CHAPTER 1: THE MODERN MARRIAGE TRAP & THE MONEY REALITY

The Story of Aditya: Aditya was a 29-year-old software engineer earning a decent salary. He married Priya, a working professional with an MBA. Everyone celebrated the wedding as a match of equals. But within three months, daily fights started over small things—who cleans the room, why Aditya's mother visited for two days, why expenses were high.

One Sunday, Priya packed her bags and left. Three weeks later, a court notice arrived. Priya—who earned ₹50,000 every month—wrote in court that she was a "helpless, penniless housewife who was beaten and starved." She demanded ₹40,000 every single month from Aditya just to live.

"To a hostile in-law family and greedy lawyers, you are not a human being. You are an LIC insurance policy with zero investment: they invested nothing, but the court orders you to pay them a monthly pension for life."

Why Are Modern Marriages Breaking Down?

You need to understand the simple economic truth: forty years ago, one man's salary was enough to run a whole family, buy a home, and raise children. Today, because everything from housing to school fees has become twice as expensive, families need two incomes.

At the same time, social media and advertisements tell everyone to be selfish: *"Never compromise," "Live only for yourself," "You don't need family."* When two people enter marriage with big egos and zero patience to adjust, the marriage breaks within weeks.

The Huge Trap in Indian Law

Here is the dangerous part that no bachelor knows: **The law in India still treats every woman as if it is 1950.**

- Even if your wife has an MBA or a high-paying corporate job, the moment she leaves, the law assumes she is a helpless dependent.

- She can ask the judge for monthly cash from Day 1, and the judge will often grant it without even checking if her claims are true!