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Author's POV:
It was evening. Some doctors returned to their rooms, while some
stayed back at the camp. Vidhi, Diya, and their colleague Niha were
staying in a room. Niha went to freshen-up while Diya was sitting on a
chair near the window and was thinking deeply about something.
Vidhi looked at her and sighed. This was the same thing she had been
watching for the past ten days. Diya would sit for hours a er she got
home from work, lost in her own world. She sighed, looking at her
best friend.
Diya felt a hand on her shoulder. She came out of her thoughts and
looked at Vidhi, who was looking worried.
"Is everything okay, Diyu?" asked Vidhi.
"Yeah! Vidhi, will you come with me to the temple?" asked Diya.
"Yeah! I'll freshen up and come," said Vidhi.
"Okay!" Said Diya.
"By the way, isn't the tee you wore your hubby's?" Vidhi asked,
smirking.
"Yes! Do you have any problem with it? You could have brought your
boyfriend's tees? Anyways, you are pro at stealing your boyfriend's
tee. Please teach me some tricks to me also," Diya said, smirking
back.
Vidhi looked at her wide-eyed and thought, "Whenever I tease this
idiot, she will tease me in return."
A er some time, Vidhi and Diya informed Niha and went to the
temple. Two guards appointed by Arjun followed them.
They moved inside and saw the whole temple decorated with diya's.
They prayed and sat on the stairs at the entrance of the temple. They
saw a lady lighting diya's on the stairs. She seemed to be in her early
fi ies.
"Is there anything special today? The whole temple is glowing in the
light with diya's," Vidhi asked a woman who sat some distance from
them.
"No. That old lady is the mother of this village sarpanch. Every Friday,
didn't see you any time in our village. Did you come to someone's
house here?" asked that woman.
"No. We are doctors," said Vidhi.
"Oh!" said that woman.
Diya and Vidhi sat there for some more time and then le back to
their room.
At medical camp:
The next day, Diya was going through the reports of a patient when
her eyes fell on an elderly couple sitting nearby. That old lady looked
weak and tired while the old man was feeding her food lovingly. That
lady was nagging to have her food while that man was trying to
convince her. A small smile appeared on her face, looking at them.
"Why are you smiling to yourself, madam?" asked Vidhi.
"Nothing, Vidhi. Look at that old couple. Did you see the love
between them? They might have spent more than 50 years of their
lives together. They might have seen many ups and downs in their life
together, and the love between them has grown in these years. See,
how adorable they are looking," said Diya.
Vidhi also looked at that couple lovingly.
"And I bet you and Vishal would fight even then over a petty thing,"
Diya said, laughing.
Vidhi glared at her and said", Stop making fun of me and my love."
"Yeah! I won't say anything about you and your love," Diya said,
mimicking her.
Vidhi hit her head and said"I'll see you later."
Vidhi went from there stomping her feet like a kid, while Diya smiled
at her best friend who still behaves like a kid.
Just then, a woman in her mid-twenties came towards her with her
"Hello, Madam!" That couple greeted Diya.
"Hello! Please take your seats," said Diya."So, tell me what's the
problem."
"I've missed my periods this month, and I'm feeling nauseous and
dizzy for a few days," said that woman.
Diya checked her pulse and her breathing and saidQkay! Let's
conduct the tests then."
She looked at the nurse who was standing beside her and told her to
conduct tests. That lady went from there with the nurse.
"Can we know the gender of the baby now?" That man asked Diya.
Diya raised her eyebrow at him and said, Don't you know that it's
illegal to know the gender of a baby?"
"Tell me, how much money do you want?" I asked that man.
Diya looked at him, narrowing her eyes, and asked himAre you
trying to bribe me?"
"Look, doctor. You don't have any option other than that. I'm the
Sarpanch of this village. I have a lot of political contacts. You and your
team will go back with my one call," he said, smirking.
"Is it? Then go ahead. I'm not afraid of your threats. Being the
Sarpanch of your village, you should be an inspiration for others. But
you are doing this and also encouraging the others to follow your
path," said Diya.
"Look, Miss, don't preach to me. I know what I'm doing. Do your work
and tell me how much money you want," said that man arrogantly.
Diya rolled her eyes and asked him', By the way, I just had a doubt.
What will you do if the baby is a girl?"
"Simple abortion," said that man.
"If you wanted a boy, then you could have married a man, right? Why
did you marry a girl? You want a woman to please you and serve you
and your family. But you don't want a girl child. What's the logic of
this? Do you know that the sex of a baby is determined by the
chromosome that the male parent contributes? So, if she is carrying a
girl, then it's because of you. So, blame yourself, not her. Leave all
this. A stupid person like you won't understand this. You want to
know the gender of the baby, right?" Saying that Diya le from there.
She moved to the room where the nurse was performing tests for that
lady.
"Did you take the samples?" Diya asked the nurse.
"Yes, Madam," said the nurse.
"Please wait outside for some time. The nurse will call you once the
test results are out," said Diya.
Soon, Diya got busy with other patients. A er some time, Diya
checked the reports.
"Lie down on the bed and li your kurta a little up," the nurse
instructed that lady.
Shalini followed her instructions, while the nurse applied a gel to her
stomach.
"Look at the screen, Shalini," Diya said to that lady.
"Can you see your baby?" Diya asked her.
Shalini smiled in between her tears, looking at the screen.
A er the test, Diya congratulated her and said,"Congrats, Shalini! You
are going to be a mother. You are 5 weeks pregnant. The baby is
doing good, but you are weak. You should be very careful as there are
chances of miscarriage. So, I am prescribing some medicines. Don't
forget to take them daily."
Shalini caressed her tummy with a small smile, but that smile didn't
reflect in her eyes.
Diya looked at her and asked, Aren't you happy that you are going to
be a mother?"
"Of course, I'm. Why won't I be, when my baby is returning to his
Mamma again?" Shalini said, with a weak smile.
Diya processed her words slowly and asked he'pid you have a
miscarriage before?"
"Yes. This is my third pregnancy. You know, madam, I was on cloud
nine when I learned that I was pregnant for the first time. But," said
Shalini, closing her eyes. A few tears rolled down Shalini's eyes
unknowingly as she remembered the past.
Diya held her hand and pressed it gently and saidJt's okay, Shalini.
You don't need to reopen those old wounds. I know how di icult it
would have been for you to cope with the loss. But see, you are
blessed again. Maybe your baby may return to you this time. Please
take care of yourself. This phase is definitely going to be tough, but
you have to be strong for you and your baby. By the way, do you have
your old medical records?"
"Yes. They are at my house. I didn't expect that my own husband will
snatch my happiness. My baby was aborted without my knowledge.
My husband bribed a local doctor to know the gender of the baby.
When he came to know that the baby was a girl, he told the doctor to
abort it. When I opened my eyes, I could feel the emptiness inside me.
I thought to leave that man and go far away from him, but he
blackmailed me to harm my parents. I was helpless as there was no
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one to support me except my MIL. But she is also as helpless as me. When I was pregnant for the second time, I had a miscarriage because my womb was weak. I don't know what would happen this time,"

