

Author's POV:

Arjun and Diya came down, holding each other's hands. They stood at the last step when Varsha ran towards them as soon as she saw her Apta and Mama. She gave them a toothy grin, making Arjun smile. He picked her up in his arms while she kissed his cheeks and said, "Goo moily (Good Morning) Mama."

"Kissy only for your Mama? I am hurt, Varsha," Diya said, turning her face away.

Varsha looked at Arjun and pouted. Arjun whispered something in Varsha's ear, making her giggle. Arjun showed a thumbs up to Varsha, and both of them winked at each other.

"Atta, Varshu is choty (sorry)," Varsha said, holding her ears. Diya smiled inwardly, listening to her, but didn't turn around. Arjun turned Diya around, and Varsha and Arjun kissed her on both cheeks, making her smile.

"Atta, shmlied (smiled)," Varsha said, giggling. Diya tickled her tiny waist, making her giggle.

"Atta, shtop (stop)," Varsha said, while giggling. "Enough, both of you come and have your lunch. You guys didn't even have your breakfast," said Janaki.

Arjun and Diya nodded their heads and moved towards the dining area. All the men and elderly ladies sat down to have their lunch. Varsha comfortably sat in her Mama's lap.

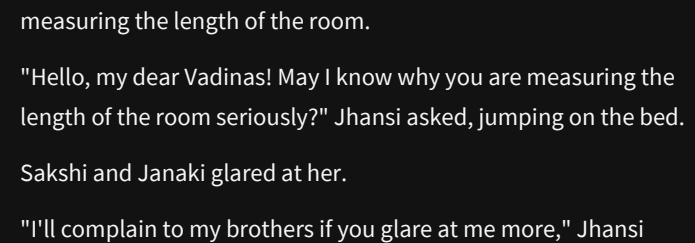
"Varshu, come here. Amma will feed you and your chotu," said Arpita. "Let it be Vadina. I'll feed her. You feed that naughty boy," said Diya.

"Naughty boy," Varsha said, imitating Diya. Varsh glared at his sister and flared his nose cutely, while Varsha royally ignored his brother and opened her mouth, gesturing at Diya to feed her.

"What's special today?" Arjun asked, rubbing his hands together. "Sweet Pongal, Jeera rice, Aloo dum curry, Prawns fry, Tomato chutney, Stu ed brijnal curry, Ratam and curd," Meera said, while serving sweet Pongal on its plate.

"Umm! It's so tasty, attayya," Arjun said, taking a bite of sweet Pongal. Meera smiled, listening to him.

Aer having their lunch, everyone sat in the living room, having gulab jamun and ice-cream together.



"This is so yummy," Maya and Varsha said, eating gulab jamun and ice-cream.

"Of course, why won't ice-cream be tasty for you? Aer all, you guys love ice-cream," Avinav and Arpita said, rolling their eyes.

Maya looked at him with narrowed eyes and said Stop being jealous of my ice-cream."

"Whatever!" Said Arpita and Avinav.

"Come on, Varshu. Let's go to the garden and have ice-cream. These Guys are eying our food," Maya said, picking up Varsha in her arms and holding a bowl of gulab jamuns with one hand, while Varsha grabbed a tub of ice-cream.

"You guys will catch a cold," Arjun yelled at them. But Maya and Varsha paid deaf ears to them, making him sigh. He looked to his right and saw Diya and Vansh happily playing, not bothering about their surroundings.

Just then, our devil came inside, making everyone sigh. Radha, Raghv, and Gayatri followed her with an apologetic look on their faces.

"What the hell is she doing here, Akka?" Janaki whispered in Sakshi's ears.

"Exactly, how did our plan get flopped?" Sakshi whispered in her sister's ears.

Jai and Rishi looked at their wives suspiciously, who were busy whispering secrets.

"Annayya, why do I feel that these two are behind that woman's sudden diarrhoea?" Jai whispered in Rishi's ears.

"I also feel the same. Your Vadina is behaving weirdly from the day before yesterday," Rishi whispered in Jai's ears.

Flashback:

"Akka, I don't want that lady to come with us," Janaki said, coming inside Sakshi's room.

