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Author's POV:
Arjun is lying on his bed looking at nothing in particular. A lot of
thoughts are running in his mind. He thought about what Avi said a
few hours ago. He is right in his place. There used to be no secrets
between them once, but now they just don't know what's happening
in each other's life. He sighed sadly.
He came out of his pool of thoughts due to the continuous buzzing of
his mobile. He li ed the call without seeing the caller id and was
about to scold that person for disturbing him, but got panicked when
the person from other side said something to him. He immediately
ran out of the room while calling someone. Arjun ran to Maya's room
as soon as he got a call from Surya. He was shocked when he entered
the room as she was lying on the bed unconscious and blood was
oozing from her hand. The bed sheet has blood stains and the glass
frame on the night stand was broken, and the glass pieces were
scattered on the floor. He took the water glass from the night stand
and sprinkled some on her face. But there was no response from her.
He again sprinkled some water with a hope that she would wake up.
Diya entered the room with her medical kit and sat beside Maya. She
touched Maya's forehead and checked her pulse. She checked her BP
levels which were low as she guessed. She removed the glass pieces
carefully, cleaned the wound, applied anti-septic and band-aid her
hand. She called someone from her mobile and instructed something
to that person.
A er finishing her call she shook Arjun and told him," Arjun pick her
up, we have to take her to hospital".
"But why?" Arjun asked her, confused
"Just shut-up and pick her. I had already talked to my friend and
asked her arrange everything", Diya said, getting irritated with his
questions.
"But."
"Argh! For the God sake, she has fainted as her BP levels have fallen
down drastically. I guess that she again has a panic attack. So, just
stop your stupid questions and do what I say. I need to check her,
please Arjun." She yelled at him.
Arjun nodded his head and picked up Maya in his arms. Diya followed
him while talking to Avi who had called her as Arjun was not his
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answering his call. She told him to come directly to the hospital. At hospital: Arjun was sitting in the ward constantly tapping his foot on the floor, trying to control his nervousness and fear. Diya was checking Maya inside along with Anitha. As soon as Diya came outside along with

Anitha, Arjun bombarded them with his questions. Diya shook her head and told him to meet them in Anitha's cabin once Avinav and Surya had come. Arjun nodded his head and went inside the room and sat on the stool which was beside the hospital bed. He kissed Maya's forehead lovingly and sat there looking at her. His tears betrayed him, looking at his pumpkin in a lifeless condition. No matter what, somewhere he held himself responsible for the pain she had gone through because of Rajesh. If only he hadn't loved her blindly, then things would have been di erent. If only he hadn't taken

spine. She ru led his hair and said, "She will be fine, Jun." "This is all happening because of me. I am a bad brother, Cookie. I couldn't protect my sister from that man", he said, sni ing.

She felt a pang in her heart, looking at him. "Arjun, please control yourself. How many times I have told not to blame yourself?" Diya said, consoling him. "No, Cookie. It was my fault. I shouldn't have taken the things lightly when she told me about him. But I was lost in my own grief and I let him hurt her more. How could I forget the fact that he was the brother of that vile woman? I can't forgive myself if something happens to her. Did you know how I felt when I looked at her lying lifelessly on the bed with her hand bleeding?" Arjun said, closing his eyes. "Shh, Arjun calm down. Crying is not a solution for everything. Please be strong. If not for yourself, then you have to be strong for Maya and

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condition. She needs her brother beside her. How will she come out of the trauma if you cry like this?" Said Diya. "Sometimes it takes time to settle down all the things. We are humans, Arjun, not some saints. We do commit mistakes. Both of you have taken wrong decisions in your life. Yes, not only you even Maya has a wrong decision. She thought she could handle things even a er knowing everything about that family. I know, she has tried to tell about him to her parents. But she could have told to anyone else in the family. Then the situation would have been dierent today. A er you she was close to Avi Anna, she could have at least told him. I'm not blaming her, Arjun. I'm just stating the fact. It's not too late to correct the things. Okay, leave all these things, let's see what we can do further. I've a important appointment. I'll come back in an hour." Saying that, Diya le the room. Arjun kissed Maya's forehead and sat

there looking at her.

saw her like this.

