry fish, your Highness  
Cloves!  
Bring me cloves!  
Your Highness!  
It's more eat  
reduce your libido  
- Cloves reduce what?  
- Your libido, your Highness  
Uthama  
Now check  
Get me gold jewels,  
silk dhoti and...  
No no, pearls and  
normal clothes will do  
...it takes too  
long to remove  
Why do you weep?  
Won't I weep if you blow cloves  
in my eyes, your Highness?  
"At the alter of  
God called love"  
"In the temple  
called eyes"  
"This is the boat to  
ride the rapids of lust"  
"This is the boat that  
comes with sails of want"

"While wandering in  
search of shores"  
"Life shall melt like wax"  
"Like those fingers that play the harp  
I am plucked and strummed to please"  
"At the alter of  
God called love"  
"In the temple  
called eyes"  
"The thirst of  
the body is worship"  
"Do reuniting lovers  
need to converse?"  
"Would words ever come  
in the way of expressing amour?"  
"Like the rhythm that sets the timing  
for music come mingle with me"  
"Come reach me to  
the very peak of ecstasy"  
"...and whisper endearments  
in my ear"  
"At the alter of  
God called love"  
"In the temple  
called eyes"  
"The thirst of  
the body is worship"  
Immortal One, I make you  
Minister as reward for this miracle  
Why a third Minister  
when you already have 2?  
Not 3! 2 as always  
1 Minister...will go  
- Oh no! Who will go?  
- We'll decide with a roll of the dice  
Fear not! I'll sacrifice  
my post for our friendship  
- You're a true friend...promise?  
- On your life!  
Your Highness...Highness  
Here! Here!  
- Your Highness!  
- What  
Don't worry! Kaakapusundar

is ready to relinquish his post  
I and Uttama will be  
your confidantes  
Is this the time to  
discuss it? Get out  
- Me too?  
- Then what? Out!  
Now its me and  
my Karpagam  
I can't wait any longer, Karpu  
Did you say something?  
It says I can't  
wait any longer  
I'll just be back!  
- Shall I go too?  
- I have to go!  
What happened?  
Your Highness, could ride the palanquin  
...without anxiety or spillage  
That's right  
No! Not to the entrance  
Go to the toilets  
Hurry up!  
Stop! Why do you blow  
every time I point?  
Yes! The King is in a rush  
and you keep sputtering...  
Uttama...you too?  
- Why have you stopped?  
- It was your command  
Your King needs to go  
Move!  
- No jolting! No jiggling!  
- No jolting! No jiggling!  
Uttama!  
I'm exhausted running  
between toilet and bath  
And my dream girl  
Karpagam, awaits me  
My love is all back-to-front  
Oh God! I'm dying  
You have tested me enough  
Uttama!  
Come

Impart to me  
the secret of immortality  
- Ah! She keeps jolting me...  
- Your Highness  
- This spell you ask for...  
- Physician, stop it! Stop!  
...is not a mystery but must be  
understood with wisdom  
You seek to teach a fish to swim?  
I am the wisest! Proceed  
It's very simple  
There are three methods  
One-is to be  
the wisest among the wise  
A sage who comprehends the three  
dimensions of time and motion  
Oh! I loosely understood  
the theory of time and motion  
I've just calmed down  
Tell me a shortcut  
You must compose  
an immortal epic  
- My handwriting isn't very good  
- It could be oral!  
Aren't my troubles  
enough already?  
That's why he  
refuses 1 and 2  
Shut up!  
Highness...what is  
the third option?  
- There is a third...there is  
- What is it? What?  
Another way is to be a great  
and unforgettable artiste  
Understood! You've saved  
the best idea for last  
Nowadays it's the easiest  
thing to become an actor  
Suggest a good drama as soon  
as my stomach settles down  
Your Highness! Drama  
is below our dignity  
Why, haven't the great