"I also don't want that lady to come with us. She will spoil everyone's mood," said Sakshi.

"Umm, what to do now?" Both the sisters thought, pacing around the room.

Jhansi, who came to look for her sister-in-laws, found them measuring the length of the room.

"Hello, my dear Vadinasi! Know why you are measuring the length of the room seriously?" Jhansi asked, jumping on the bed.

Sakshi and Janaki glared at her.

"I'll complain to my brothers if you glare at me more," Jhansi complained.

"We are not afraid of them," Sakshi and Janaki said, rolling their eyes.

"I know. My two devil brothers become cats in front of you," said Jhansi, making the other two narrow their eyes.

"As if our brother is not afraid of you," Sakshi said, rolling her eyes.

"Okay, okay! Let's forget about that. Now tell me what made my beautiful sister-in-laws get worried," said Jhansi.

"We don't want that lady to come to Murty Mansion," said Janaki.

"I don't even want her to stay here," said Jhansi.

"Shall we pour oil on the stairs? Her legs and back will break, and she cannot move anywhere," said Janaki.

"Good idea," Jhansi said, grinning.

"Waste idea. What if some other person falls into the trap? And who will serve her and take care of her by roaming around her," said Sakshi.

"That's true, Akka. I didn't think about that," Janaki said, sadly.

"Let's lock her in her room and leave some rats. She is afraid of rats," said Jhansi.

"Grow up, lawyer saheba. Someone or other will open the door and she will shout at everyone with her loud and irritating voice. Unnecessary sound pollution," said Sakshi.

"Then, you only plan something Akka. We aren't getting any ideas," said Janaki.

"Food poisoning," said Sakshi.

"What?" Janaki and Jhansi shouted.

Sakshi thought for a while and said, "She is allergic to ginger and peanuts. I heard that food allergies can also cause diarrhoea, along with hives, itchy skin, congestion, and throat tightening. So, if she eats too much ginger and peanuts,"

"Then it may cause diarrhoea," Janaki and Jhansi said, grinning.

"You are the best, Akka," Janaki said, kissing Sakshi's cheeks, making Sakshi smile.

Jhansi looked at the smiling face and got lost for a while as she saw the old glimpse of her elder sister-in-law a er a long time.

"What are you looking at?" Sakshi asked, snapping her fingers in front of Jhansi.

"Nothing. But there is a loophole in this plan too. I mean, there must be someone to look a er her, right? I mean, if we leave her in that condition and go, then she will make a big fuss out of it," said Jhansi.

"Now, I understood, why you have become a lawyer, lawyer saheba. No worries about that. We will ask one of our elders to stay with her. Or else me and your Annayya will stay her with her. This plan is better than pouring oil on the stairs or locking her in her room with rats," said Sakshi.

"Yeah! By the way, do you have any doubts about how I have become a lawyer?" Jhansi asked, narrowing her eyes.

"Of course, because you send your brain on a holiday sometimes," Sakshi said, smirking.

"You," Jhansi said, throwing a pillow at Sakshi.

Sakshi grabbed another pillow and threw it at Jhansi, while Janaki sat there holding her head.

Thus, Sakshi, Janaki, and Jhansi mixed peanuts and ginger in large amounts in Nagamani's food and somehow managed it by mixing other items to reduce the smell and taste of ginger and peanuts.

Thus, Nagamani got stuck in the bathroom, making everyone sigh a bit. Radha and Gayatri volunteered to stay with her, and Raghv too stayed back with them. Nagamani didn't even have time to argue as she became weak because of diarrhoea.

Jhansi, who sat in between Vani and Anjali, pouted, looking at Nagamani.

She took her mobile and messaged Sakshi(Vadina, do you have another plan to send her away from here? I don't want to see her stupid face. (Crying emoji))

Sakshi looked at the message and replied(How will I get a plan suddenly? Use your lawyer's brain lawyer saheba.)

"It's on a holiday now. (Pouting!)" Messaged Jhansi.

"First, let's go and greet that lady before her ego reaches its peak," messaged Janaki in their group, which they had created a er their plan.

"Something is definitely wrong with these sisters, Annaya, and that sister of ours is also involved with her sister-in-laws," Jai whispered in Rishi's ears.

