

(Sound: Old printer)

Narrator: **Radio Gilan theatre group presents.**

(Sound: Old printer)

Narrator: Based on a true story

(Sound: Old printer)

Narrator: **The Lift**

(Sound: Old printer)

Mary: No, no!

(Sound: Inaudible voice phone)

Mary: The difference between our receipts is high.

(Sound: Inaudible voice phone)

Mary: We have to talk about it after Nowruz, After vacations.

(Sound: Inaudible voice phone)

Mary: Come on! I said I have checked all the receipts. There's a difference between our results.

(Sound: Inaudible voice phone)(The sound of the Printer is interrupted)

Mary: Oh! It got stuck.

(Sound: Inaudible voice phone)

Mary: I'm not talking to you. Go on. These old printers...

(Sound: old printer)

Mary: It's working again. Go on.

(Sound: Inaudible voice phone)

Mary: Yes!

(Sound: Inaudible voice phone)

(Sound: Knocking on door)

Mary: Come in.

(Sound: Inaudible voice phone)

Mary: All right, We'll talk after the vacation.

(Sound: Inaudible voice phone)

Mary: Goodbye.

(Sound: Turn off the phone)

Servant: Hello ma'am!

Mary: Hello Mashti!

(Sound: The Voice of Cups + Sound of foot)

Mary: Is that a fresh tea which takes away the tiredness?

Servant: Yes, it is. Here you are.

Mary: Well...Well...Well... And that's it.

(Sound: papers)

Mary: It has to go in this file.

Servant: Excuse me, ma'am! ...I...

(Sound: Old printer)

Mary: What's wrong, Mashti? Say it. Why are you mumbling?

Servant: Actually, my youngest daughter is waiting in front of the office. We want to go to shopping.

Mary: Yes! You've got your salary and the New year's money and you want to shop for Nowruz Vacation!!

Servant: No, ma'am! I venture to say, it's my oldest daughter's wedding.

Mary: I'd forgotten about it. Congratulations. May they live together forever!

(Sound: Key board)

Servant: It's just...

Mary: What is it? Say it, Mashti!

(Sound: Drink tea + Typing)

Mary: It's hot!

Servant: Everyone's left. No one is in the office but you! They said, I must leave when all the staffs have left. I have to turn all the lamps off and lock the door. The office will be closed for 15 days.

Mary: Okay, you go!

Servant: May I go? For real?

Mary: Yes. I'll take care of the lamps. And I'll lock the door. Go!

Servant: But...

Mary: Mashti! I'm not always kind! Leave before I change my mind.

Servant: I... Thank you so much. Thanks. May God bless you! I'm leaving.

(Sound: Mobile is ringing + Foot)

Servant (From afar): Don't you need me anymore?

Mary: Go, Mashti!

(Sound: Pick up mobile)

Mary: Stop saying "Mary"!

(Sound: Inaudible voice phone)

Mary: No way!

(Sound: Inaudible voice phone)

Mary: Stop talking for a moment. I put you on speaker so can work at the same time.

Saeed(On speaker): It's always like that! Work, work, work! It's New Year's Eve!

Mary: There's no difference!

(Sound: Key board + Printer)

Mary: You don't understand that I've got works to do?

Saeed(On speaker): All right. It's always like that! You always ruin my plans.

Mary: Keep quiet! You owe me all you have! Your car! The house! Everything! Don't you need me anymore?

Saeed(On speaker): Wait! Don't hang up the phone. I'm taking to the children in villa. I want them to be in a clean air in New Year's Eve. You can come over when you're done with your work.

Mary: I'm not in the mood. It's the same story! Villa! You use my poor children as an excuse. There's so much traffic!

Saeed(On speaker): Do whatever you want!

Mary: Shut up!

(Sound: Turn off the phone)

Mary: He always uses the children as an excuse!

3:41

(Sound: Open the bag zipper)

Mary: Where're my damned keys?

(Sound: Keys)

Mary: He drove me mad. I couldn't finish it! Saeed!! Saeed!!! Saeed!!!! I don't know what to do with you! Damn it!

4:05

(Sound: foot)

Mary: Goodbye, room! I'll see you after the vacations.

