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### ABOUT THE DRAFTERS

## YCM India



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Mike is a workaholic product manager who resides in Bangalore with his wife Jennifer, an IIM graduate turned homemaker, and their twelve-year-old son Venky. One day when Mike comes home after office, he finds that his wife Jennifer is leaving him and Venky, after 14 years of marriage.

2. Despite his trying hard to convince her to stay, she moves out, leaving the father and son alone. Mike and Venky initially resented one another as Mike had no time to take proper care of Venky due to his increased workload, both at home and work, additionally, Venky also missed his mother's love and attention.

3. Mike soon lost his Rs. 1,00,000 paying job as he wasn't able to take up his parental responsibilities while also focusing on work. He soon had to take up a lower-paying job that came with a lesser workload allowing him to focus more on his parental responsibilities, however making his life go into a hand-to-mouth existence.

4. After almost a year of a broken relationship, Mike and Venky learned to cope with the absence of Jennifer and gradually bonded as father and son. The separation of Mike and Jennifer had its own toll on all of them.

5. Twenty months after walking out, Jennifer returns to Bangalore, but Mike no longer wants her back in their life. Jennifer, however, wants to take custody of Venky. Jennifer now has a well-paid job and is doing financially better than Mike.

6. She has a salary of Rs. 3,00,000 per month, whereas Mike earns only Rs.70,000 per month. The apartment in which Mike and Venky currently reside belongs to him however Jennifer has rented a better apartment than Mike's in a safer location with better schools in the neighborhood, in Bangalore.

7. Mike and Venky are now very much attached to each other, and Venky is comfortable and happy with his father. He has started forgetting his mother and does not want to move in with her.

8. A conflict of interest has arisen between the parties. If this case is brought to court, it would definitely lead to the character assassination of both Mike and Jennifer and will cause immense mental distress to both of them. Also, it would affect Venky drastically and might cause him immense mental distress.

9. Keeping in mind the child's well-being, including the requirement of him moving to a new location, shifting schools, making new friends, etc, the custody of the child has to be amicably decided between the separated parents.

10. To uphold the interest of all parties, mediation is decided on. Mike with his legal representative and Jennifer with her legal representative is at the mediation table with 2 mediators to assist with the proceedings.



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