"I also feel the same, Jai. But it's a waste of time to ask them as they won't open their mouth unless they want to," said Rishi.

"I know, I know," Jai sighed.

"How are you feeling now, Attayya?" Raghav asked, going towards Nagamani.

She nodded her head slightly, keeping a straight face, and looked around.

"Himn, not bad. They match our status," said Nagamani.

The Murthys, including our Aura, were not pleased with her arrival. Zahere and Asma explained to them what happened. Now the way she looked around as she inspected each and everything didn't go well with them.

Arjun was trying his best not to lash out at the old lady. And the others were embarrassed to listen to her.

"Varsha, take your Siri Pinni and Vikram Mama with you, and go and play in the garden. Don't forget to take your Chotu also," Diya whispered in Varsha's ears who came back from the garden with Maya a er having their ice-cream.

Varsha nodded her head and dragged the other three with her to the garden.

"God! What the hell was this lady speaking?" Vani whispered in her husband's ears.

"What can we expect from her?" Said Shekar.

"Why are these old folks whispering too much?" Sravya whispered in Yashi's ears.

"What are we doing now?" Yash said, making her smile sheepishly.

"Where is your father-in-law, Arjun?" Nagamani asked Arjun.

Everyone snapped their heads at her, listening to her words.

"He is no more," Arjun said, remembering the moments he spent with Ananth.

"Oh! That's so sad. Then how did your mother-in-law raise her children alone? Ah, leave it. What will I do knowing how she earned this much money that she built a big mansion without her husband? By the way, how did he die? Did he have any diseases or die in an accident?" Asked Nagamani.

"He was a Lt. Colonel in the Indian Army and died while sacrificing his life for the country. And Meera is a business woman who owns a chain of hotels and restaurants all over Asia and Europe. She is an independent woman who gave a good upbringing to her children. She has the support of her parents and in-laws. Before pointing at someone, look at yourself! You failed as a sibling, as a mother, aunt, mother-in-law and grandmother. You couldn't give a good upbringing to your son. You failed to show him the right path. As a result, he died in an accident while drinking. Instead of being a support to your daughter-in-law, you taunted her every day. If not for her son, she would have committed suicide a long time ago, unable to bear your torture. You've begun demanding money from them as they have earned well, claiming that it's their responsibility to care for you. You can point out one's responsibilities, but when it came to you, you ran from your responsibilities. I won't repeat this again and again. If you want to stay here, then stay, but don't poke your nose unnecessarily. We all know about the hard work behind our success, and we don't need to tell you about what we have gone through because people like you won't understand it. Now, apologise to each and every person in the Murty family," Janaki said, sternly.

Arjun and Sravya whistled, listening to their mother's or aunt's speech. Nagamani looked at Janaki furiously. She didn't expect that the ever so silent Janaki would yell at her.

"Look, old lady, we have lots of work to do, unlike you. So, make it fast," Janaki said, tapping her foot on the floor continuously.

"When did Janu Akka become this violent?" Anjali whispered in Raghav's ears.

"Even, I'm thinking about the same," said Raghav.

"Are you apologetic or not? Otherwise, we will go home. Pack your bags and a driver will take you at the airport. You can go to your home," Janaki said, sternly.

Nagamani looked at her stunned. Well, she didn't expect that dialogue from Janaki. If it goes, then how will she implement her plan? No, she has to stay here.

"I'm sorry," Nagamani said, meekly.

"Did you say something? I didn't hear anything. Say it loudly," said Janaki.

Nagamani controlled her anger and said(I'm sorry.)

"That's okay. But if you talk ill about anyone from my family, then I won't hesitate to destroy you and your family. By the way, your family means not your daughter's family or your son's family. It's your dear sister's daughter's family," Ramani said, smirking.

Nagamani understood about whom he was talking. She decided to be silent as nothing is going according to her plans.

"Cookie, let's go," Arjun whispered in Diya's ears.

"Where?" Diya asked him.

"Somewhere, now let's go before someone notices us," said Arjun.

Diya was hesitant at the start, but slowly both of them escaped from there. Maya and Arpita saw them going, but kept mum.

