ANNIE TRANSCRIPT

I: INTERVIEWER

P: PARTICIPANT

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Hello. I'm Khadijah. I'm a master's student from Christ University. I invite you to take part in my study, comfort to caution, women's safety perceptions following educational relocation, I had sent you the informed consent sheet. Have you read it?

P: Yes.

I: Do you consent to being audio recorded and me using this audio for my dissertation as well as my supervisor potentially having access to it?

P: Sure.

I: So shall we begin? If you're ready, yeah, let's start with some simple questions. Can you please pick a pseudonym for yourself?

P: Annie.

I: Okay. Annie, how old are you?

P: 22

I: and what is your gender?

P: I'm female.

I: Where did you relocate from? And where did you move to?

P: I relocated from Chennai and I moved to Bangalore.

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And when did you relocate?

P: Around six months ago.

I: Okay, great. What is your living arrangement?

P: (0:50) currently live in a PG,

I: Okay. So, shall we start the main questions? Can you please tell me what does the concept of safety mean to you?

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So, like, I think safety means basically, how do I say this, like, your physical environment and your, how do I like your safety is assured at all times, as in, you will not be physically, mentally or psychologically harmed in any way and that. Like, basically, yeah, you're just protected from any sort of harm like that, you know, from people or any situations that harm you, you're protected from those situations, and even if you get into it like you will legally and in other ways, be fairly compensated. Is what I think, is safety

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Okay, makes sense? Can you please describe your initial perception of safety in your new environment upon relocating. So, like you mentioned, you came here last year, so when you first came, what was your perception of safety in this new place?

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So it was very, very different, because, like when I was back in Dubai, it was extremely safe. I could do anything. And like at any time, there were no, you know, like no inhibitions whatsoever. But I came to India, Bangalore specifically. And then when I came to Bangalore, I realized that there were a lot of things that I can't do, as in, explicitly, can't do I can't go out at night. It's unsafe for me to stay out at night if I don't have anybody watching over me. It's, you know, like, I can't just, like before back in Dubai, I used to like going out for walks and stuff all by myself. But here, I think even during evening times, or, you know, even in the mornings, like if you're going to some location, and it's all alone and it's a little isolated, it's extremely unsafe. So things like that were very shocking for me.

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So, the travel aspect of it-

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I actually didn't mention that, but like, I came here and I had to intern and things like that. So most of the time, we'd always make sure to go as, like friends, like as a group of friends. We tried not to go alone, even if it was early in the morning, because, you know, there were things like, what if there is some argument with the auto drivers or with any other people in a public transport like, there's no way you can defend yourself. So we'd always go in groups. And when I think there was one time where I was forced to go alone for my internship, and during those times, I would always make it a point to take the metro and not really take any auto or anything like that, so I could be, you know, like a crowd safe and things like that.

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Okay, can you tell me if your perception of safety has evolved after you moved. Since you moved last year, it's almost been a year, I think, since you came to this place. So has your sense of safety evolved in any way, and has any specific experiences or events influenced that evolution?

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I think that I I've become even more aware of, like, how unsafe it is in that way it has evolved. Like when I came in first, like, I just came in first, like, I just came from Dubai, and I thought, Okay, I just have to keep myself a little safe and things like that. I didn't realize how bad it was. So sometimes I'd like, go outside, like, in an like, in the middle of the night to, you know, like, get something from a nearby shop, and it would feel very uncomfortable, like, you know, like I would just be wearing normal clothes, but it would feel too revealing, because people would keep staring sometimes, and like, I don't know what they're thinking, so I'd always feel very insecure or inferior about what I'm wearing, what how I'm going out and, like, very unsafe, basically. And also, I think, like, ever since I came here, I've realized that it is dangerous to go out without company. Because I think there was once where I went out with a bunch of my friends and I stayed out at night, like very late, really late at night, and it was a lot of fun, only because there were people around me, and I realized how unsafe it could have been if there was actually no one around me and I was all alone in a place late out at night.

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Okay, can you describe any specific challenges or incidents that have made you feel unsafe since your relocation.

