

Author's POV:

As soon as Yash stopped the car, Diya ran inside the house. She went to her room and locked the door. She lied down on the bed and burst into tears. Soon, she drifted into sleep due to the continuous crying. While Yash went back to the hospital to attend the meeting.

After the meeting Janaki called Arjun and told him to come home. Everyone gathered in the living room and was waiting for Janaki, Yash, Arjun and Diya. Soon Arjun, Janaki and Yash back from their work places. Arpita and Sravya gave them water.

"Is everything okay, amma? You look distressed", Arpita asked Janaki, looking at her dull face.

Janaki shook her head negatively, and leaned her head on Jai's shoulders and closed her eyes. Arpita looked at Yash and asked him what happened. Yash told them about what happened in the hospital, while Maya told them what happened at the fields.

"I don't understand one-thing, isn't she the one who put false accusations on Arjun and cancelled their engagement? Now, why is she behind him, again? She is the one approached him at the first. Then she broke their relationship by taking a nasty step. Now, when he is trying to move on in his life, she is again trying to get back in his life", said Avi.

"Now, let's not think about her for a moment, kittu", told Arpita. She then turned towards Arjun and asked him "Arjun, forget about our family, forget about Chytra, just forget every damn thing. Tell us, what does your heart feel? Are you ready for this marriage? Do you accept Diya whole-heartedly? I'm telling you beforehand, once you have taken a decision then there is no back step. So, think wisely and tell your decision."

"Whatever Arpita said is right, Arjun. Once you have taken a wrong step in your life which almost destroyed your life. Now, think properly and tell us your decision. Yes, you have already told your decision. But at a point of time, what if you feel that you have taken a wrong decision again? Now-a-days many people are taking marriage as a joke. But, it has a significance. It is a sacred union of two souls and a life-long commitment. And it is definitely not going to be a cakewalk. You need to compromise and sacrifice. You have to love, respect, trust and understand each other. And the most important things are in a relationship are commitment and communication. I know, you know everything, but it is our responsibility to tell you as elders", told Revathi.

Arjun sat there lost in his thoughts. He closed his eyes and took a deep breath.

"I'm ready for this marriage and I'm telling this whole-heartedly", said Arjun looking at everyone.

"Where is Diya?" Asked Ragini.

"She is went to her room directly after coming from the hospital and didn't come out of her room till now", said Radha.

"I'll go and check on her", saying that, Arjun left to Yash's house.

Arjun knocked on the door, but didn't get any response from the other side. He opened the door with the spare key and saw her sleeping peacefully on the bed. He slowly tiptoed and sat on the bed beside her. He tapped on her cheeks slightly, trying to wake her up. But it's not easy to wake up the sister of Kumbakaran. He shook her torso slowly. He sighed, as she didn't even move an inch.

He sat there tapping his foot continuously on the floor, when he got an idea. He quickly went to the kitchen and took a bowl of ice-cubes from the refrigerator. He tried to wake her up again, but she turned to the other side, covering her face with the pillow.

He groaned in frustration and threw ice-cubes on her, making her sit on the bed with a jerk. She looked at Arjun who was trying hard to not laugh.

"What the hell was that, Arjun?", she said, gritting her teeth and getting down of the bed.

He immediately ran away from there, sensing the danger and locked the room from outside and shouted "Go and change. Wear something comfortable, we are going somewhere. And please wear something other than white."

She stomped her feet in anger and went to freshen up. Soon, she came outside the house and saw him waiting for her on his royal Enfield bike. She went and hopped on his bike and clutched his shoulder.

"Shall we go?" Asked Arjun.

"Yes", said Diya.

"By the way, where are we going?" Asked Diya.

"To meet my friends", said Arjun.

"Okay!" Saying that, she closed her eyes as the cool breeze touched her face.

He stopped the bike in front of the school. She got down of the bike and looked around and saw kids playing in the school ground. As soon as they saw Arjun, they came running towards him.

"Hi Anna", they shouted together.

"Hello everyone. How are your classes going on? And everything is fine, right?" Asked Arjun.

"Everything is fine, Anna. But, we only have one problem", said a boy.

"What is that?" Asked Arjun

"You are not coming to play volleyball and cricket with us", said the boy, making a sad face

Others nodded their heads agreeing to his words with sad faces.

"Oho, looks like a big mistake has happened. Now tell me, what should I do?" Asked Arjun.

"Umm, haa. You have to do 50 sit-ups", said a girl while the rest of them nodded their heads positively, agreeing with that girl.