Diya sighed a er hearing her story. This isn't new for her. She'd heard similar issues many times before. Sometimes she would help them if they were willing to accept it. However, some people were hesitant to accept help. Of course, who would accept the help of an unknown

"Just tell me one thing, frankly. Are you living with that man

Shalini shook her head negatively and said No. How can I be happy when he murdered my baby? I'll never forget it and will forgive never him. If I'm living with him, then it's to safeguard my parents. I thought to kill myself many times unable to bear the pain, but I know my parents would be shattered seeing me as a corpse. I know the pain of losing a child. I'm still grieving for the baby, which I carried for three months. Then what about my parents, who took care of me, loved me, and worked hard day and night to provide a better future for me?

"I'll help you and your parents. Don't you want to live for yourself and

"You don't know about that man, madam. He had a lot of political contacts. He will hunt me and my parents. Please, don't trouble

"Look, Shalini. You are just 27 years old. You have a bright future ahead. If not about you, then at least think about the baby. What if the baby is a girl again? Do you think he will let her live? Don't worry about me. Just think about what I've said. By the way, are all the men

"No, madam, but many people in this village think that a girl is a

"Hmm. Think about what I've said and take a proper decision," said

"But what if you lose your job because of me? What if he caught us and came to know that you helped us? What will your family say?"

"My father taught me and my brother to fight for the justice and help others who are in need. My mother runs many NGOs, and many women are living in those NGOs. They became mothers for kids who

"He will definitely scold me if he comes to know that I didn't help you. I told you, right? Don't think about me? I'm not asking you runway from your problems. I know that you are strong enough to face your problems. Just think, what if it's a girl this time also? I might have rejected to do the test, but it's not di icult for him to bribe a doctor like the last time. Do you want to lose your baby once again? Don't you want to fight for your baby? So, think about yourself, your baby,

She then gave her some instructions and gave her a diet chart and

"Didn't your tests finish yet?" Shalini's husband asked arrogantly,

For a moment, Diya and Shalini got afraid. Diya looked at Shalini and

"Don't you have manners? Anyway, it's a waste of time to argue with a stupid man like you. Your wife is pregnant, and she is very weak. So, you must take care of her. I have prescribed her some medicines. You

can collect them at the entrance," Diya said, rolling her eyes.