Arjun and Diya moved to the garden and asked Siri and Vikram to come with them. They picked up the twins in their arms while Siri picked up Aura in her arms. Arjun told them to wait in the garage while he went to his room. He grabbed his car keys and walked and moved down. Diya sat in the passenger seat with Vansh in her arms while the other three sat in the back seat with Aura.

"Annayya, where are we going?" Vikram asked Arjun.

"Umm, I don't know. Do you guys want to go somewhere?" Arjun asked them.

"Shopping," Siri said, getting excited.

"We can't take Aura," said Arjun.

Siri pouted, listening to him.

"Long drive, and then to the beach, and then we will have some yummy street food. Are you guys okay with it?" said Diya.

"Yup!" Said Siri, Vikram, and Arjun.

Diya switched on the music player while Vansh snuggled more into Diya.

"Are you sleepy, Vansh?" Diya asked him, to which he bobbed his head cutely.

"Sleep," Diya said, patting his back.

They drove for hours to escape pollution and the noise of the city. They sped past the industrial buildings, malls, and bus roads and turned onto a narrow road with lush greenery on one side and the blue ocean on the other side. Diya lowered the window glasses and took a deep breath. The smell of damp earth and wet earth hit her nose as it started to drizzle. Vansh started to shiver in his sleep as an icy sea breeze hit him. She covered him with her saree pallu and kissed his forehead. Siri kept her hand out of the window to feel the rain.

"Siri, keep your hand inside," Arjun said sternly, making her pout.

Diya turned around and saw Vikram, who was busy watching something on his iPad. Varsha was playing with Aura while Siri was enjoying the atmosphere.

A er some time, he stopped the car as the rain had stopped. He parked the car to one side and got out. He moved to Diya's side and opened the door and picked up Vansh in his arms. Diya got down and set her saree. Aura slept peacefully in the car. They asked one of the bodyguards who came behind them at a distance to look a er Aura.

Vikram and Siri were playing in the water while Arjun and Diya sat near Varsha and Vansh, who were building sand castles. Arjun leaned her head on Arjun's shoulder and interlocked their fingers. Arjun kissed her forehead and pulled her close to him by placing his hand around her shoulders.

Diya was enjoying the chilled weather and the warmth of her husband. She snuggled more into Arjun and looked at the twins, who were busy building a castle with the help of Vikram, who had just joined them. Siri was busy making reels while playing with the water.

"Siri, don't go too far," Diya shouted, looking at Siri, who was writing her name on the sand.

"Did you get any information about that number?" Diya asked him.

"Yes. It's someone from Chyra's family. There are two missed calls from that number too," said Arjun.

"Himn. Arjun, I think Attayya's aunt came here with a motive. I've been noticing her from the time she came. There is something different in her aura. She is not the person that we see. She is taunting one or the other unnecessarily. It's better if she leaves from here quickly," Diya said, thinking for a while.

Arjun sighed and said,I'm also thinking the same, Cookie. No one in our family likes her. I don't know why she comes even a er knowing that no one likes her presence around her. And I'm sorry on behalf of her. She shouldn't have talked like that."

Diya placed her hand on his lips and said(Why are you apologising when she is wrong? And we can't change people like her. From now, we have to be careful around her. We have to keep a tab on her each and every action.)

Arjun nodded his head. They stayed there for a while.

"Atta, Mama, shree (see) (our) cashle (castle)," Varsha said, coming towards Arjun and Diya.

"Wow! It's beautiful, Varshu," Diya said, going towards the sand castle.

Varsha and Vansh jumped happily, listening to her, and clapped their hands as she kissed their cheeks.

"Now, let's clean you both," Arjun said, looking at his niece and nephew, who were covered with sand.

They clicked a lot of photos and selfies and posted them on their Instagram accounts. Within a few minutes, his account started flooding with messages.

He opened the whatsapp of a group of youngsters and message,d, "Hope you are having a great time with the devil."

Diya hit his back while Siri giggled, looking at his message.

Chat:

Sravya: Yeah! Though everyone is here, she is badly missing her dear grandson.

Arjun: What are her two granddaughters doing then?

Arpita: Making a plan to murder you.

