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With smartphones crowding the market, the iPhone has remained as one of the most expensive and popular line ups ever, even with its fair share of equally competent rivals. However, with the release of a new series and the mass mania, here is a story of how one gets over the new range.

STAGE ONE: THE CURIOSITY

With every new version of anything, there is the claim of improvement. The same goes for the new phone, just that for few previous seasons, subtraction has become the new addition. To the consumer, the need to know what happens next in the scene for the iPhone leads to the browser window shooting to the Apple website. The glorious advertising would make anyone drool, melt and feel like the iPhone is a piece of mobile heaven.

STAGE TWO: THE URGE

After the discovery, there is a silence where you stare at your current phone – the

broken screen and the dented body makes you feel the need of something better. The present camera resolution falls far below the mark. This means that while there was a time when your photos were the bomb, with so much competition, your aesthetic photography has been rendered to being less than a cracker. Somehow, you also start noticing that the old chunk has slowed down too much for your liking, and the reason you lose at multiplayer games is because it lags down to the prehistoric era. All this makes you think that getting the new toy might be a good deal.

STAGE THREE: THE HEARTBREAK

Having mentioned the 'worthy' subtractions, it would only be a shame if we do not mention the additions. And, all the addition has gone to the price. The latest iPhones never seem to be affordable right after its release, and the new one would just be another level up for the

increments. Also, to avoid hearing an earful about how every bad thing on the planet happens because you are on your cell all the time, not asking the parents would be a good idea.

Therefore, condolences are in order because within minutes, the dream of owning the latest iOS device has been shattered into a million pieces by the weight of the price tag.

STAGE FOUR: THE CONTEMPLATION

With some time to yourself, there will be a point in time where you realise that you do not need a new gadget, and the one you currently use can serve you well long enough. It also makes you think that there will be a new gadget every few months and every new reinvention grows old at one point. Adding another negative, better cameras will only make blemishes more obvious, and instead of buying a phone, you could just buy food.

STAGE FIVE: THE CONDEMNATION

Once the rocket has launched, there will be a part of you that feels sad about not having the phone. All for one, there will always be people who immediately get their hands on the new phone, but more often than not, the upgrade can be put off for later. But, all that is compensated for when you use your cracked screen phone to share memes about hating the new range of iPhones, just like you never wanted one. You sit back and scroll through, appreciating flip phones because they will forever make people look twice. This bit of phone shaming becomes viral on the network, until the hype dies out and the new phone becomes an old phone all over again.

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