

Man with High GPA 'monopolizes' Prize Tickets.

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What began as a fun-filled night for recent Berkeley graduate Tushar Kumar slowly turned into an early morning of regret and disappointment. Kumar watched helplessly as his companions divided the night's winnings amongst themselves, excluding him despite his claim that he contributed more than anyone else as he and his friends amassed over 2,200 Dave and Buster's prize tickets over the course of the evening. The group then decided to redeem the tickets for the children's game "Monopoly" and a few lesser prizes that included a pink yo-yo. The group proceeded to play the board game and distribute the prizes based on the order of finish, with the winner receiving the Monopoly set itself. Kumar finished fourth, the placement for which it was predetermined that no prize would be awarded.

"I really hate them. I really wish I had my tickets back...we should have kept them separate" said a visibly shaken Kumar when asked about the incident the next morning. "If I knew I was going to finish fourth I never would have agreed to those terms. It's not fair."

The eventual winner of the game, and of the *game*, was Jeremy Stribling, another recent Cal graduate. "Yeah I won the game. It was pretty exciting actually, I had never won anything before. I was a little surprised because I'm actually not that good at Monopoly," said Stribling. "Too be honest I thought that Teng would win; he usually wins at everything. I think it was a shock to all

of us when he finished last." When asked about Tushar Kumar's fourth place finish, Stribling added "No, I'm not surprised. I thought he'd finish either fourth or fifth."

Teng Pheng Yang, the group's reluctant leader, offered a different perspective on Stribling's victory. "I knew Jeremy would be triumphant. He is after all the alpha male. He would totally be the group leader if he would hang out with us more, but the rest of these guys really look up to me; they have a lot of respect for me, just like everyone at the RSF." The 'rest of these guys' include Genghis Niver, the person in whose honor the evening was planned, Ognen Stojanovski, the host of the game, and of course the disgruntled Kumar.

The evening began as the five friends met up at In-N-Out for dinner. Kumar, Stribling, and Niver each ordered a burger and fries, Stojanovski ordered 3 burgers and no fries, and Yang ordered only a box of fries. When asked about his unorthodox order, Teng said "I don't know why I only ordered French fries. The fries here suck and I was really hungry. I guess I fucked up. I'm so embarrassed...and hungry." The group then proceeded to Dave and Buster's in Milpitas, where they quickly began to collect prize tickets. Genghis, the most competitive of the group, was the first to win tickets.

"I thought it would be a good idea to pool the tickets together. Usually I end up with the least amount of tickets so I kinda forced everyone to combine them early on so that no one would keep track of how many tickets I had. Especially Ognen, he always makes fun of me," said Genghis.

Stojanovski had this to say in response, “I don’t *always* make fun of him. Besides, he always makes fun of me. I guess I deserved it tonight because I decided to be a little bitch and not get a powercard. I should really swallow my pride sometimes...*but I don’t*. Anyways, I’m glad he suggested that we all pool the tickets together because for some reason I got to share in the winnings even though I earned 0 tickets.” When asked if he felt bad about the outcome, Ognen said “Feel bad? I love it when Tushar loses, in fact I would say that it is one of my favorite things. Genghis also likes it when Tushar loses, and I also like it when Genghis loses. Genghis probably likes it when I lose though.”

Kumar’s main source of dissatisfaction stems from his claim that he earned most of the tickets, including an incredible 500 ticket win in the Wheel of Fortune ticket challenge. It was actually his second win in that game of the night, with the first one yielding 40 tickets. The game itself requires incredible hand-eye coordination. Tushar succeeded twice where all the other members of the group failed numerous times throughout the night. “I probably earned close to 900 tickets myself. Genghis and his friend Jeepers Creepers probably accounted for another 600 tickets between the two of them, and Jeremy and Teng probably contributed about 700 or so.” When asked how certain he was of these numbers Kumar replied, “Oh, I’m only guessing, how would I know how many tickets each person got?” When Genghis’ friend was asked ‘Jeepers Creepers where’d you get those peepers?’ he replied “What?”

At redemption time the group was in high spirits. They had fun guessing how

many tickets were in the cup, according to a person familiar with the matter. Everyone guessed that there were between 1,500 and 1,700 tickets, except Genghis, who predicted 867 tickets were in the cup. When the true number was revealed to be well over 2,200, Ognen exclaimed “Damn, Genghis. You stupid fly!” The news elicited a similar response from Tushar. The group then spent the next 10 minutes trying to decide what prizes to redeem the tickets for, finally agreeing to the Monopoly idea. It was decided that the first place finisher would get to keep the game, the second place finisher would receive a Dave and Buster’s pint glass, with third place receiving a D & B’s shot glass, and the pink yo-yo going to last place.

The game was played at Stojanovski’s home in Cupertino, in the early morning hours of Saturday. Kumar and Yang were squeezed out the game early due to lack of properties owned. Kumar recalls the game, “I think the real turning point for me was when I failed to buy Marvin Gardens off of Jeremy early in the game. His ass kept getting lucky and he was landing on all the properties and buying them. I determined that Marvin Gardens was under-priced using the CAPM model of asset valuation so I attempted to purchase it from Jeremy for more than he would have to pay for it, but he didn’t go for the deal.” Stribling recalls the incident as well, “He thought he was so smart; like he’s the only one who knows how to price assets using CAPM. I recognized immediately that Marvin Gardens had a positive alpha so it would increase my expected returns while lowering the overall risk of my portfolio of properties. Plus I like the property because has a strong police presence nearby and it is far away from the

properties in the ghetto like the dark purple and light blue properties. It's also far away from the jail. I hate poor people and criminals." Some shady deal-making kept Ognen in the game longer than some might have otherwise expected, but Jeremy emerged the winner in the end, with Ognen finishing third and Genghis taking home the second place prize. The presentation of the prizes followed each player's departure from the game. The pink yo-yo was presented about 40 minutes into the game, and the board was won approximately two hours later.

"It was a little disappointing finishing last, but I seem to have misplaced my pink yo-yo," Yang said. "Ognen had promised that his mom would come down and cook us breakfast at 4am but she was too scared to come down. I was still really hungry."

Kumar said that he would try to forget about the night and move on with his life. "I don't really care, actually. I already have Monopoly at home. Besides, I stole the thimble and ripped up Marvin Gardens to fuck up the set."