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There was nothing that explicitly happened to me, but I've heard from a lot of people around me, like, for instance, like there was once Okay, this one happened to me, but it wasn't anything that happened to me. But like, how do I say this? Like, I went out to a park. Hmm, pretty late at night, and I went out with somebody else, but then what I realized was that in that park, it was mostly just older people. There was nothing that made me explicitly feel unsafe, but at the same time, like it was pretty late at night, and like the commute back and forth to the park itself, like every you know, road was isolated, and there were a lot of people who were, you know, going on their way to consume alcohol, or already under the consumption of alcohol. And I was seeing this as I was passing by the roads and things like that, and I realized that the neighborhood that I'm living in, especially might be pretty unsafe because there are a lot of older men. There's not a

lot of youth or people my age here, and I felt quite unsafe and things like that. And I also, like thought about. no, yeah, I think that's it.

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Can you please recall anything from that moment? Can you just repeat the question? Sure, sure. So I was asking if there were any sorry for that interruption. The question was, can you please describe any specific challenges or incident that have made you feel unsafe since you?

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Yeah, so that one was for me, and otherwise, I've also heard, like when I was starting my internship, I heard a lot from my own, like peers and from my seniors and things like that. There were a lot of incidents of, like, men flashing, you know, taking off their clothes, things like that, like some sort of voyeurism and stuff like that. So I realized that they were more common here. And even sometimes, like in my own PG, sometimes I'd go up, like, onto the rooftop and stuff, and then I would hear, like a lot of men drinking and talking very loudly, and sometimes, if they see you, they might keep looking at you, and things like that. So those things were were very new, and it made me feel very unsafe in this, like, new environment.

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And how did that make you feel? How did you respond to that?

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So what I would do is, like, I hated doing this, but I would have to kind of take precautions, like limit my presence or activity in certain areas. I love going out and things like that, especially at night. I feel like, you know, like it's a beautiful city. I like to be out at night. I want to do things. I want to have fun, but I think the consequences are far greater than, you know, the fun you can enjoy. So I'm always scared, and I always come back make it like a point to come back home earlier, like I try to come back home max by eight or nine. There was only like, if once I stayed out and that too, like, I made sure that I was in the company of, like, trusted friends and things like that. But otherwise, I always make it back home on time. I try not to go out alone. I try to go out with at least one friend of mine. Then I try to use public transportation, especially things like Metro. I don't use like in like, when I was in Dubai, I would use like, very, you know, like other forms of transportation too, but here, like, I'm hesitant to even use, like a rapido scooter or something, even though it is available, it is cheaper, and I would love to take the cheaper option. I can't, because I feel like it's unsafe. So things like that is what I've done. Okay,

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this kind of ties in with what you mentioned last like, what measures you take, like avoiding certain areas. Can you please tell me a little bit more about the measures or strategies that you use to cope with your safety concerns in this new environment, if there are any specific routines or habits you adopted, or any technology that you make use of,

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yeah. So thing is, I also have to travel back home to my hometown a lot of times. So what I do when I'm traveling like that, like, when I have to, like, let's say, you have to catch a train. I had to catch a train once very early in the morning, which means I had to travel in the middle of the night. So when I have to do things like that, what I do is I at least ask one or two of my friends or in a group like I just put my live location and things like that. I share it with everybody around me. I tell, like, a bunch of people, that I'm going around this time, and I make sure that everybody knows where I'm traveling at what time? When can they expect me back? And things like that, so that, just in case anything happens, that they would know that she's, you know, not here yet, and things like that. Also, I have, you know, made sure to take a lot of like, how do I say this? Like, I avoid a lot of places. Like, if I when I go out at like, not nights, especially like anytime, any time of the day, if I go outside, I make sure to stick to the more public places, even in the metro stations and stuff I don't go behind them. I always try to take the front gates, try to go to the more crowded areas. Wherever I go, I avoid, like, you know, alleyways and things like that, any places that feel secluded. I try to avoid them as much as possible, and always taking a friend along, even, like, when we go to internships, work anywhere we try to go as a group, things like that I've been doing. And also, like, what else, also, you know, you can, how do I say in some The thing is, I was actually very concerned. Traveling in the middle of the night once that I tried to resort to, like only female cab drivers, sort of services, although it was very hard for me to access, I was searching up a lot of strategies like that also. And most of the time, I think it's just been avoidance, rather than actively doing anything. I just avoid a lot of situations which could jeopardize my safety.

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Okay, that makes sense out of these, which strategies, strategies do you think work the best in making you feel safe? And how has having to do these things impacted your sense of safety in this new place?