Shalini looked at Diya admiringly. She loved her boldness and her positive nature. She was also like this before her marriage. But now she couldn't even find a single trace of the old Shalini. Who will o er to help an unknown person nowadays? Instead of saving a person who has met with an accident, people are busy taking reels and posting them on social media. She was also like this before her marriage. She never liked her husband from the start, but was le with no option other than to marry him. Her father took a huge sum of money from her father-in-law for her studies and her mother's hospital bills. Her husband liked her, so they put forward a proposal. If she married him, then they didn't need to pay a penny. She knew the financial status of her family, so she didn't have any other option.

Soon, Shalini le with her husband. Diya leaned her head back onto the chair and relaxed. She has to talk with her mother first regarding this. She closed her eyes and didn't even realise when she dried into

A er some time, a nurse woke her up, saying that someone was there to meet her. Diya told the nurse to send that person in and moved to

She came out of the cabin and saw Vidhi talking to someone, but she

Diya looked at him happily and said, Mamu? What are you doing

"I wanted to see you. That's why I came here. Why? Are you not happy to see me?" Zaheer asked, making a sad face, while Vidhi excused

Diya hugged Zaheer and said 'Don't do drama, Mamu. Of course, I'm

Nowadays, my day starts and ends by becoming bali ka bakra to their pranks. Your Mami is doing dierent cooking experiments on me every day. You know, yesterday she made spicy chilli jalebi and that elder son of mine made Maggie milkshake," Zaheer said, making an

"Oh my god! I'm far better than them," Diya said, controlling her

"Yeah! Your Maggie is better than that mother-son duo's experimental

Diya and Zaheer were talking when that village sarpanch came again and said,"Look doctor. I think you didn't agree before, as my wife was there. Now tell me, how much do you want to do the gender

Diya hit her head mentally and thought, Hey Kannayya! Why me?"

"What's your problem, Mr.? Didn't I tell you that I wouldn't do such things? If you don't go from here now, then I'll handle you in my way,"

"What will you do? Complain to the police. I'll come out within

"Cha cha, didn't you get developed yet? I'll inform the media about it. You know, right? They just need a single line. They will telecast their

"Diya, why are you taking risks? What will happen if you do that test

Diya glared at her and said, Okay! I'll do the test. What if the baby is a girl? Do you know what he said a while ago? He said that he would kill that baby. Being a doctor, don't you know the value of a life? His wife is craving a baby from a long way o . And you want me to kill the baby? She will be shattered once again. Being a woman, you know the bond between a mother and baby and what she goes through to give birth to a baby. There are many women in this world who have a craving to become mothers. Some people are even spending a huge amount of money to get treatment. And this man wants to throw away the gi given to him by God." She took a deep breath and said, "It's okay if you don't want to get into trouble. I'll handle it on my own and take the entire responsibility upon myself. But don't give

happy to see you. How are Mami and your naughty brats?"

"Don't even ask about them. They are in their revenge mode.

couldn't see the face as his back was facing her.

herself and went from there.

odd face and scrunched his nose.

laughter.

determination test?"

Diya warned him.

minutes," he said, smirking.

own story a er that," Diya said, smirking.

only once?" said one of her colleagues.

wrong suggestions even a er knowing everything."

Diya's senior yelled at her.

control his anger.

things in my way."

like her?" Said a nurse.

together?" said another nurse.

duty?"

startled her.

coming towards them.

he was missing you badly."

tight.

him chuckle.

us," said Arjun.

"What do you think of yourself, Mrs. Diya? Are you trying to show your authority to everyone as you are the daughter-in-law of Janaki Mam? What if something happens and the villagers ask us to return from here? This hospital was started with the aim of providing the best treatment for everyone. This area doesn't have proper medical facilities. So, we are here to provide them. Just do your duty,

otherwise I have to take serious action against you as your superior,"

Zaheer's anger had reached its peak. He fisted his hand, trying to

"When I became a doctor, I took an oath that I'd give my best to save a life. So, every single life matters to me. If you are thinking that I'm trying to boss around you guys, then, think like that only. And we are going to conduct our medical camp here successfully," Diya said, sternly. She then turned towards that man and saidyou are the head of your village, right? Then ask all the members in the village to meet at your regular meeting place. If you don't do that, I'll handle

"Now, all of you go back to your work," Diya said, sternly.

"How did Arjun Sir agree to marry an egotistic and arrogant woman

"I think they are having dierences between them. That's why Arjun Sir has sent her here just a er 2 weeks of their marriage. Otherwise, which newly wedded couple didn't want to spend their time

Another nurse said,"Will you guys shut your mouths and do your

Diya sat on her chair helplessly. A few tears le her eyes as she

listened to them. Why is everyone so interested in knowing about her married life? They aren't gossiping about her just today. This is the same thing she has been listening to since the time she came to the camp. She sighed and wiped o her tears when she heard a voice that

"Chachu, what took you this long to bring my wife to me?" Arjun said,

yesterday for a meeting. He was missing his wife badly, so he thought to surprise her today by visiting her and Zaheer accompanied him.