In Anitha's cabin:

"Come in", said Anitha.

Arjun. "I don't know, aunty. I was resting in my room when I got a call from Avi saying that Maya had called him, but he didn't answer her call as his phone was silent. Later she called Surya. He told that she only uttered Rajesh's name. A er that, there was no response from her side. So, they told me to check on her", said Arjun. "Hmm. Okay! Diya guessed right Arjun. She had a panic attack again. She might have calmed down a bit when someone was there with her. Because if we engage them in a chat or ask some questions or

condition. By looking at your expressions, I can say that you neither know about her health condition nor about her past. All I can say is shower your love on her. Remove her insecurities and fears. She is a person with lots of insecurities and trust-issues. That girl has hidden all her pain with in her. She will be at peace only if she lets it out all by herself. I'd seen her slipping into depression years a few years ago", Anitha explained to Avi. Avi looked at her shocked on listening that Maya slipped into depression. She looked at Arjun and Diya and told them leave. They both nodded

Arjun closed his eyes, trying to sleep. But sleep was far away from his eyes. His life was so beautiful and peaceful, until she came into his life like a hurricane. She snatched his peace and pushed him into a pit of darkness. She made him stand in front of the world as a molester. She called him characterless and a womanizer. He paid a huge price for loving her selflessly. Flashback: Arjun looked at his sister, who was glowing like a new bride. Her baby bump was making her look more beautiful. He was about to go towards her when someone pulled him. He was about to shout at that person, but stopped on seeing his love standing there with a smile on her face.

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studies. I can pursue MS a er our marriage too. I'm not saying to get married now. Can't we at least get engaged?" Chytra asked, looking at him with teary eyes. Arjun melted, looking at her face. He mumbled "okay", making her happy. She hugged him tight, making him smile. But what he didn't notice was the cunning smile on her face. "Anna, can I have a word with you?" Maya asked Arjun, who was talking with Chytra.

"You don't worry. I'll talk with them", Arjun said, assuring her. "Arjun, one day or the other, I'll come to this house as the daughterin-law. I'll leave everything behind and come to your family. Can't I at least get respect in this house?" Chytra asked him. "Chythu, stop worrying about it. I'm telling you, right? I'll make everything alright", Arjun assured her. "If you say so", said Chytra. It's evening, Arpita was resting in her room. Maya and Sravya were helping in the kitchen. Arjun went inside the kitchen and said that he wanted to talk with them. Maya and Sravya looked at each other and nodded their heads.

looked at them. "He is out of danger", said Ahmed. "When will he wake up, doctor?" Rishi asked him. "We will discuss it in my cabin", said Ahmed. the duty nurse. Janaki, Rishi and Jai sat in Ahmed's cabin.

Rishi.

him for a while.

Avi dragged Maya with him, and the two of them stood in front of the door. Maya's hands shook trying to open the door. Both of them took a deep breath and opened the door. They saw Arjun lying lifelessly on the bed. Maya hugged Avinable to see her brother in that condition. She ran outside, unable to see him. Janaki and Jai went a er them. Janaki kissed his forehead and sat on the stool beside his bed, holding his hand. Arjun got consciousness a er 28 hours. But he didn't have the courage to speak with anyone a er the little stunt he had pulled. He

and caressed hair and say "It's okay, everything will be fine." When I fallen I love with him? But tell me papa, who will not fall in love with that man? I hope one day he will realise my love."

Soon she dri ed into peaceful slumber while thinking about her Jun. In stories, everything has to have clear consequences and everything has to focus to the end. Everything at the end will give meaning to everything that precedes. In my own life, the consequences of the choices I've made aren't always very clear. The most beautiful things are sometimes not totally truthful, and

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Sorry for the late update. But I'm stuck with my work.

