

VOICES ... Young People Speak Out

Dead Hot, Just to be Cool

Towheed Feroze tells the true story of sweet girl who died in the clutches of drugs

TANIA comes from a privileged background. Her father is a successful businessman, her mother is a professor of a very reputable college in Dhaka.

Tania is not familiar with the tribulations of life. Going to school, hanging out with friends, going to parties and concerts, watching movies — that's all she does.

Later on, she also starts encouraging her other friends to take drugs. She tells them that "if you want to be cool and experience the charming aspect of life then take drugs".

appear cool and for the fun of it. For these children I have a question: "Do you have any idea of what you are doing? Just for a few moments of shallow delight you are placing yourselves in a death trap."

Doping to be a Hero

So, you think you're being smart by your high-flying. Well, not quite, writes Sajid Rizwan Matin

THERE has been a lot of research and a good number of articles printed consulting the reason of taking drugs — why people go into drugs, why they give themselves up in booze and ale and similar stuff.

come from a broken family, it's no wonder that they get into drugs. They blame their social behaviour. However, our critics perhaps did not realise that this has happened to our country, too.



heroes out in the streets, his path to power and death. There are obviously a lot of other reasons for a teenager to get addicted. But they have to know a way to get drugs, bad company, the descent people would say, that's how they get them.



A Syrupy Monster

ISN'T it ironic that so much money is spent to create AIDS awareness among the people but so little is done to create a little awareness among the people against the fatal drug — Phensidyl.

The main advantage of this drug is that this drug does not create any abnormal symptoms. For example, if alcohol is taken an odour can be detected, if cannabis is taken the eyes become red and a person under the influence of cannabis behaves in an abnormal way.

Let me be a little more specific. In this society when a boy passes his adolescence, he becomes somewhat reserved in his behaviour. It is actually expected from him. No more joking around, no more laughing, no more playing childish pranks.

of joy passes away. After a year, it no longer provides any pleasure, on the contrary the body becomes dependant on this drug. Then a person has to take it in order to survive.

Take Phensidyle and be Damned?

Tanvir Ahmed points out the intoxicants the youths use

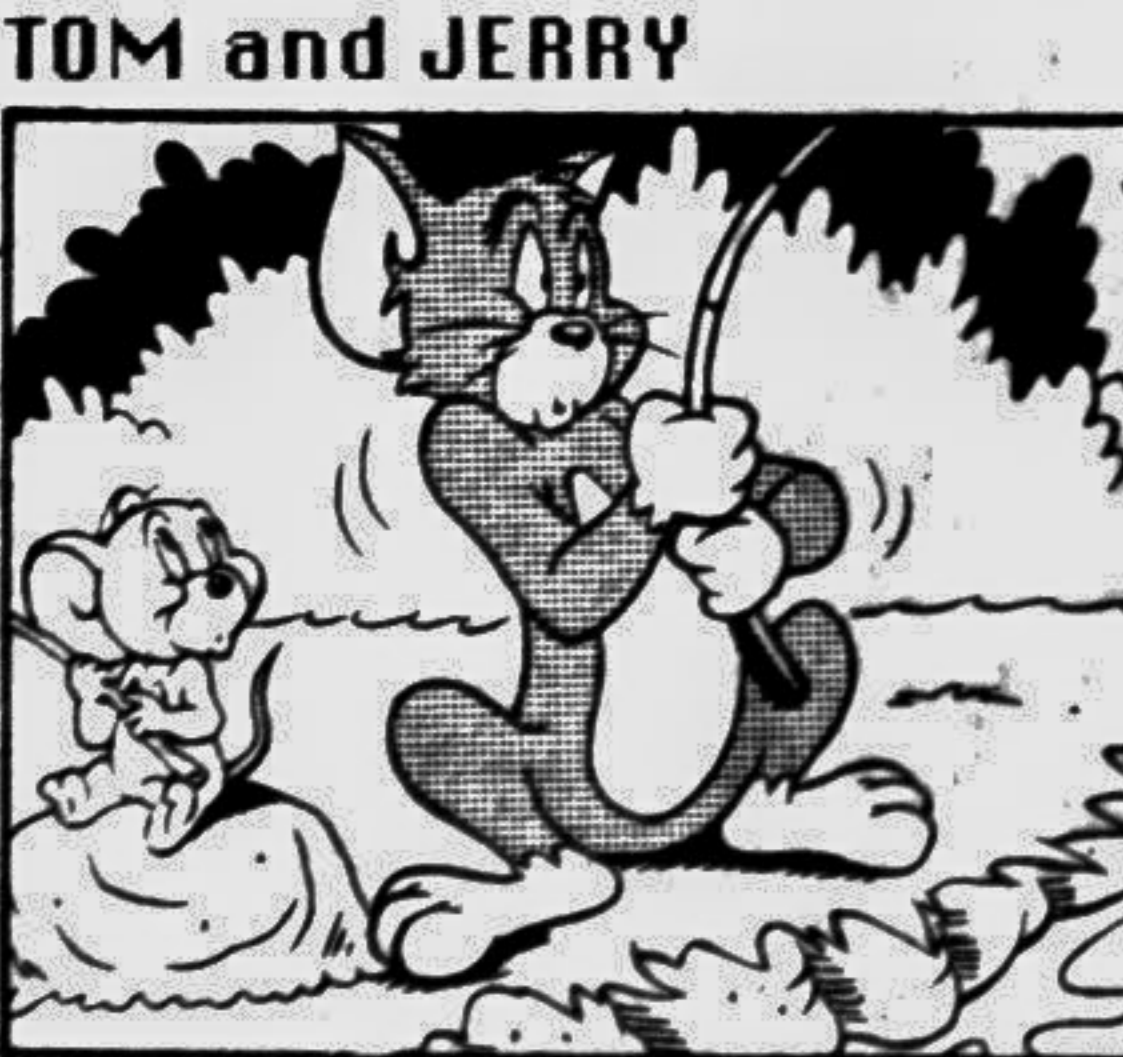
IF we make a move with the problems of the youth, the bluish luster of intoxicants, which is spreading day by day, will make us bound to work on it.

Samad is a teenage boy of 16 or 17. He was taking hemp during the half time of a football match. I asked him tactfully the reason of his taking hemp.

in the trap of Phensidyle, influenced by some of his friends. Then he threw light on the reason behind rejecting Phensidyle: "By taking Phensidyle boys or girls never go drunk. They get only little bit hallucinated and that's why the sleep goes deeper and deeper."



IN-H-A-L-E... And get choked as the fashion design of the youth has increased so much. We have to take steps for destroying this circle of intoxicants at once, otherwise it will be too late for us to save our nation. I don't want to see such a catastrophe; do you?



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