

Author's POV:

Arjun looked at his pumpkin, who was smiling fakely. He then looked at Avi, who was smiling brightly, unaware of the chaos that was happening. He still remember that day. That bloody woman, along with his so-called elder sister and her bastard brother, put false allegations against his little sister. How he wished to kill all of them with his bare hands.

Flashback:

It's been three days since Avinav and Maya got married. Arjun sat in the living room with his father and uncles discussing business and their farms. They were busy with their discussions when the three devils entered the house with a smirk on their lips.

Oh! How much he wishes he could wipe that stupid smirk o their faces and strangle them to death.

Everyone groaned and mentally slapped themselves looking at the unwanted guests. They came and sat on the sofa royally, as if they owned the house.

"What the hell are you doing here?" Arjun shouted at them.

But they totally ignored him.

Chytra said, with a sly smile, "Uncle, will you call your great daughter Mrs. Maya Avinav Krishna? We need to talk about something important."

Arjun groaned, listening to her. It didn't take him much time to realise the purpose for which those devils had come. He mentally cursed his men for not giving him any information about their visit.

"What do you want to talk about with my sister?" Arpita asked her sternly.

"We will tell if she graces us with her presence", Chytra said, rolling her eyes.

Vyshali sat fidgeting with her fingers. She was feeling nervous. She knew that she was doing something wrong, but nothing mattered to her in front of her brother's happiness. She couldn't see the pain in her baby brother's eyes. She composed herself and sat there with a determined face. Unknown to her, there was someone who was observing them keenly. It's none other than Revathi (badi masi of Janaki & Raghav).

He looked at his baby sister, who had just come down. Her breath hitched, looking at the devils sitting in front of her. By now, everyone was gathered in the living room. He could see that no-one was happy with their presence.

"Nandi, Siri, and Vicky go from here. And take Vansh and Varsha too with you", said Anjali.

Arjun felt someone's gaze on him and looked at Chytra, who was looking at him without blinking her eyes. He felt uncomfortable and moved towards his little sister. He understood that today was going to be a big day for them. It's definitely going to change something.

"I'm sorry atta (aunt) and mama (uncle). I know whatever I'm going to say now will hurt you guys, but I have to tell you guys", Vyshali said, breaking the silence and making an innocent face.

"What do you want to tell?", Janaki asked her, rudely.

"Actually, Rajesh and Maya loved each other", Vyshali said, looking down.

Maya, Arjun, and Sravya widened their eyes, listening to her.

"What the hell? This Sravya is saying rubbish", Arjun said, glaring at three devils.

If looks could kill a person, then they would have been on the 6-foot ground.

"I know Arjun, you are angry at our family, but that doesn't change the truth. They had been in love each other since the college days. She used to demand gi s, flowers and chocolates for him. He even used to go to meet her. She used to make him spend all her expenses. Then, one day, she broke up with him, saying that he was'n compatible with her family and that he was not capable of fulfilling her wishes. She also told him that she just wanted to take revenge for what Chytra had done to Arjun. He was so heartbroken and devastated. He started neglecting his health and didn't even come out of his room for months. He tried to make her understand, but she blocked his number and also all his accounts on social media. I even met Arjun and apologised to him for whatever Chytra had done to him. But he supported his sister. She even came to meet Rajesh the next day of her engagement along with Sravya and Arjun." Listening to this, Arjun and Sravya looked at her wide-eyed. "If you want, I can show you the proof. I know, whatever Chytra did was wrong, and she shouldn't have done that on that day. But what was Rajesh's mistake in that?" Said Vyshali.

Maya has tears in her eyes, listening to Vyshali's words. Arjun held her tight, understanding her situation. He again cursed himself for loving that woman.

Before Vyshali could speak further, Vani gave her a tight slap. Vyshali looked at her, perplexed. Vani went to Rajesh and made him stand. She slapped his both cheeks continuously. Chytra quivered in her seat, looking at Vani's aggressive mode. They definitely didn't expect this, and that too, from Vani.

"Why are you slapping them, Vani? When Maya was wrong", said Sakshi, giving a mini heart-attack to everyone.

Everyone snapped their heads at her. Maya looked at her mother with tears in her eyes. Doesn't she trust her daughter?

