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The Year was 1959, the place was Amritsar.

Some Indian Army Officers and their wives had gone to the Railway Station to see off one of their colleagues.

Some goons made lewd remarks against the women and tried to molest them. The Army Officers chased the goons who took ...(2)

shelter in a nearby Cinema Theater.
The matter had been reported to Commanding Officer Col Jyothi Mohan Sen. On learning about the incident, the Col ordered the Cinema Hall to be surrounded by troops. All the goons were dragged out.The leader of the goons was heady and drunk (3)

with power. He was none other than the son of the Chief Minister of Punjab, Pratap Singh Kairon,the close associate of the then Prime Minister JawaharLal Nehru.

All the goons were stripped 2 their underwear, paraded in the streets of Amritsar & later interned in the Cantonment.

The next day, the Chief Minister became furious and tried to release his son from the Indian Army's incarceration.

Do you know what happened?

His vehicle was not allowed to go into the Cantonment as VIP Vehicle. He was compelled to walk all the way to meet the Colonel.

The infuriated Chief Minister, Kairon complained about the whole affair to Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru.

Those days were different. Democracy was in a nascent stage. Leaders though powerful had some qualms and ethics. But the perplexed Prime Minister Nehru

instead of questioning his confidante Pratap Singh Kairon, sought an explanation from the Army Chief General Thimmayya for the conduct of his Officers.

Do you know what Thimmayya replied?

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"If we can not defend the honor of our women, how can you expect us to defend the honor of our Country ?"

Nehru was dumbfounded.

That was the Story of a brave Soldier who defied the Chief Minister.

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