Arjun greeted her and said"Hey, Vidhi! Vishal told me to tell you that

place. Diya smiled in between her tears, looking at her Jun. She didn't bother about her surroundings and ran towards him and hugged him

"Amma, they look so cute together," said a little girl to her mother.

"Cookie, did you see my favourite tee. I didn't find it anywhere in our

"I don't know," Diya said, looking everywhere but not at him, making

"Great then. Chachi has cooked your favourite food and sent it with

"Will you guys wait outside? I'll come in half an hour. I've to check

Diya was going through the reports and discussing them with Niha when she heard someone clearing her throat. She raised her head and saw her senior standing there with a nervous smile on his face.

Diya understood his intention and said', Don't worry, Sir! I won't say

personal and professional life. If you give permission, then can I take

"Yes!" He nodded his head hurriedly and prayed to God in his mind to

He looked at Vidhi, who was glaring at him as if she was planning to

Diya and Vidhi wrapped up their work and went outside. Two guards took them to Arjun and Zaheer. They are on the outskirts of the

She clung to Arjun and held his hand tight while Zaheer was feeding

"Is everything okay, Cookie?" Arjun whispered in her ears.

"Do you really want me to believe you?" Arjun asked her.

"Arjun, I want to resign from my job," Diya said, shocking everyone.

"Do you know what you are speaking about, Diyu?" Zaheer asked her.

"I won't ask you what made you take this step, cookie. Don't I know how much you love your job? If you have taken this step, then you might have thought a thousand times before coming to this decision. But remember one thing, Cookie. There will be many hurdles in our path, and there will be many people who want to pull us down. If you are trying to back o before you reach your goal, then you are making them succeed," Arjun explained to her patiently and kissed her

Diya hugged him tight and cried silently in his embrace. Vidhi and

"Please stop crying, Cookie. If you don't want to be here, then I'll take you from here. If you want to resign, then resign. But please don't cry. I can't see you in tears," said Arjun. He sighed, as Diya didn't stop

"When I am weak,

it's you that

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I'm sorry for making you all wait. But I couldn't type for long because of my neck pain. I'm feeling better now and thanks for your warm

I hope you guys have liked it. I wanted to show how Diya is going to stand strong despite the criticism she is getting from her colleagues

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and how Arjun is going to support her and stand by her side.

As for the flashback, I'll post it in the next chapter.

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Zaheer le from there giving them privacy.

"This place is so peaceful," Vidhi said, looking around.

to my husband that you shouted at me. I don't like to mix my

closet," Arjun asked her, making an innocent face.

The sta greeted Arjun as he is the son of their boss.

"It's almost lunch time. So, I'm free now," said Diya

some reports and write the prescription," said Diya.

"Okay! Bring Vidhi also along with you," said Zaheer

With that, Zaheer and Arjun moved out of the camp.

Niha excused herself and went from there.

murder him. He gulped and went from there.

leave for two hours, sir?"

village, near the fields.

"Yeah!" said Diya.

"Yes," said Diya.

forehead.

crying.

Hey guys!!

wishes.

How are you all?

By the way, how is the update?

Keep smiling and take car€

To be continued......

her.

save him from Arjun's wrath.

"Cookie, are you free now?" Arjun asked her.

Vidhi smiled at him and looked at Diya, who sat numb in her

Diya looked at him wide-eyed. Zaheer came out of his thoughts listening to Arjun's voice. The thing is, Arjun came to Mumbai

"Hey, Arjun!" Vidhi said, side hugging him.

Diya laughed out loud, listening to him.

dishes," Zaheer said, making a bad face.

"Who is this idiot, Diyu?" asked Zaheer.

Zaheer frowned, listening to the way he was speaking.

"You don't worry, Mamu. I'll handle him," said Diya.

Just then, that man turned around and looked at Diya.

lost their parents and daughters for elderly people who were abandoned by their families or lost their families. They are standing on their own feet and becoming financially stable. You and your parents can live there if you want. It has high security, and no one can trace you. And coming to my job, my boss will be happy if she comes

to know that I've helped someone," said Diya.

and your parents," said Diya.

"Take your time," said Diya.

barging inside.

sleep.

wash her face.

"I need some time," said Shalini.

told her to take care of her health.

blinked her eyes in assurance.

"Won't your husband say anything?" asked Shalini.

Shalini said, sadly thinking about her life.

wholeheartedly?" Diya asked her.

So, I'm living for them."

your baby?" Said Diya.

burden," said Shalini.

said Shalini.

yourself for me," said Shalini.

in your village the same?" asked Diya

person?

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