I'll definitely give two updates of this book in a week.

Anyways hope you guys have liked the update.

Keep smiling and take car€

They moved out of his cabin and saw all the youngsters coming inside in a hurry. As soon as they saw him, they ran towards him. Maya and Sravya hugged Janaki. "How is he, mama?" Avi asked Rishi. "He is out of danger and is sleeping due to sedatives", said Rishi. "Can we go and see him?" Maya asked Janaki. "Only two people can go at once", said Janaki. stopped talking with everyone. Be it was his family or his best-friends. Avi's anger reached it's peak when Chytra came to the hospital to mock Arjun. Avi bargained workers in the cafeteria of Chytra's work place. Ajay and Prem, with the help of them, spiked her co ee with drugs. She was arrested as she was took drugs during her work hours and her doctor's licence was cancelled. Rajesh lost his job, which he got on the recommendation of Arjun. Arjun wiped the tears that le his eyes unknowingly. Loving her had consequences. If only he had not been blinded by her love, then the situation would have been di erent today. But for how many days would he blame himself and live in guilt? There were still some things that he needed to correct.

that no-one in his family was happy. How much he tried, but he was unable to delete that day from his life. He then opened his and Diya's engagement photos. Everyone's faces were beaming with happiness. His Cookie was shining like a star in the dark sky. A smile automatically formed on his face as he looked at her. He still remembers how she helped him to get out of that trauma. He closed his eyes, remembering the day he acted like a coward and decided to end his life. Arjun was sitting in his room holding a knife in his hand. It's been three weeks since that mishap happened and ten days since he was released from jail. Arpita went into early labour due to the stress. Thank God! Three of them were fine, otherwise he would have blamed himself all his life and lived in guilt. "I'm sorry, amma and nanna, for leaving like this in the middle". Thinking that, he cut his nerves and gulped down sleeping tablets. Janaki who came to check on Arjun, found his room locked. She thought to come later, but she felt something was wrong. She knocked on the door, but there was no response from the other side. This time she knocked on the door hard. She got frightened, and called one of the male workers. She asked him to break the door. Men were at their respective work places. Sakshi was in the kitchen. Revathi and Radha went to the temple to pray for the family's wellbeing. Arpita just slept a er making the twins sleep with lots of di iculties. Janaki got horrified, looking at Arjun, who was lying on the bed lifelessly in the pool of blood. She immediately ran towards him and tore her saree end and tied it around the cut to stop the blood flow. She checked his pulse and told the workers to carry him to the car. Sakshi stayed back as Arpita would need her. She sat in the back seat of the car with Arjun in her lap, while the driver was driving the car. Tears were continuously flowing down her cheeks. As soon as they reached the hospital, they saw Yash waiting for them outside with a stretcher. "Yash, you go to home. Arpita and the babies need you", said Janaki. "But, attayya", said Yash. "Jai is on his way, Yash. Please you go to home. Otherwise she'll come here leaving the babies. I know she is not alone, but I don't want her to come here", said Jananki. Yash nodded his head and le for home. Janaki sat on the chair outside the ICU. She was praying to God, closing her eyes. Doctors were treating Arjun inside. She didn't have the guts to go inside. She opened her eyes as she felt someone's hand on her shoulder. She looked up and saw her husband in a dishevelled state. She hugged him tightly and broke down in his embrace. The sta looked at them with tears. They never saw their Madam like this. "How could he do this to us, Jai? Didn't think about us even once before committing something stupid? Please tell him to wake up, Jai", she said, pouring all her pain. Jai has nothing to say. He was still in shock. He didn't believe it when Sakshi called him and said that Arjun had committed suicide. Seeing his brother, not responding, Rishi dragged him along with him. "Madam, Ahmed sir is calling you", said one of the nurse coming out of the ICU.