"Akka, are you really believing their stupid story?" Anjali asked her sister.

"What if they are telling the truth, Anju? And they even said that they had proofs", Rishi asked her.

"You are just great, Akka and Bava. You are believing the same family who were once responsible for the pain that my son and our family have to go through", Janaki said, angrily.

"They might have once committed a mistake, Janu, but why would they commit mistakes everytime?" Said Sakshi.

"Is she really my peddamma? How could she trust those snakes over us?" Arjun thought.

"So, are you believing them over me, amma?" Maya asked her mother, looking at her with pain.

"We are always proud of you, Maya. We know you love Arjun. But we didn't expect that you would do something like this which would bring shame to us", said Rishi.

"Are you guys crazy, pedananna (bade papa/uncle)? Are you believing them over us? Those backstabbers. And my sister is not cheap like them, to play with someone's feelings just to take stupid revenge. I don't care if you trust her or not, but I'll stand with her", Arjun said angrily.

"She is saying that they have proof with them, Arjun. And they look so confident. We don't want to make a mistake like Gowri Akka and Kishore bava. They supported their daughter without knowing the entire truth. Now we don't want to commit the same mistake as them", said Rishi.

"But I do trust my granddaughter, Rishi. I don't know why, but you are trusting these people over your own daughter? I know my Ammu will never do anything like that. I trust our upbringing. She knows the value of a relationship and she never commits something which would hurt us", said Harinath. "And you Mrs. Vyshali", he said, pointing at Vyshali and asked her, "You were saying something. Please continue that."

Vyshali gulped hard. She knew that the people in front of her could destroy them at the snap of their fingers. But she couldn't lose this opportunity. Her parents somewhat believed their words. That's enough.

"We tried to make her understand, but she was firm with her decision. Rajesh is getting depressed slowly. He has stopped mingling with the people, and he goes to his ice rarely. When she agreed to marry Avinav, we gave up. We told him to move on in his life, but when he was trying to move on from his life, she again called him and told him to meet him in the temple. She told him that she would leave Avi a er six months, saying that she wasn't happy with him." And, before she could utter nonsense, she got a hard slap this time by Revathi.

Gayatri threw a disgusting look at the trio. Maya let out a chuckle, listening to the story Vyshali had created now.

"So you were saying that I loved this piece of shit who le no stone unturned to destroy my sanity", Maya said, pointing at Rajesh. "You were saying that I would leave my Avi for this wine."

Rajesh, Vyshali and Chytra cringed at listening to her words. While the youngsters were controlling their laughter.

"Maya! Speak decently", Rishi scolded her.

"Just cut the crap, nanna. We should speak with those people who deserve that. Not with filthy people like them", Maya said, throwing daggers at those three devils.

"Mind your words, Maya", Chytra said, rudely.

"Look who is speaking, the girl who traps every rich boy and ditches them a er her work has completed. Sit silently before I cut that tongue of yours", Sravya warned her.

Chytra looked at Arjun who was standing beside his sister as a pillar.

"Chinnu", Harinath said, sternly. "Just because they are stooping low doesn't mean we also should stoop low like them. And you, young lady, why would my Ammu use your brother's money? He doesn't even worth my granddaughter's toe nail. Her earnings are 50 times greater than those of your brother. She never demanded anything from her parents, and you were saying that she demanded g6 from your so-called brother and made him pay her bills. If it was not for Arjun, then he would have remained jobless. Though her parents always gave her money, she never used it. She had done a part-time job during college days. And she is the granddaughter and daughter of one of the wealthiest business men in Asia. And she is the 40-percent shareholder of the "Arya Farm Fresh Foods Ltd." And you were saying that my Ammu used your brother for money."

"Come on, old man. Just because we are listening that CEO's mean you can speak whatever you want. Nobody knows the CEO of that company", said Rajesh.

"Okay, do you guys know the meaning of Arya?" Harinath asked them.

He asked, looking at everyone. Everyone looked at him for an answer while Revathi and Gayatri had a smile on their lips.