(Sound: Close the door + Lock the door + Walking in hallway + Whistling + Lift's key)

4:23

Mary: Come on! I've told them thousand times that they need to repair the lift.

Come on!

(Sound: Lift's door opened)

Mary: It's here.

(Sound: Lift's key)

Mary: Ground!Go!

(Sound: Lift moves + mobile ringing)

4:49

Mary: Hello?

Mansour (on speaker): Hello, Maryam!

Mary: Hello, Mansour!

Mansour (on speaker): What did you do to Saeed ...Where are you? Why's your voice like that?

Mary: I'm in the lift. I've put you on speaker And ...

(Sound: mobile's keys)

Mary: I can't turn off the loudspeaker!

Mansour (on speaker): Forget about it! What have you done to Saeed? He's so upset.

Mary: Nothing, Mansour. He doesn't understand that I've got works to do.

(Sound: Lift's announcement: Fifth floor!)

Mary: Why it's here!

(Sound: Lift's door opened)

Mansour (on speaker): What's wrong?

(Sound: Lift's key)

Mary: Ground!

(Sound: Lift's door closed + Lift move)

Mary: Nothing, brother! Saeed wanted to go to the villa together with the children. although I had so much works to do, I got in the lift. I want to get into the car, go home and don't let him take the children. Is it clear?

Mansour (on speaker): I don't understand you. By the way! When you come back, don't forget to come to us.

Mary: But I'm you're older sister!

Mansour (on speaker): You're too rigid and disciplined.

Mary: That's the way I am! Goodbye.

Mansour (on speaker): Goodbye.

(Sound: Lift's announcement: Second floor!)

(Sound: Lift's door opened)

Mary: What does it mean! No one is in the building, why is it like that?

(Sound: Lift's key)

Mary: Ground.

(Sound: Lift's door closed + Mary whistling + Lift stopped)

Mary: What's happened? ...Oh God! Why did it stop?

(Sound: Lift keys)

Mary: What does it mean! Let me see. Is that the alarm?

(Sound: Alarm's key + Alarm)

Mary: What am I doing? No one's here. (Mary read) After 10 seconds, it goes to the nearest floor automatically and the door will be opened.

(Sound: Lift moves)

Mary: Okay.

(Sound: Lift stopped)

Mary: Open! ...Why doesn't it get opened!

(Sound: Sparks)

Mary: No, no, no! Why did the power go off? Damn it! ..Mobile!

(Sound: Mobile keys)

Mary: Flash light! Okay. What should I do now?

7:02

(Mary tries to open the door)

Mary: It won't get opened! Damn it! No! It won't get opened, that way. I must make a phone call. Yes.

(Sound: Dialing + ***The number you have dialed is switched off, please call later***)

Mary: Damn it! It always happens when you need someone.

(Sound: Dialing + ***The number you have dialed is switched off***)

Mary: Okay. (To herself) Calm down Mary. Calm down! Calm down! Let me see. Yes! Saeed! Yes, Saeed!

7:59

(Sound: Dialing + ***The number you've dialed is out of reach, please call later***)

Mary: What does it mean! Where are you, Saeed?

(Sound: Dialing + ***The number you've dialed is out of reach...***)

Mary: Damn it! Okay! Mansour! Mansour! Yes! I'm going to dial his number.

(Sound: Dialing + Rings)

Mary: Answer the phone! Answer!

Mansour (on speaker): Hello?

Mary: Mansour! Save me!

Mansour (on speaker): Maryam! Hello?

Mary: I've got stuck in the lift.

Mansour (on speaker): Hello?

Mary: Mansour!

Mansour (on speaker): Hello?

Mary: Hello?

Mansour (on speaker): Maryam! Hello?

Mary: Damn it!

(Sound: Phone busy)

Mary: What should I do now? ..Okay. Think, Mary! Think! ...Yes! Mashti! I'll call Masht! Yes!

9:05

(Sound: dialing)

Mary: Answer the phone! Answer!

(Sound: Street + Servant speak)

Mary: Hello?

Servant: Be careful!

Mary: Mashti! Hello?

Servant: Hurry up!

Mary: Come on! I've got stuck...

Servant: I'll buy it.