"Don't allow anyone inside without my permission", Ahmed warned

"Anna, we need some time to get used to her. And she never tried to create that comfort zone between us. I don't know why, but I never felt comfortable around her family. I knew she didn't like the way I talked with her brother that day. But I didn't like the way he was interfering. I'm sorry, if you have felt bad", said Maya. Arjun sighed and nodded his head. Arguing with her is pointless. She doesn't like when someone unnecessarily pokes their nose in her life. Maya and Sravya le from there, while Arjun ran his hand through his hair. Just then, Chytra called him making him more frustrated. "Did you talk with them, Arjun?" Chytra asked him, as soon as he answered the call. "Chytra, I told you, right? I'll talk with them. You don't take unnecessary tension", Arjun said, sighing. "Arjun, I'll ask you one thing. You'll not feel bad, right?" Chytra asked him. "Hmm, tell me", Arjun asked, looking at the dark sky. "A er our marriage, do we have to stay at your home?" Chytra asked him. "I think we have already discussed about it, Chythu", Arjun said, sternly. 'But what will we do there, Arjun?" Chytra asked him. "Chytra, I'm their only son and I want to take care of them just like how they took care of my grandparents. And you do know about my profession. Are you asking me even a er knowing everything? And please don't bring up this topic again", saying that, Arjun cut the call. He was feeling frustrated with her stubborness now a days. She was not like this from the start. He has been observing the changes in her lately. She started demanding his attention every time and he was not getting enough time to spend time with his family properly. Arjun closed his eyes and sat there to calm his nerves. Arjun sighed and sat on the bed. He opened his laptop and opened the folder, which he never wanted to do. They are his engagement pictures with his ex-girlfriend. If he looked closely, then he could see Janaki nodded her head and moved inside. Jai hugged his brother, unable to control his emotions. Rishi patted his back and said, "He will be alright, Jai. If you cry like this, then who will console Janaki." Jai and Rishi sat there waiting for Janaki to come out. Janaki came out, along with Dr. Ahmed. Jai and Rishi immediately stood up and

a Chytra made faces looking at her and fumed. Maya threw a disgusting "Maya. It's Maya Rishi Kumar. Not Ammu", Maya said, sternly and le Arjun tried to go behind her, but Chytra dragged him to her family. If only he had talked with her that day, then it wouldn't have happened vadina and Sravya too look at me as if I have done something wrong", "You are just assuming things, Chytra. It's not like that. Just give them "You are saying the same from the time your family came to know "Is there any problem, bava?" Sravya asked him, breaking the silence. "Because she is the sister of that idiot", Sravya muttered under her "Nope. By the way, why did you think that way?" Sravya asked him. "You never tried to talk with her. I mean," Arjun didn't understand a consumed sleeping pills. So, it will take time for him to come into consciousness. You are really lucky, because if you brought him here a little late, we couldn't save him as he had lost a lot of blood already. environment around him is happy and healthy. I know, it wouldn't be easy for him to forget whatever happened. But he has to come out of "He is not stepping out of his room and is not even letting us in. We tried to talk with him, but he was not in the mood to listen to us", said "I can understand that, Rishi bhaiyya. But he has to open up. He has change it, right? I'm prescribing some medicines. Make sure that he takes them. And don't bring that topic in front of him for a few days. It's better if he attends counseling. And please don't ask him about Three of them nodded their heads and moved out a er talking with a a While on the other side, Diya was feeling restless. She sat on the bed and sighed. She grabbed a pillow and a blanket and and moved to the terrace. She lied down on the swing and covered herself with the blanket. She looked at the dark sky which was aglow with bright "I miss you, papa. Wish you were there to make me sleep in your lap will he understand my love for him, papa? Sometimes, I feel why have a

the end will not give more meaning to everything that precedes.