(Madhav and Savitri - Parents of Rishi and Jhansi.
Shiva Prasad and Jaya - Parents of Jai and Vani
Venkatraman and Gayatri - Parents of Shekar
Harinath and Revathi - Parents of Sakshi and Anjali)

"Arya name represents Arjun and Maya."

Arjun and Maya were surprised to hear that.

"It was started by Madhav and Shiva 15 years ago for their grandchildren. They had always noticed their interest in farming, and so they established it 15 years ago in their name. Arjun and Maya are the major shareholders of the company. Rishi and Jai took care of the company till now, but they were just the guardians of it. And coming to the CEO, Arjun has never wanted to make a public appearance."

Chytra looked at Arjun wide-eyed, while Arjun smirked at her.

"Thank God! I didn't tell that witch that I'm the CEO", Arjun thought in his mind.

"What do you think, Chytra? That he is just a farmer who cultivates crops. That's why you le him, didn't you? If you are eating food daily, then that's because of many farmers like him who are working hard to provide healthy food for us. It's okay if you don't respect them, but don't insult them. You forgot that your grandfather and father were also farmers once upon a time. And my grandson is giving support to the families of many farmers", said Harinath.

Chytra lowered her head embarrassed.

"And, Vyshali, why are you saying all this now?"

"Because we wanted to tell you guys about her real character. She is not innocent, as you guys are thinking. We don't want to spoil Avi's life, that's why we came to tell you. And we wanted to be guilt-free", said Vyshali.

"You said that she met your brother the next day of her engagement, right. That means, there were still two weeks time until their marriage. You could have told us at that time if you wanted to. Then why now?" Revathi asked her.

The three of them looked stupefied a er listening to her question. Damn, it's becoming hard as everyone is cornering them from all sides.

"Looks like they don't have a story to tell now", Gayatri said, rolling her eyes.

"What proof do you guys have to prove that my daughter is the culprit?" Rishi asked them.

"Uncle, we have photos whenever they have met. And you can also ask her friends", Chytra said, handing them the edited photos.

At that moment, Arjun lost the tiny respect he had for that family. Sakshi looked at those photos, and slapped Maya. Before she could slap her more, a hand stopped her. It's her father's. Harinath is glaring at his daughter, and his eyes are filled with disappointment.

"Why did you stop me, nanna? See what your granddaughter has done", said Sakshi. She then looked at Maya and said, "I want you to give a divorce to Avinav."

Everyone gasped, listening to her. Arjun looked at Vyshali and Chytra, whose eyes were twinkling with joy.

"Just wait and see, Miss Chytra. Your doom starts right from this moment. You dared to hurt my pumpkin even a er knowing about her value in my life. You guys started the game, but I'll finish it", Arjun thought in his mind.

Chytra shivered, looking at Arjun. She noticed the determination in his eyes and how his eyes turned dark. She knew he wouldn't let her live in peace. But she would do anything for her brother's happiness.

Maya let out a chuckle, listening to her mother's words. Her eyes were hollow and held lot of pain. "So, you trusted them over me. Fine, amma. But if you think I'll give divorce to my Avi, then it will happen over my dead body."

Everyone shouted her name, but she continued. "You believed them a er listening to their fake story and seeing those fake photos. Except that temple one. Yes, I went to meet him at the temple that day along with Sravya and Anna, but we knew why we went there, and now I wouldn't even give you explanations because you don't deserve them. I definitely know who the victim is and who bore all the pain for all these years. I've got many proofs with me to prove it wrong, but I won't show you because you guys lost to that right."

"Then prove your love for Avi, I'm giving you six months' time", said Sakshi.

Arjun's grip on Maya became tight. How could she talk about her death?

"I'm giving you and them a one year time, amma. Prove to me that he was the victim", Maya said, pointing at Rajesh. "It won't take me even a minute to prove that I'm innocent. But I'm giving you one year time. Prove to me that I'm guilty, and then I'll go far away from all of you. But remember this, amma: the moment you find out the truth you will lose your daughter. The relationship between us will end. I never knew you guys had this much trust in me." She chuckled and told her, "Today might be his day. But a day come when he will lose all his relationships and stand in the same position as I'm standing today. That day you'll understand who is wrong and who is not."

