

Don't Marry In India Until The Laws Change



A harrowing story of one family's nightmarish experience marrying their son in India and after spending nearly a fortune on the wedding and on their new bride, they see it all fall apart.

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SURREY - Before I came to Canada some thirty years ago, the two things I knew about Canada were the name of the Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and the Trudeau Mama. Being a student of political Science, I was deeply interested in world leaders and modern governments. Canada fascinated me more than any other country in the world, because it had a leader,

who in my opinion reflected the pulse of multicultural Canada; much like Mahatma Gandhi - a man of the masses, who shook the British empire to its core by the way, he championed the cause of "Freeing India". I felt a great connection to Canada through the many common values between the two great leaders of the two great countries who spoke and worked passionately for the masses.

It was during that time that I met my husband, who was a recent immigrant to Canada and was visiting India to look for a suitable bride. He wore his immigrant status like a medal. He was an ardent Trudeau fan and talked freely about how all immigrants looked up to Trudeau's vision of beautiful Canadian mosaic and unity in diversity.

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They were suspicious that our son was married and was his father. We assured them that this was not the case; if they chose not to believe, we were out. We did not want someone who disapproved of "godson". They would not let us out. The misunderstanding cleared. The relation restored. Again we were misled!

Five days before the wedding we found out, the girl had misled us about the qualifications. She had no English speaking, computers or other skills. Still she managed to cover up by assurances of making up before arriving in Canada. We took her on trust. We complied with rushed marriage despite the "Sharads".

We approached the marriage with up front honesty, integrity and faith. Took no dowry and left no stone unturned in welcoming the bride. We spent hours

around the clock preparing for her arrival. We phoned on daily basis, asking her to look out for our elders/in-laws.

We complied to every request for more and more money. Two days before her arrival we found out that she was not on speaking terms with our relatives. She felt, they were trying to come to Canada

before any of her family members. The promises of learning skills not honored because it was too hot, too far and she did not like the teachers.

We still ignored that, thinking that she would act differently in our loving, caring environment. After ten long months of wait, the bride walked into the house like a visitor/stranger. She noticed nothing; the million welcoming gestures, flowers awaiting her in every corner, the beautiful poster size pictures on the walls, house decorated to perfection, the Great Party!

We had anticipated warm hugs at

least at seeing the wardrobe full of eastern-western dresses arranged carefully with matching jackets, shoes, purses, jewelry and make-up. No hugs, no thank-you's for serving breakfast in the bedroom. The dream of going together everywhere like mother and daughter was shattered to pieces because she chose her own friends which did not include any of us. The more we went out of our ways to include her, the more she excluded us! She wanted to assert her freedom right at the outset. Freedom was her main attraction to Canada.

The bride spent her time watching TV all night, sleeping till noon, spending evenings out with friends, expensive shopping sprees and beauticians. She had no hobbies, hated school and home-study program remained untouched. The only thing she showed interest was, in inquiring about bringing her brothers/parents to Canada and in telling people how upset her family was to learn that we had applied for PR for our nephew before her family.

We felt that she needed time to adjust. That wasn't to be; soon she became overly friendly with a couple who were strangers in town. They three became inseparable. Terms of friendship - either you're with us or others. She started coming home late on a daily basis illuding - my friend didn't let me come sooner. Why not? I don't know! she gets into tear tantrums each time, I mention I need to go. There were rumors about the couple that they had already sabotaged one solid marriage in this town, and were recently kicked out of relative's place in the middle of the night.

One day, when she walked out of our lives with them and we felt, we hardly knew her! She never acted like she belonged with us. Her friend stated,

"your wife is not coming home because she does not love you!" Another reason: Your "godson" seems like a real son you must have been married before. acted blind to the love in our hearts in the heart of a child we saw Kris Budha, God and Magic!

We quickly proved with DNA relation through the lawyer, that there was biological relation between our son "god-son" Our son was only married once to his current wife. But she town for BC to meet her uncle from with her PR and SIN card, costly collection of clothes, jewelry and money. couple also drifted out of town, sabotaging one more marriage and taking n whispers with them. They had n places to go and more lives to destroy.

No one can imagine the shock a family goes through in a tragedy like this. The healing period is unknown. The make it easy for people to walk out. The purpose of making this story public is two-fold; to save lives, because life is precious and to persuade lawyers to take note of the horror stories quickly modify the loopholes in the law.

India is teeming with people, who would do anything to settle in Canada. These people will lie, scheme, cheat, marry, because it is easier and much expensive to get a permanent residence through marriage than it is through other way. The people with bad intentions have nothing to lose. They get permanent residence and open doors for many more like them. Some girls are looking to marry the Canadian Citizens just to get PR. have someone else waiting in the wings is hard to know intentions of people before marriage. Our laws are too too on sponsors and easy on sponsored spouses.

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