emperors been playwrights?  
Well said! Our King's touch  
makes anything respectable  
No no. Ignore him  
Keep scratching  
I've a good idea  
for a play  
- What about 'Ballad of Hiranyan'?  
- Let's do it!  
I know only of  
'Ballad of Prahalada'  
This is his father's tale  
Oh no! But doesn't he  
oppose Lord Narayana?  
For heaven's sake! Only he who dares  
to oppose all, can become immortal  
- Fear is the (root) of death  
- I've neither (roots) nor (shoots)  
To prove I am fearless  
we stage 'Ballad of Hiranyan'!  
As your Highness said  
your pulse is racing  
Oh God! And I thought  
it was easy to be an actor  
Forget that, there are  
5 demons, my King  
Not four?  
That's the scriptures  
Demons are 5!  
Tell them to reduce a bit  
Scriptures or Demons?  
The dialog! It's endless  
Shouldn't we talk less and say more?  
Which part has less dialog? Which?  
This one...Prahalad  
That's true but he's a young boy  
It wouldn't suit your Highness  
- There he is!  
- Your Highness!  
- What?  
- What about Narasimhan?  
The dialog isn't  
too much, right?  
None at all

Just roars  
A little stronger than that  
- Your lion's roar  
- This costume is a nuisance as well  
Minister, the poison  
will work, won't it?  
Narasimhan's nails are  
soaked in poison and well dried  
It will kill us  
if the poison touches us  
Hence the drummer's  
finger-shields I ordered for you  
So that you may  
be successful  
Karpagavalli is my shield  
I'll rip him apart  
So that you steal the applause?  
Impossible! Dasarath...uh  
Hiraniyan has all the dialog  
- And that is the problem  
- All the glory falls on Narasimhan  
But Narasimhan is  
half god and half animal  
Hiraniyan is all king  
Who is greater?  
Narasimhan! It is the union of half god-  
half animal that will last in people's hearts  
Correct! We will exchange roles  
You are Hiraniyan and I, Narasimhan  
But...your audience is waiting  
It is I they are awaiting  
Announce to them that  
their King is changing his makeup  
Cut it  
Come  
Super, my boy!  
Brilliant!  
Fantastic!  
Now lunch and  
then dress change  
Return in the Hiraniyan costume  
The climax and song are almost done  
We just have to  
complete the lead

We'll finish it  
Once that's done  
the film is complete  
We'll do that today, sir  
- Are you tired?  
- Everything alright?  
I know you,  
but ok, hurry back  
- The scene is good, isn't it?  
- Wonderful! But how are you?  
Really?  
- Really  
- Really  
- Was it good?  
- Whatever you do is good  
Amazing  
From whom?  
Well, it isn't exactly for you  
It's a letter I wrote your mother  
It never reached her  
I want you to read it  
Take the children to the room  
I'll bring our lunch there  
You sure?  
Yamini  
I know the news we  
await is tidings of great joy  
Fortune has smiled  
twice on this poor man  
One was, the first time  
I saw you  
The other, when people  
acknowledged my stardom  
Mr. Poornachanra Rao  
threatens me  
Varalakshmi too  
She is steadfast in her delusion  
that her infatuation for me  
will turn into  
my love for her  
When I told her  
it's impossible  
she slit her wrists  
and is lying in the hospital

I told him I couldn't marry his  
daughter because I love you  
Do you know  
what he said?  
That he can wash  
away love with money  
In my anger, I lied to  
him that you're pregnant  
The man was stunned  
And then suggested  
that abortion is a solution  
This lie I told about your  
pregnancy...we must make it true  
And if that happens  
As we've decided  
Manohar  
if it's a boy  
and Manonmani  
if it's a girl  
Who knows, it  
could even be twins  
I am ready to leave  
everything behind for you  
Will you wait for me?  
That...  
That's my photo  
- Did dad give it to you?  
- Yes  
What is this?  
A collage of everyone I know  
The surgery might  
wipe out my memory  
So it's like reminder  
notes to myself  
In-laws, my teacher  
Shall I call your dad...  
I mean Mr. Zachariah?  
I thought Manohar  
would be alone  
Don't jump to conclusions  
And what?  
She's your sister?  
She is my sister  
Dad, please tell her!