"But, I've to thank you for one thing, amma. Because of you, guys, I've a big family who stood beside me when my own parents didn't trust me. Today, I came to know who my real family is. And I got married to the person I love, and also the person who loves me the most and has great in-laws who stood beside their daughter-in-law when her own parents didn't trust her". She went and stood in front of Vani and Shekar and joined her hands in front of them. They shook their heads and hugged her tightly.

Sakshi and Rishi just le from there. Everyone was angry at them for not trusting their daughter, but no-one noticed their pain. Maya ran to her room, while Sravya and Anjali ran behind her.

Arjun strode towards Rajesh and punched him hard, making his nose bleed. Yash tried to stop him, but nothing could stop him. All he could see was the teary eyes of his little sister.

"How dare you make false allegations against my sister? Chi, I feel disgusted of myself for loving a cheap woman like you. And you Mrs. Vyshali, I didn't expect this from you. But how can I forget that you are the sister of these characterless fellows? Three of you just mark my words, your destruction starts right from this moment", saying that, Arjun stormed out of the house to calm down himself.

Arjun's mobile started to buzz, bringing out of his thoughts. He excused himself and moved to the balcony.

"Where the hell are you, stupid man? Did you forget that you wanted to buy gi s for Avi Anna and Maya?" Diya shouted, as soon as Arjun answered the call.

"Oh! Calmdown, Cookie. I didn't forget it. You get ready, I'll pick you up", said Arjun.

Arjun went to his room to change.

Meanwhile in the hospital, Diya was sitting in her cabin when Vishal and Vidhi barged inside.

"Hey, Diya!" Both of them greeted her.

"Hey guys!" Diya greeted them, closing the file.

"So what are your plans today?" Vishal asked her.

"Well, I'll be leaving to shopping a er sometime", said Diya.

"Didn't you shop enough before Maya's marriage?" Vidhi asked her.

"Arjun wants to buy gi s for Avi Anna and Maya. So, he asked me to accompany him", said Diya.

"What are you going to gi him for his birthday?" Vidhi asked her.

"Umm, I'm planning to learn to cook his favorite dish", said Diya.

"Diya, I know that you wants to spend time with Arjun. But that doesn't mean that you'll make him land in the hospital to treat him, so that both of you can spend time", Vishal said, with a mischievous smile.

Diya glared at him, understanding that he taunted her cooking skills indirectly, while Vidhi burst out laughing.

"I doesn't cook that bad", Diya said, pouting.

"Can you please enlighten us what you cook except Maggi?" Vidhi said, controlling her laughter.

"I'll make the best co ee", said Diya.

"I agree to that. Other than co ee and Maggi, if you cooks anything, then it be a big disaster", Vidhi teased her.

"I hate you guys", Diya said, looking at her best friends who were laughing at her.

"Feelings are mutual bestie", Vidhi and Vishal said together.

"Okay jokes apart, please, don't do any experiments on that poor boy on his birthday", said Vidhi.

Diya glared at them and said, "Both of you get out of my cabin."

"We are just kidding, baby. You makes amazing co ee and Maggi. Why don't cook for us tonight?" Vidhi said, making an innocent face.

"Why would she stay with us tonight, when tomorrow is her Jun's birthday?" Vishal said, smirking at Diya.

"Now that you have known my plans, so get out of my cabin before I throw you out", Diya said, gritting her teeth.

"I want all the details", saying that, Vidhi dragged Vishal with her.

Just then, her mobile pinged with Arjun's message.

Cookie, I'm waiting outside in the parking lot.

Give me a minute. I'm wrapping up all my things and will come. And sit in the car like a good boy. Don't stand outside leaning on the car like a hero with that stupid smirk of yours!

As you say madam. Now please grace me with your presence.

Diya quickly packed her things and moved out. She saw his car and knocked on the door. He opened the door. While she sat on the passenger seat.

"How was your day?" Diya asked him.

"Not bad. What about yours?", said Arjun.

"Tired", she said, leaning her head back.

Soon they reached the mall, and dragged her the food court and ordered food for them.

"I know that you are hungry", he said, sitting beside her, making her smile.

She placed her head on his shoulder and asked, "How is Ammu?"

"Fine", he said, closing his eyes.