As they entered the room they saw Arjun sleeping by holding Maya's hand. Maya was sleeping due to the e ect of sedatives, was looking pale. Her right hand had a band-aid while the le one had a drip. Avi leaned down beside the bed and caressed her head lovingly. A lone tear escaped his eyes by looking at her in this condition. He never Surya woke up Arjun and asked him', What did the doctor say?" "Aunty told us to meet her in her cabin once you guys had come", said "Okay! Come, let's go. Surya will stay here till we come", said Avi. Avi and Arjun knocked on the door. "Hi, Aunty!" Arjun and Avi greeted her. "Hey guys! Come have a seat. Diya can you bring Maya's old records?" Anitha said, looking at Diya to which she nodded her head. "So, Arjun, tell me what happened before she fainted", she asked say some soothing words, it would help them in distracting them from their symptoms. You guys were saying that she was alone in her room. On the top of that, Avinav had not answered her call which might have taken a toll on her. She might have got tensed and cried. You know about her, right? If she cries continuously, then her breaths will become uneven, and she will have a severe headache", Anitha said, scribbling something on a paper. All this while Avi was keenly listening to each and every word Anitha was saying and mentally noting them in his mind. He felt guilty for not answering when she called her. Even Anitha was observing him while she was explaining them the situation. "You don't need to feel guilty, Kittu. You don't know about her their head and le the cabin. Arjun barged into the room and saw Avi and Maya lost in their world, making them come out of their little world. He thought of teasing them a bit, but dropped his idea on seeing his pumpkin smiling. It's been a long time since he last saw her smiling wholeheartedly. He informed them that the formalities were completed, and they could go home. Both of them nodded their heads in agreement. Soon all of them were on their way back to home. A er having their dinner, everyone retired to their respective rooms. Everyone got panicked, looking at Maya. But Avi and Arjun assured them that she would be fine. They lied to them that she fainted due to stress. They wanted to talk about everything in her absence. They don't want to make her more tense. "Hey, Chythu! You didn't tell me that you were coming", Arjun asked "Not only me. All my family members came. They want to talk to your parents about our marriage", Chytra said, playing with his shirt "Chytra, I have just completed my graduation. And you wanted to pursue MS. Can't we wait for two more years?" Arjun asked her. "Arjun, what's your problem when I'm agreeing to the marriage? Or did you lose your interest in me?" Chytra asked, narrowing her eyes at "Are you mad, Chythu? How can you say like that? Don't you trust me?" Arjun asked her, furiously. "It's not like that, Arjun. I don't want to stay away from you. I want to announce to the whole world that you are mine. Didn't we wait to complete our studies and get married? See, we have completed our "O o, Ammu. You can talk to him later too. We don't get time to spend every day, right?" Chytra said, sweetly. from there with disappointment. " Arjun, why doesn't Maya like me? Not only Maya, but also Arpita Chytra asked him, making an innocent face. some time, they will come around", said Arjun. about our relationship", Chytra said, sarcastically. They moved to the terrace and sat there. "Umm, why don't you like Chytra?" Arjun asked them. breath. Maya glared at her from the corner of her eyes. "Did you say something?" Arjun asked her. But Maya and Sravya understood his words. "He will wake up in a day. He has not only cut his nerves, but also He is out of danger for now. But the thing is, he is slipping into depression. We can't leave him alone like that. Make sure the that trauma." Said Ahmed. "Is he getting nightmares?" Ahmed asked them. bottled up many emotions within him and is broken. Even in his unconscious state, he was shivering like a leaf and was pleading. Whatever has happened shouldn't have happened. But we can't this incident", said Ahmed.

the things lightly, situation would have been dierent. Diya who came to check on Maya, found Arjun crying silently. She moved towards him and placed her hand on his shoulder. He hugged her tightly and nuzzled his face her tummy sending shivers down her Avi Anna. Just think how would he feel when he see her in this Avinav and Surya reached the hospital and rushed to the room where Maya was admitted as Diya had already messaged them the details.