Arjun started doing sit-ups, making a sad face. While the kids were counting with a grin on their faces. Diya looked at Arjun amused and laughed looking at them, gaining the attention of the kids. They turned around and looked at Diya, they again turned back and looked at Arjun.

They went and stood in front of her, folding their hands. A cute little girl came and stood in front of the gang.

She gestured Diya to bend a little down and asked her "Who are you? And why did you come with our Anna?"

Diya knelt down in front of her and said, kissing her cheeks "Why don't you ask your Anna?"

"But I'm not talking to that Gulliver, na", that little girl said with a pout.

Diya giggled, listening to the word, Gulliver and asked the girl "Acha, who is that Gulliver now?"

"Arey, you came with him only na", she said hitting her head "Look here, he is so tall like that Gulliver and I look a Lilliput in front of him", she said, pouting.

Diya chuckled, listening to her and asked "You still didn't tell me, why are you not talking to him?"

"Once, I was eating a chocolate, hiding from the teacher in the class. He saw that from the window, and complained to the teacher about me. That teacher made me stand on the bench because of this Gorilla. So, that's why, I'm angry with him and not talking to him", she said cutely, flaring her nose.

"Aww, that's bad, Arjun. Shall I tell you a secret?" Diya whispered in that girl's ears, to which she nodded her head with anxiety "You know, he ate snacks many times in the class by sneaking, and also he was thrown out of the class many times for that."

Everyone burst into laughter, listening to her, while Arjun looked away embarrassed.

"B'w, you didn't tell us about you", asked one of them.

"I'm Diya. I'm his friend and we studied together for some years", said Diya, giving them a small smile.

Arjun frowned at her words. He went to his bike and took the bag which have chocolates and sweets, which he brought for them. She was talking with them and telling them stories.

"Kids, don't you want chocolates and sweets?" Shouted Arjun, coming towards them.

Kids ran towards him, while he gave them chocolates and sweets.

"Anna, why sweets? Every time you bring chocolates only na", asked a little boy.

"That's because, I've finally searched a vadina for you", said Arjun with a smile playing on his lips.

"Really! Who is that? And why did you approve her? Don't you know we have to approve her first?" Asked the gang, folding their hands and flaring their noses.

"She is your new friend Diya, only", said Arjun.

"Really, then she is perfect for you", they shouted together.

They went towards Diya and dragged her with them and pushed her towards Arjun, making her land in his arms.

Diya clutched Arjun's shirt in fear, while he hugged her and made her stand properly. She tucked her hair and stood beside him, while Arjun glared at the kids. They held their ears and muttered "sorry" making cute faces. Arjun and Diya played with the kids for some time.

While going, they pulled Arjun towards them and whispered, "Nice selection, Anna. She is so cute and beautiful."

"Your friends are so cute, Arjun", she said, chuckling "Between, do you come regularly here to play with them?"

"I'll come weekly once if I'm busy with my work, then I'll at least come once or twice in a month. And why did you tell them that I used to eat snacks by sneaking? They will tease me to no extent", said Arjun.

"Then, why did you tell about that girl to teacher, as if you didn't do that when you were a student? Did you forget how you were thrown out of the class many times for eating snacks? Or for jumping out of the window in Math class", said Diya with a smirk on her face.

"Ayyo, stop! Do you still remember all these?" Asked Arjun.

"We can't forget the beautiful moments of our past, Arjun. Anyway, where are we going now?", Asked Diya, diverting the topic.

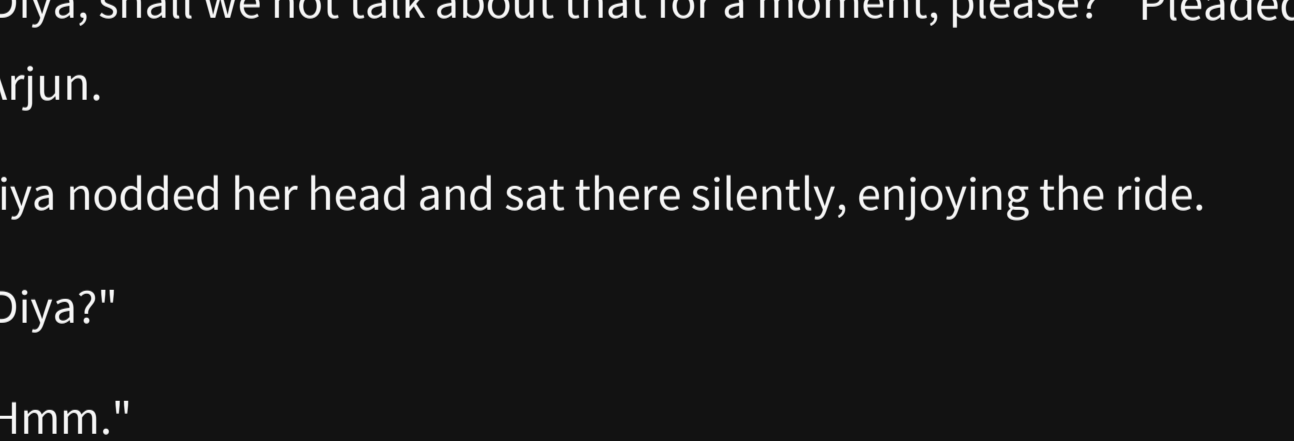
"Hmm", mumbled Arjun, lost in his thoughts.