She didn't nudge him further as she knew that he would tell his. They had their food silently and moved to shopping.

"What do you want to buy?" Diya asked him.

"Bracelets! Actually, pumpkin is obsessed with them", said Arjun

Diya nodded her head and both of them went to a ornaments store.

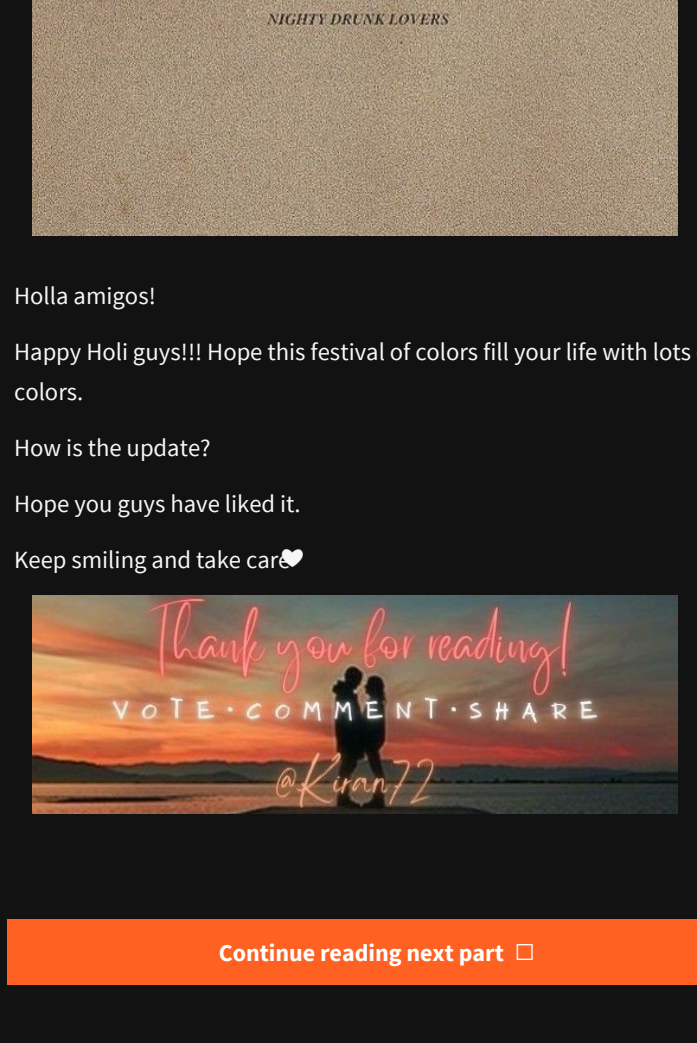
"How can we help you mam?" A salesman asked Diya, sweetly.

"Can you show us bracelets with letters?" Diya said, sternly.

That man got afraid seeing her glares and nodded his head and said meekly, "It's in that corner man."

Arjun chuckled, looking at that man. And started searching for bracelets, when Diya's fell on a neck piece. She asked the sales man to show it.

"This is beautiful", Arjun asked, looking at it.



"I know right", she said, caressing it.

"Bill this one separately", Diya told the sales man.

"No need", he said, glaring at the salesman.

"Arjun, I bought that for me", said Diya.

"I know that. And I don't want any discussions on that", he said, sternly, making her sigh.

"Such a stubborn man you are", she said, twisting her mouth in annoyance.

"Tell me something new", he said, grinning.

"Idiot", Diya muttered under breath.

"I heard that", Arjun said, glaring at her.

"That's good then", she said, with a tight-lipped smile.

Finally, a er two hours they completed their shopping and moved out of the mall, with their hands intertwined. Unknown to them a pair of eyes watched them from a distance and felt a pang in her heart. She looked how happy he was with her. She felt foolish of herself for losing a gem like him in her life. But then, he deserves the best and that is not her. She le from there wiping o her tears.

between seas, galaxies and nooms

I was lucky

I stepped on the same land

I dreamed under the same stars

as you.

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Holla amigos!

Happy Holi guys!!! Hope this festival of colors fill your life with lots of colors.

How is the update?

Hope you guys have liked it.

Keep smiling and take care!

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