Mary: Hello?

(Sound: Call is disconnected)

Mary: God! What should I do now? ..Hey!

(Sound: Knocking on door)

Mary: Help!

(Sound: knocking on door)

Mary: I've got stuck in the lift...Hey! ...Hey!!!! (To herself) Calm down. Breathe deeply.

(Sound: Breathing)

Mary: Okay. Now... I should call...

10:04

Mary: Yes! Yes! The firefighting department! I'm such a fool!

(Sound: Battery low alarm)

Mary: Okay. I'm running out of battery.

(Sound: Dialing)

Mary: 1 2 5. Yes.

Voice: The Firefighting department, yes?

Mary: Hello?

(Sound: Battery low alarm)

Mary: Is that the firefighting department?

Voice: Please calm down, ma'am. What's happened?

Mary: I've got stuck in the...

(Sound: mobile goes off)

Mary: Hello? Why did it run out of battery? Hello? What should I do now? Hello?

(Mary Cries)

(Sound: Lullabies)

10:56

Mom: Don't cry, darling.

11:02

(Sound: Lullabies)

Mary: Mom!

(Sound: night)

Mom: What are you saying, darling!

Mary: I don't give you any money and won't let you spend any money either.

Mom: What do you mean, Mary? Didn't you see, darling? Those children need our help. They work in streets all nights and days. They don't have any parents, any father and mother! They're working to...

Mary: Mom! Why am I paying taxes? This is not my duty.

Mom: Darling! I know you're working hard. You earn so much money, thank God. And you'll earn more and more. Thank God again. But darling! It's okay to help people.

Mary: People! People may work and earn money! No one has prevented them to do so.

Mom: You answer me back. Darling! Money is not everything.

Mary: It's everything, mother. It's so powerful!

Mom: Okay. Okay, darling. You may think that way. But I can't close my eyes.

Mary: You have closed them. Why should you devote yourself? Listen, mom! I respect you a lot. I will always support you. But I won't let you give away the money I've earned so hard.

Mom: Thank you, darling. Thank you. I don't want it. I don't want it anymore. I expect nothing from you.

Mary: Mom! Don't make a mistake.

(Sound: Lullabies)

12:50

Mary: Why are you singing lullaby, mom?

(Sound of the night is over)

Maryam: Mom! Mom! Mom! Mom!

(Sound: The announcement of lift is strange... ground level ...second floor ...fifth floor ...third floor ...first floor)

(Sound: Lift's door opened)

13:17

(Sound: Birds in the yard of the house of employer)

Employer: Is that the way you must clean?

Mom: Forgive me, darling. I'm old and I have backache...

Employer: It's none of my business. I'm telling you that I won't give you any money if you work like that.

Mom: Okay. I'll pay more attention.

Employer: The yard must be cleaned too. Hurry up!

Mom: The yard? Wasn't I supposed to do it tomorrow?

Employer: You're such a rude laborer. Don't answer me back!

Mary: Don't talk to her like that, jerk! I can afford buying 10 people like you! That's my mother! Don't talk to her like that.

(Sound: Lift's door closed)

13:56

Mary: Mom! If I survive, I know what to do.

14:09

Mary: I can't stand up...I can't sit down...I'm getting suffocated...There's no air.

(Sound: Whistling)

14:26

Mary: What's this sound? It's somebody's voice...Yes!

(Sound: knocking on door)

Mary: Help!

(Sound: Knocking on door)

Mary: No! It's me whistling! (Amazed) Yes! But I'm here. Where does the whistling sound come from?

(Sound: The announcement of lift is strange... ground level ...first floor ...fifth floor ...third floor ...second floor)

(Sound: Lift's door opened)

15:07

(Sound: Office)

(Mary Whistling)

Servant: Ma'am! I swear to God I've got serious problems. One of my family members is sick.

Mary: (Stop whistling) It's none of my business. And it's not the company's concern either. Excuses! Everyone has a sick person in the family!

Servant: But I don't want you to do me a big favor! I asked you to give me my salary and New year's money a month earlier.

Mary: Early! For what you've not done?

Servant: My life's going downward! Suppose you're lending it to me.

Mary: Lending you! Why should the company lend you money? Go borrow it from someone else!