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I think, as I said, I think more than anything, like avoiding is the best strategy, because then there's no way you're putting yourself in a situation where you could be taken advantage of. So any like, it's easier, right? Like, if I just step out of the house, it's unsafe. So if you just don't go out at all, it's gonna be safe. So things like that, like avoiding situations, avoiding dangerous places, people, company, things like that, has been the most effective. But I think, how do I say this? It hasn't significantly improved my sense of safety, because at the end of the day, you still have to go out, you still have to live your life. You can't just stay cooped up in your room forever. So I do go outside, and like when I go outside, even though I try to keep it as public as possible, even when I'm in a public place, sometimes I'm like, you know, I have to think about, is someone going to touch me inappropriately, or is there because it's too crowded? Is there a chance of being groped, harassed, or something like that, and you would not be able to do anything about it either? So it's not like just avoiding has completely benefited and made me feel extremely safe or something like that. I feel like either way, if you do go outside in like a society like ours, it's still going to be unsafe no matter what you try to do.

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You mentioned that staying, if you stay at home, you can avoid a lot of the unsafe situations. Has that had any sort of an impact on your educational life or your social life?

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Education a little bit because, like my course, requires a lot of practical work, and I have to go outside a lot, and I have to most of the time. I can't rely on my friends. I have to do things by myself. Like there was an internship I was doing in my first semester where I had to personally visit a client's house, which was very, very far from my own house. It was basically on the other side of Bangalore. And every time I had to travel, I had to make sure I was being safe. I was letting everyone know my location and like, you know, just in like, I just had to be very, very careful, very vigilant of my surroundings. And I'm usually not a person like that. I like to, you know, just relax and go out. So I had to be extra cautious and things like that. And I think that's why, in that way, sometimes impacts your like, you know, your educational practices, because now I have to, like, think of internships that are extremely close to my house, that are not too far, that are in safer places, that do not take routes that are more dangerous, and things like that. I have to look not at just at the organization. I want to Internet. I have to look at everything else around them. I have to look at the staff. I have to look at the place that it's located, and things like that. And for like, in terms of social I feel like it's impacted the most, because I really like going outside. I really like meeting new people, hanging out and things like that, and I really want to spend more time outside. I feel like, in that way, it has impacted me a lot, very adversely, because I feel like I can't have fun anymore, like I'm already stressed with uni as it is, and I don't want to just come home and stay at home just because I perceive some sort of accident will

happen if I go outside and and the thing is, the worst part is, it's not even your fault. It's something you can't anticipate. You can't really plan ahead for. So I feel like, in that way, it has made me feel extremely anxious, very stifled and like just basically very irritable and hostile, I think.

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Can you please tell me how your living arrangement and the physical layout of your new environment affected your sense of safety, like where your campus is located, where your PG the streets, things like that.

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So the place where my campus is located is pretty unsafe, because it's like a mix of safe and unsafe. The thing is, a lot it's a very residential area, so a lot of families live here. So that's a good thing. There are not a lot of people who are it's not like an you know, it's, it's not like, how do I say a very happening place? There's not a lot of like, young people or like substance partying, nothing like that. But at the same time, there are a lot of, I feel like a lot of older men, a lot of bachelor men living here around too, I think. And that way it is pretty unsafe. And also it feels, I don't know how to say it, but like it just feels like this place is more unsafe. For some reason, I feel like the population in other parts of Bangalore are how do I say, I hate to say, use this word, but I feel like it's more civilized, or it feels like people are more accepting of, you know, people wearing more like, let's say, revealing clothes. Or things like that. But here, if I wore something like that, I would get a lot of stares, like even ones where I had to just wear a dress and I had to wait for an auto outside. I felt like I was getting stared by everybody, whether it be a man, woman, everybody. And it felt very uncomfortable. So it felt like, you know, if it was in the middle of sunny, this would have been the scariest thing to do if it was happening. So in that way, like, the place I'm living in is pretty scary, and also the like, the rows are very narrow, and they're not very, it's not like a very city type of road place thing. It's very, it feels very rural in a way. And it's also, and that's why there you can't see a lot of auto drivers accepting to come here and go out and stuff. So it's hard to get. You know, transportation to this far like this distant from the main city in Bangalore, in that way, it makes you feel unsafe. But my PhD is pretty much fine. I think the only thing is, it's located towards the back gate, which also is known for not having the most safest of people around. But I think it's nothing too bad

