AMMA

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EPISODE - 1

Scene 1: Rama Rao and Kasulu are in the room. Rama Rao asks for Coffee. Kasulu says that she herself has no chance of getting it. Kasulu says her father is in the hospital and mother attends on him and comes home only when her father is asleep. They talk about their kith and kin. Anand's wife didn't come, Kittu and Kittu's wife are absent. Anand comes. The three talk about their brother and sister-in-law. They also say that their brother's father-in-law is here, perhaps he wants to know about the money their father got while retiring. Papa Rao also joins them. All the four people are waiting for some coffee.

Annapurnamma comes limping. She was a wound to her foot. No body bothers. Rama Rao asked his wife Kasulu to help her mother. She reports saying that if he so likes his mother-in-law, he can as well serve her. Ramam keeps quiet.

Ramam, Anand, Papa Rao and Kasulu talk about their father's pension and other financial matters. The want to ask their mother. They ask Annapurna as soon as she arrives. She says that she doesn't know and their father used to look after the finances. As it is time to give medicines to her husband, she leaves. They are still arguing with each other. Meanwhile there is a telephone call confirming the death of their father.

Scene 2:

Kasulu and Rama Rao are discussing the affairs of the house. Immediately after the rituals Kittu and his wife have gone away. Anand's wife has not come at all. They want to take Annapurnamma garu with them. Anand says that he is taking mother with him. Papa Rao says that his son-in-law wants to be here and accompany his mother. All the three argue that they will take her first. At last, they decide that they must ask their mother and seek her opinion.

Annapurnamma asks them to take the decision regarding her future stay. They discuss the issue and tell her that each one of them will keep her for 4 months.

Meanwhile the doctor comes and tells them that their mother is suffering from an advanced stage of T.B. and whoever takes her must look after her carefully, giving medicines on time.

Then each one backs out saying that they don't want to take her with them, giving one reason or the other. Annapurnamma reminds them of the service she has rendered them. She asks them to think of their early lives.

Everybody realizes their mistakes, repentant, they ask her to come and stay with anyone of the four. She says that she will not come now and she waits for six months and if the children retain the same opinion and if she is still alive by that time, she will come to them. She blesses them and sees them off.