After traveling for half-an-hour, he stopped his bike on the river bank. Diya got down of the bike and saw a man waiting for them.

"Shall we go for boating?" Asked Arjun.

"Of course", said Diya.

With that, both of them got into the boat. Diya looked around and sat there enjoying the sunset, along with the green paddy fields and thick coconut grooves around.



"This is so beautiful, Arjun", Diya said, turning around and saw him fishing. "Hey, do you know fishing?"

"Yup, not a pro but yeah, I've a slight idea", said Arjun.

"Arjun?"

"Haa."

"Can I ask you a question?" Asked Diya.

"From when are you taking permission from me to ask me something?" Asked Arjun.

"From the time you were in a relationship, remember", said Diya.

"Diya, shall we not talk about that for a moment, please?" Pleaded Arjun.

Diya nodded her head and sat there silently, enjoying the ride.

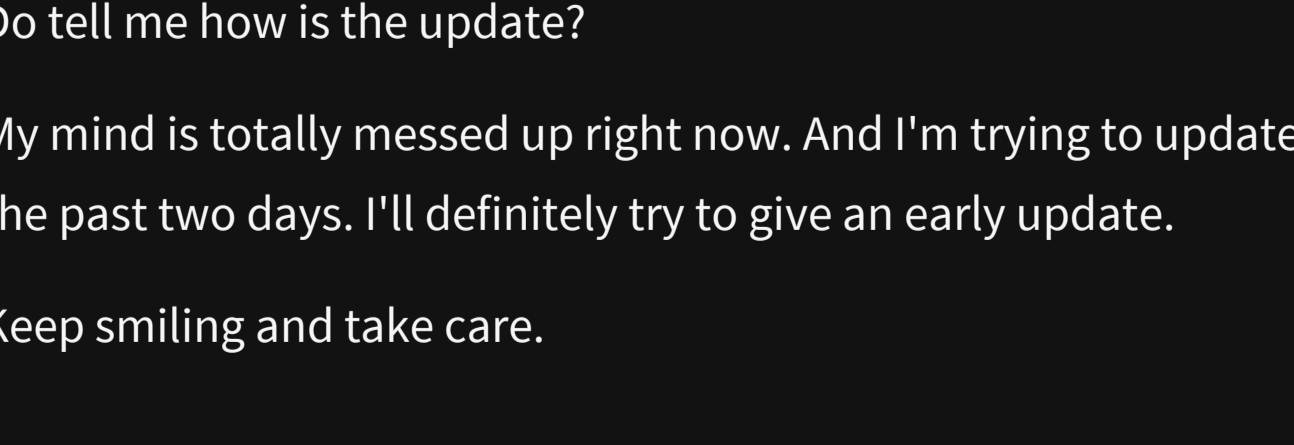
"Diya?"

"Himm."

"Why are you not telling anyone that you are my fiancé? I mean, you didn't say when those kids asked you what is your relation with me? And also, in the hospital", Arjun asked, looking at Diya

"Then what will be the difference between me and Chytra, Arjun. Your engagement will be canceled, and you broke up with her in front of everyone. Still, she is telling everyone, that you guys are going to get married in a few days. If I say the same, then people will think I'm also mad like her", Diya said, looking at the river. "Shall we go, it's getting dark?"

Arjun nodded his head and soon both of them headed back to the house.



Hey guys!

I'm sorry for the late update.

I'm stuck with some personal stuff and my work.

Do tell me how is the update?

My mind is totally messed up right now. And I'm trying to update for the past two days. I'll definitely try to give an early update.

Keep smiling and take care.

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