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you mentioned like the streets and trees being too narrow, and it's not very in the city area. Can you tell me how features like street lighting or having a security at your PG, the neighborhood like you mentioned, like, has, how has this influenced your sense of

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safety? That's another problem that I didn't mention. Like, there's barely any street lights. Even if there are, they're very far from each other, so the whole place in general looks very dim and dark. So if you were to walk out at night, it would be very, very dangerous. So that is like, that makes you feel extremely unsafe. And for the PG, we do have a security guard, but I wouldn't call it very safe either, because it's not like he's awake the whole night. We do have other things, like, you know, fingerprint and like scanning and things like that, but I don't know how safe it is, to be honest. Like, if some someone would want to harm you, there's so many ways. There's so many ways they can do anything like, you know, climbing to your roof or through the windows, anywhere like it would be possible. And so in that way, I feel like the layout does not make you feel very safe. And even the roads and stuff like, they're, you know, full of like, how do I say they're very uneven? There's, like, a lot of plateaus. And if you were to walk alone late at night, and let's say you encountered something dangerous, even escape would be very difficult, I feel like so I think that really limits your freedom and makes you feel very unsafe.

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How has new stories, social media or Online reports about your new location affect how safe you felt before or after moving and how did that impact your perception? Like you mentioned you lived in Dubai before this. So were there any news stories or even word of mouth that you heard from people that made you feel a little bit apprehensive about moving here or even after moving here? Have you been more attuned to seeking out these sort of news stories or things like that. So

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I've, I mean, in general, everybody's heard it. India's very unsafe. So I knew it always but I thought, like, you know, if you were to, like, limit your interactions, keep yourself a little safe, you should be okay. But I think it's way worse when I've come here, because I see the news all the time. Like, especially after I moved, I think very soon after, like, there was a huge, like, really famous case that happened in Bangalore itself, where, like, a woman was murdered in her PG. And was terrifying, because I think it was not even like her boyfriend, it was a friend's boyfriend who had walked into their PG murdered her. And I'm sure this PG had pretty good, you know, security staff and all of that, but it was still very much possible to, you know, do something as horrible as killing someone. So it really makes you question, like, how safe it is. And I've also heard other stories, like, you know, in actually, very close to my university itself, where I where I know the story of, like, one girl being I think, I don't think she was raped, but I think she was very sexually harassed by one of her PG staff itself, by a male staff, and that had caused a lot of problems. I don't know if she took her life after it, but it became a very big legal case, to the point where the police had to, you know, kind of go around and check up on every PG nearby, and I knew all of this was happening right around me, very, very close to me. So when I see things like this, sometimes even my own parents, like, they call me from because

they're far away from me, right? So they call me and they make sure, like, Are you safe? Are you okay? Is there anything troubling you? And then I realized, like, Oh, I'm really living in a very unsafe environment, and I'm away from my parents, and if something happens, then there's almost nobody I can rely on to here, and these situations seem to occur very freely around here, and possibly because of the lack of legal consequences. Like it feels like these people can just get away with anything most of the time. So it makes me even more scared, because I've. Like that gives the people around you more courage to act out in ways that they shouldn't. So in that way, I've I felt extremely unsafe when I see all this news, because then I know for sure that really the legal system and the safety in these areas is really not something you can guarantee in any way.

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So this, you would, you say this has negatively impacted? Yeah, very negatively. Okay, you also mentioned how one of the precautions you take when you go out is making sure that your friends are with you, or going in a bigger group, or letting them know about your live location, things like that. So how has making new social connections influenced your feelings of safety? Has that given you a bit more confidence in navigating the city, things like that. Yeah, I think