Servant: New Year's Eve is only a few weeks away; no one will lend me the money!

Mary: Why should I lend you money? Go! Go, Mashti!

(Mary Whistling)

16:00

(Sound: Lift's door closed)

Mary: That wasn't me! I... Mashti! I've got stuck in here. Come and open the door.

(Sound: The announcement of lift is strange... ground level ...first floor ...fifth floor ...second floor ...Third floor)

(Sound: Lift's door opened)

(Sound: Hospital)

Servant: I'll take care of it. You only need to feel better. Don't worry. It's going to be okay. I'll give the money so that you can be discharged. You must attend in your daughter's wedding.

Mary: Mashti! Come!

(Sound: Open the bag zipper)

Mary: How much do you need? Mashti!

(Sound: Lift's door closed)

Mary: What have I done to myself! I... Is that me? That...

17:08

Mary: I'm getting suffocated.

17:19

Mary: What should I do?

17:22

(Sound: Lift's door opened + Deep water)

Man: (Screams) Save him! Please! My child is drowning. Save him!

Mary: (Indifferent) I can't swim.

Mary: She can! I can swim!

Man: Someone please help me. Help! My child is drowning.

Mary: (Indifferent) I can't swim!

Mary: I... I can swim. I want to save him. I want to...

(Sound: Lift's door closed)

Mary: No!That's not me!

(Sound: Clock)

18:05

Mary: Enough. I don't want to know the time. I don't want to know how many days I've been here. I want to die. I want to die.

(Sound: Clock stopped + Annoying sound)

Strange sound: Compensate.

Mary: May I compensate? Compensate what? How?

Strange sound: Compensate. Get out of here and compensate.

Mary: There's no way out.

Strange sound: There's always a way!

Mary: There's always a way?

18:52

(Sound: Lift's door opened + street)

Shopkeeper: Dear Madam! Your car is disturbing. I can't sell anything.

Mary: Are you the owner of the street? I like to park my car here.

Shopkeeper: No, I'm not the owner. But why don't you move it a bit?

Mary: I park my car here. I like to do that! It's what I want!

Shopkeeper: I swear to God, this behavior is inappropriate. No one can see the showcase of my store!

Mary: It's your problem! I'll teach you if something happens to my car.

Shopkeeper: I don't know. People are different.

Mary: What do you mean?

Shopkeeper: I mean nothing. I just hope you've repaired your car alarm! It starts making noise for no reason! And although I'm old I have to come this far to the company!

To the company!

19:52

(Sound of street ended)

Mary: Car alarm!!!!Car alarm!!!!Yes! If the car alarm starts making noise, he'll come to the company. He'll understand something's going on. Yes! Car alarm!

(Sound: Burglar alarm key)

Mary: He'll understand! He'll know! Someone will understand! Yes!

(Sound: Burglar alarm key)

Mary: I'll do it again.

(Sound: Burglar alarm key)

Mary: I'll do it again.

20:35

(Sound: Lift's door opened + Rain + Wiper)

Mansour: Roll up the window, darling. You got wet.

(Sound: Roll up)

Mary: What's happened again?

Mansour: Nothing! Mom's so sad.

Mary: She shouldn't be sad. I'm doing my best for her happiness.

Mansour: Maryam!!!!!! You broke her heart!

Mary: And now you want to say that I'll pay for my misdeeds! You want to say that everything is connected in this world! Yes? Leave me alone, Mansour!

(Sound: Car alarm)

Mansour: You've not repaired your car alarm yet?

21:15

(Sound: Lullabies)

Mary: Mom! I want to sleep.

Mom: Don't sleep.

Mary: I'll do it again.

(Sound: Burglar alarm key)

Mary: I'll do it again.

(Sound: Burglar alarm key)

Mom: Don't sleep.

Mary: I won't sleep. I'll get out of this place. I'll get rescued. I can do that.

(Sound: The announcement of lift is strange... ground level ...first floor ...fifth floor ...third floor ...second floor)

21:56

Firefighter: Can you hear me? Is anyone in the lift? Do you hear me? Is anyone in the lift?

Mary: I'm here. I am alive.

22:22

Music

23:00

The End