But this is my sister!  
And after I've cut off  
my hair for you...  
- His own sister?  
- Yes. From another mother  
See for yourself  
I didn't mean you  
Please come in and  
tell her, sir please sir  
The seed of my blood  
The flesh of my flesh  
How'll I bear him  
addressing another as God  
Bringforth Prahalada!  
I shall cognize by querying him  
My son worships another after  
the world has proclaimed me God?  
Repent for your sin  
And chant your  
father's name thus  
I messed it up  
I said 'This' instead of 'Thus'  
No no, it's fine by me  
I'll intercut footage  
from both cameras  
Come and see  
if you want  
I said 'This'  
instead of 'Thus'  
- Is that ok, sir?  
- That's fine let it go  
Repent for your sin  
And chant your  
father's name thus  
One minute, look at me  
Oh God!  
Oh God!  
Hey! what happen to sir?  
It's nothing...it's nothing  
What is this?  
He's bald  
It's because of the chemo, sir  
It's not important now  
- Sir

- What?  
Sir, let me try it  
just one more...  
I know...you can do better  
But go to  
the hospital now  
I'll come and show  
you the edited footage  
Listen to me  
atleast this once  
Come, sister! Manonmani!  
Yes, you  
Close the door  
Uncle, the surgery  
is underway  
Is it?  
He's done this  
brilliant shot  
Fantastic! No one  
else can do it  
Come, show it to them  
- Sir, shall I play it on the tv?  
- Is that possible?  
- Possible sir  
- Show it  
But keep the volume low  
This is a hospital  
Rao ji...he's my disciple  
...and your son-in-law  
Slowly and gently...  
Do revive me  
Don't forget  
The seed of my blood  
The flesh of my flesh  
How'll I bear him  
addressing another as God  
Bringforth Prahalada!  
I shall cognize by querying him  
"Me with God to guard salute  
you Sire, with none to guard"  
"Come, my son, come!"  
"With your little fingers, twirl  
the hair on my magnificent chest!"  
"Come, my son, come!"

"Our elders declare as  
atheist; the name that you chant"  
"When the world  
acknowledges Hiraniyan as God"  
"How can his son  
worship another?"  
"Right your sin  
Chant your father's name thus"  
"O Immortal One!  
Hail!"  
"Know you the prayer  
to chant? Behold!"  
"Hail O Hiranya!"  
"Yes...say it"  
"Hail O! Narayana"  
"Who be this Narayana?"  
"When I am worshipped  
to the 8 directions"  
"My son worships another?  
I dare any to say there in my equal!"  
"An object of the 5 senses?  
A form of the 4 scriptures?"  
"Night & day, Outside & In  
Nowhere can I die!"  
"This is my boon  
of immortality"  
"Know this, Know this  
Know this...you"  
"I am an epic  
without end"  
"O Immortal One!  
Hail!"  
"Born ignorant mortals  
We wander, meander"  
"We realized the chant 'Hari Om'  
We attained ascent as human"  
"You have listened to demented yarns  
You are wilted and spoilt"  
"You are chanting the name of that villain  
You nothing! You fool!"  
"No gender, transgender  
Nor snake, tiger, fox nor dog"  
"None of these life forms can kill me  
Know this! Know this!"

"Yes I do know  
Nevertheless Hari Om!"  
"Your voice is also  
that of Hari"  
"I've been blessed with  
the boon of immortality"  
"And of unending life"  
"If you walk your path  
unheeding the right path"  
"Chant 'Hari' blasphemy"  
"You'll repent  
with your life"  
"I want not the life where  
I cannot chant His name"  
"He claims to be a fish, a tortoise  
and shamelessly, a pig too!"  
"All pervasive is 'Hari'"  
"He resides in everything"  
"If anyone and  
anything can be God"  
"Come! Show me  
where your 'Hari' is!"  
"The tyrant is dead  
Killing himself instead"  
"Behold the cost of murder!"  
Behold! We have completed  
the task without your King's help  
But it was our King who saved  
you in the guise of Uttaman  
"Is there anything  
sadder than immortality?"  
"Will there be listeners  
for an endless tale?"  
"Unchanging is art and poetry"  
"Undying is intellect and love"  
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sadder than immortality?  
Will there be listeners  
for an endless tale?