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it's very important that you have social connections, especially if you're moving to a new place, because you don't know anything here. You don't know anybody here, especially if you know someone who is from that local region, it's so much better, because you know they will kind of tell you what you can expect and how safe you can keep yourself. Because you don't know any of these places. You don't know which place is more safer than the other. Safer than the other. You don't know you know what you can expect whenever you travel by yourself and things like that. So one of the incidents I can think of is like when we had to go for an internship, my friends and I together, I realized no, basically, we were going out, and then we had an argument with one of the cab drivers. So I realized that day that if I had to do this all alone, I wouldn't know, I wouldn't be able to navigate anything because I felt unsafe, because obviously it was a man, and he was getting angry, and he was starting to, you know, get really agitated, to the point where I thought he might attack me in any way, like physically or verbally. So when things like that happen, I felt like social connections, like when you have your friends and things like that, you feel a lot more safer. You think you can somehow deal with this, you can somehow reason and you can get out of this safely. But if I was all alone in that situation, I know for sure that it would have been very, very unsafe for me, and there's just no guarantee what could have happened and and because, and the order, I mean, the drivers or other people might take advantage of you just because you're being alone too. So it's I think having more friends, meeting people, especially people who are from Bangalore itself, has helped me a lot, because I, before I go anywhere, I always make sure to ask them, like, is this the best route to take? Is this the best way to go? Is it

safer if I stay out in a railway station, or should I just take a cab late at home? All these decisions I can ask, you know, I can ask them and take because they've been here for a long time, and they would know what's best in this place.

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Can you please elaborate a little bit on the incident you faced with the auto driver? If you're okay with that, yeah.

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So basically, we had to go to a place, but then we booked it through, like an app, I think it was Uber or something, and there was a problem with it, because he demanded for more, but he had already kind of accepted our rights. So for cancelation, we had to pay him like half the amount, which was crazy. So we told him, obviously we're not going to pay it. But then he wouldn't let us leave, or, do you know, choose another auto, or, like, do anything if we didn't, like, pay him up. So he was getting very, very angry, and he started yelling at us and all of that. And so we had to, like, we tried to reason with him, and we told him that, you know, you should have told us that there was an increase in the price before you had accepted it. So it is not our fault. And we were trying to reason with him as much as possible. But I didn't know the regional language, so I couldn't do much. So whatever was going on, I felt very lost and confused. But my friend knew Kannada, so she was able to talk through most of it. But even otherwise, he was getting very worked up, and suddenly, like a lot of auto drivers were nearby, also started coming. And all of these people were men, and we were the only woman, and we were very close to the university campus, but still it felt extremely unsafe because we couldn't, like, move. If you moved anywhere, he say, No, you can't leave anywhere without paying you have to pay me or I won't you go. And then later, we had no choice but to take his own cab and then go. And then when we reached the location again, he started fighting with us about something like paying more extra and things like this. And we were like, we can't pay more than this. And then we had to go to our internship site in like, a few minutes. So it was a lot of trouble that day, and in, like, and our internship site was also, like, in a street where it was rather empty, so it was pretty dangerous. I was with like, four other girls, but it was still pretty scary to be in that situation, and because you know, like, you don't know the language. You don't know anybody here, you don't know, like, even if you had to, like, file a legal case, or, like, go through something like a legal procedure, you wouldn't know anything about how to do it. So it's just basically, you're helpless. Whatever he says, You have to just abide by it or go with it. There's nothing you can do about it. So it was scary because, like, I thought, like being next to university would be safer. It wasn't. I thought going to an internship place wouldn't be as unsafe, but it was still pretty unsafe, even though it was not like a very, you know, secluded region. It was a place where a lot of families were, but still it felt very unsafe. And I realized that as a woman, especially, there's not much you can do,

because people always look down on you and what you can do. Yeah, they, you know, they think you're pretty harmless, so taking advantage of you should be easy. That's what I realized. Because whenever we, like, we were four girls, and he wouldn't listen to anything we were saying. But like, the minute another man from somewhere comes in and tells him something, he would listen to him. He would be scared to argue against him. So I thought, like, as women, we were more powerless and we didn't really have the choice to do anything. So I think that incident was, like, probably the like, the biggest indicator of how unsafe it is to be in a new environment, not knowing the language, being a woman, being a student, staying away from your family, like, all of these factors really play into a role and, like, really show you how powerless you can be in that situation, is what I thought. Okay,

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can you please describe how the stress of relocation may have affected your perceptions of safety, like, like you mentioned you came from a really far place. You've never been here before, having to find housing, moving in before uni starts, all of those things. How did that stress of relocation affect your sense of safety? Has that made Has Has there ever been a moment where you felt anxious or vulnerable because of the of that stress?