Arjun: Haha! That's bad, Akka. I'll complain to Amma about it.

Arpita: Stop being a Mumma's boy, brother.

Arjun: Then you stop being a daddy's girl, my dear sister.

Nandan: Anna, you could have taken me along with you. These sisters of ours are eating my brain.

Maya: Sorry, I don't eat human brains. By the way, stop hallucinating that you have a brain.

Nandan: Akka (glaring emoji).

Maya: What? I'm saying the truth.

Nandan: I'll complain to Anda.

Maya: What will he do? And FYI, I'm not afraid of him.

Veeru: Nandu, don't you know that your Bavu is afraid of your sister?

Surya: Just like you are afraid of my sister.

Diya: Leave all that, and tell me who wants ice-cream?

All girls: me.

Arjun: Guys! How about having dinner out?

Siri: My dear brother, don't forget that we have two toddlers with us, who are totally tired a er continuously playing on the beach.

Diya: Exactly!

Arjun: Okay! Okay!

Diya: So, what are you waiting for? Move your lazy ass and start the car.

Veeru: Haha! My poor brother-in-law. Go and start the car before she bursts out to you.

Diya: Taara, are you there?

Aashi: No, she is sleeping because of camps.

Diya: Okay, then. Your stars are good today, Amma. Otherwise, you would have become her punching bag today.

Rest of them: Why?

Diya: Shall I say, Anna?

Veeru: About what?

Diya: What will be the suspense if I reveal everything now? I'll tell when I'm in a mood. So, for now, bye my dear brother. Muah.

Veeru: Dumb head.

"Common babies, it's getting late. We will go home now," Diya said, going towards the twins and Vikram.

"Atta, play," Vansh said, pouting.

"Some other time, Kanna. See, it's already 6 o'clock. It will take more than an hour to reach our home. We will definitely come some other time, okay," Diya said, caressing his cheeks.

"Ota (okay)!" Said Vansh and Varsha sadly.

"Now, be cheerful. We will go and have some yummy food," said Diya

"Come on, Vicky, let's go."

"Thank you, Vadina," he said, kissing her cheeks and running towards the car.

"Be careful," shouted Arjun, looking at the twins and his siblings who were running towards the car.

Diya smiled, looking at them. Aer making sure that they sat inside the car and that the guards were not looking at them.

Arjun pulled her towards him and asked(Cookie, Did you enjoy?"

"Very much," said Diya.

"So, don't you think that I deserve an award for making my wife happy," Arjun said, tucking her hair locks, which were disturbing his view. By the way, you are gorgeous in this saree."

"Thank you, Mr. Husband. And... Hm, you do deserve a reward. So, tell me what does my husband want?" Diya asked, guarding her arms around his neck by standing on her toes.

Arjun thought for a while and mumbled lustily in her ear(I kiss."

Diya looked at him wide-eyed and said(What?)

"Yes! I just asked you to give me a kiss on my cheeks. Wait, what did you think? Did you think that I asked you for that kiss?" He said, smirking at her while stretching the word kiss."

"What? No, why would I think that?" Diya said, stammering.

"Then why do your cheeks look like strawberries?" Arjun teased her by pulling her cheeks.

"Arjun, stop teasing me," Diya said, stomping her feet like a kid.

"Okay! I won't tease you, but I want my reward," Arjun said, stubbornly.

Diya looked into his eyes and kissed his forehead first. He closed his eyes automatically, making her smile. She then kissed his eyes and his cheeks. She smiled naughtily, pecked his nose, and bit it. Then she gave him a small peck on the lips and ran away from there. Arjun opened his eyes and looked at her retreating figure and smiled. He moved towards the car with a sweet smile playing on his lips. Soon, they hit the road again, back to their home.

Hey guys!!

How are you all?

Your author is back with another update.

Note: I've changed my user name from @Kiran72 to @Sunshine_writes_27.

Anyways, how is the update?

I hope you guys have liked the update.

Don't forget to comment about the update. Your views help me to make the story better.

Let's see, how our Arjun and Diya are going to face the hurdles in their life and keep their family safe from the evil who is trying to separate them.

To know further, stay tuned.

Keep smiling and take care❤

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