Ranjan's story

6 am: The alarm goes off. I take 5 minutes to wake up; I'm far too tired. As soon as I realise it's Monday I activate my hand-implant to check my GeneVault levels. Phew! My sugar levels and blood pressure are normal. Heartbeat rate 65 beats per minute. Hmmm… what is this? Abnormal hemoglobin levels again?

Worried, I sit on my bed and select the "More Information option" with my eye movement. It reads: "Abnormal hemoglobin levels may be a symptom of: Dehydration, Excessive vomiting, Extreme physical exercise…" Oh Blimey! All that beer last night. I select "My GeneVault Status". My GV-Rating has plummeted. I am on GV3.7! I needed to be over GV4 to access the first-class coach this morning. I guess business class will have to do. Crying will not help. Let's eat some breakfast.

9 am: My mum rang when I was about to shower. She saw my hemoglobin levels on her GeneVault feed. I should change my settings to private! But then I won't be able to access the public services! My anxiety rose and my GeneVault rating went down even further to GV3.5.

I am late for work thanks to mum. There were no Business class seats available; I had to jump on the Economy class coach. It was crowded with old peasants everywhere. Weak, useless people: GV2 or under. My stress levels went up and my rating fell to 3.2!! I had to use the stairs as I was not allowed in the lift. I must do something to improve my GVRating or I will not survive the day. No! Forget about this and focus on my presentation.

13:30 pm: I'm glad the presentation went ok, but I saw the client's face when he checked his GeneVault feed. I am certainly not the fittest analyst, but I do my best. My genes don't help either. Dad had more chronical illnesses than I can count, and mum had depression problems. I wish they had sequenced my genes before I was born so I could get the same gene-implants my colleagues got. They are always GV4.5 or over.

3:00 pm: A notification arrives on my computer. Great. They have sent the links to the new add-ons for my GeneVault. Overpriced but I don't mind if they help me improve my GVRating. Hmmm, I have to replace the original API first or this third-party code will not work… Good. It is working. Let's see… There is so much to choose from. The digital gene bank is enormous and fake…. Ok. There. Fixed.

4:25 pm: Wow I am 4GV again. How good Business class feels! And yippee, I'll be on time for my appointment at the bank.

5:00 pm: At the bank. "Hi Rajan. We have reviewed your loan application. I am happy to confirm that you qualify for a Silver-grade Personal loan. It will definitely help you to open your business soon. What? You expected a gold-grade business loan? I know, but you do not qualify. Gold-grade is for 4.5GV or over. Maybe if you come here next year…."

7:00 pm: At home, I check for options on the net. Someone on the GeneTinker forum suggests a couple of options by гены, the Russian corporation. Thanks to GeneVault's adaptable design it shouldn't be difficult to tweak the whole system. Or better, look at this: "Young males wanted to participate in our Genome Repository trial. £1000 + GV1 rewards. Interested? Email: Ekaterina@dna.com."