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Yeah, so, because I come from, like, a whole different country, I feel like I was extremely vulnerable to any sort of, you know, terrible experiences. Because, like, I don't know how this country works. I don't know the culture here. I don't know anything. I feel like it's very easy to get cheated or, like, taken advantage of, just because you don't know. So like, if, like, because, you know, like, I don't know how the autos or, like, transportation works here. Like, if the auto driver decided to take another route, I wouldn't even know. So things like that really was concerning, because I had lived all my life in UAE. So to a large extent, I was very, very safe. There I was. I was. I never had to worry about any of these things. The laws were very strict, and they were severe consequences for any sort of, you know, violence or harm against women, especially. But here it's kind of like the opposite. It's like the harm against women is not that punishable, or it's very easy to, you know, do something. So I felt very scared coming here, and especially when I had to relocate. I realized that I have to live away from my parents in a PG and things like that. And I had lived alone before, even back in Dubai, but then this was like a whole different scale. I was living in a whole new country, in a whole new state where I didn't know the language. I had to live all by myself, without my parents. It was so stressful to, you know, think about like, what are all things I'm gonna need? How am I gonna keep myself safe in those places and things like that? So I think that stress itself, like, made me more how do I say vulnerable in the sense that I would avoid a lot of situations, like, if someone, like, even if it was a friend, they would just ask me out, like to go out or hang out, I would say no immediately, because I'd be

scared, especially if it was a male friend asking, I'd be scared to go out with them, like one on one, unless it was like a huge group, I'd be very scared to go outside. So things like this, like, made me feel very scared. And just moving to a new place was scary, but I think I had, like, a few protective factors, which was great, but otherwise, it's still like a very new place, and you do get used to it, but it also is mostly just coming to terms with the fact that you will be in danger anytime and not really elevating any of the stressors you have.

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You mentioned having a few protective factors. Could you please elaborate on that?

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So I came here with, like, a friend of mine from Dubai itself. So in a way, I could, I think you could say like we both were lost together, so it wasn't like a great thing, but at the same time, we at least had each other, so it felt good. So, you know, because I had someone from there, there's someone who could understand me, who would relate to me, I feel like for other people who, let's say, came from very far places, but didn't have anyone who could understand them, who could understand their culture back at home and things like that. It would be even harder to, you know, accommodate to this new and completely new environment. But because I had her, I could always, you know, come back home and tell her like, you know, in Dubai, it wasn't like this. Look at how it is here and things like that. And this would help me cope with it a little better, because she would also have similar experiences. It would validate what I'm feeling, and with that, like I can somehow, you know, feel like, okay, you know, it's not like I'm the only one suffering. She's also going through it, and we somehow had to cope with it. We can do it together. It's okay. But I feel like, for other people who probably didn't have a lot, who just had to come all by themselves, completely alone, I feel like it's going to be a lot worse.

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Yeah, that makes sense also to circle back to when you mentioned that incident with the cab driver. Has that incident shaped your sense of safety when it comes to public transport in any way?

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Yeah, it has shaped it very significantly, actually, like ever since then I was, I actually, after that incident, I completely uninstalled Uber. So it's like my you know, like modes of transportation just keep getting reduced. I mostly just try to take the metro. After that, I almost never take the

cab, especially if I'm alone. I never take the cab. But the thing is, when I'm traveling, you know, like when I come back from home, like when I come from Chennai and stuff, I have a lot of luggage. I don't have a choice. I have to take cabs and things. Like that, and they're mostly in the middle of the night. Thankfully, I haven't gone through anything bad, but usually even just, you know, like waiting out and trying to get the cab, being out late at night, like in the railway station and things like that, it's sometimes pretty terrifying, especially if you're a woman all alone, because there would be like, 100 different auto drivers and cab drivers that will try to approach you. There were times like, where it's explicitly say, no, like, I'm waiting for like, in the app, I try to book them almost always through the app, so that, you know the price is not like, something that they can manipulate or change, because I don't know this place, so I don't know what is an expected price. So I try to book you through those things most of the time. And but then, like, there will be a lot of people in the roads would keep asking you, and they'd be like, Oh, you're all alone. It's very, you know, unsafe. I could take you home things like that, and just hearing that would make me feel even more scared for some reason, so things like that. Ever since then, I've been very skeptical about public transportation. But at the same time, we don't really have a choice, because I don't, can't really afford my own transportation here, with the traffic and with the cost and all of that. So it makes me feel very, you know, like I don't like this, but I have no choice but to keep using it. The least I could do is try to, you know, make sure I'm as protected as possible when I'm using it. Is what I think. Okay.

I: Thank you so much.