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OMG! HOW IS AKSHAY GONNA COME BACK HOME NOW!!
I TOLD HIM SEVERAL TIMES NOT TO GO TO HIS BUSINESS MEETING AS THE SITUATION IS NOT GOOD OUTSIDE
7-Day Lockdown
In Bengaluru


AS IF BEING STUCK IN A DIFFERENT CITY IS NOT BAD ENOUGH!, THIS IDIOT IS NOT ANSWERING HIS PHONE ASWELL
PICK UP THE GODDAM PHONE ALREADY!!


AKSHAY, ARE YOU STILL IN HYDERABAD?
NO! NO! ITS NOT SAFE TO STAY IN THE HOTEL. I HAVE A BETTER IDEA!
I ACTUALLY SPOKE WITH HER A FEW MOMENTS AGO. ONLY SHE AND HER MOTHER ARE STAYING THERE NOW. SHE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU. SHE'S MY BEST FRIEND.
GOOD! I'LL WATSAPP YOU, HER ADDRESS.


HI-- I'M AKSHAY, MY WIFE GAV---
YES, PREITY INFORMED ME. COME ON IN-- IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE MET.
WE MET??
SEVERAL TIMES, I EVEN CAME TO YOUR WEDDING.


FORGIVE ME, MY MEMORY IS NOT THAT SHARP! ANYWAYS NICE TO MEET YOU AGAIN. HAHA


HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA STAND OUTSIDE!! HAHA?
AHH! SORRY..
IT'S JUST I'VE HAD A LONG DAY. AND MY MIND IS A BIT NUMB RIGHT NOW.


I DINT SEE YOU WEAR ANY MASK OUT THERE. HOPE YOU DONT HAVE ANY COVID SYMPTOMS
RELAX. I WAS JUST KIDDING, ANYWAYS ITS NOT BAD TO BE A BIT MORE CAREFUL RIGHT?
YOU CAN JUST CALL ME VARSHA. AND PLEASE, NO FORMALITIES
OHH.. NO. I JUST REMOVED IT FOR THE STAIRS..
THANKS AGAIN FOR LETTING ME STAY.


MAA, THIS IS PRIETY'S HUSBAND.
NAMASTE MAA JI
NAMASTE BETA
HOW'S PRIETY, ITS BEEN SO LONG SINCE IVE SEEN HER!
SHE'S REALLY GOOD MAA.. AND SAID SHE'S COME VISIT YOU SOON.
COME WITH ME, AKSHAY, I'LL SHOW YOU, YOUR ROOM FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS.


YOUR-R--E ROOM!!?
YOU CAN STAY IN MY ROOM, UNTIL YOU LEAVE.
NO I MEAN-- I WILL SLEEP IN MY MOM'S ROOM--


UGHH! I HATE TRAVELLING
THA NKS A LOT, I'M JUST GONNA TAKE A QUICK SHOWER
YOU DEFINETELY NEED SOME REST.. I WILL LEAVE YOU ALONE NOW.
YEAH, I'LL PLACE SOME TOWELS ON THE BED.


HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN.. IT'S ALREADY DARK OUTSIDE.
WHY IS SHE.. SCREAMING MY NAME BY THE WAY..
COMMING.... HOLD ON FOR A MOMENT
AKSHAY! OPEN UP
AKSHAY!!
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK


WHAT HAPPENED!!? EVERYTHING ALRIGHT??
NOO! THERE'S A PROBLEM!! A BIG ONE!!
CALM DOWN! TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED!
MY HUSBAND'S COMMING HOME IN LESS THAN AN HOUR.
YOU DINT TELL YOU HUSBAND ABOUT ME??


I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO COME HOME BECAUSE OF THE VIRUS. BUT SOMEHOW HE GOT THE TRAVEL PERMIT AND IS COMING
IF HE FINDS OUT, ANOTHER MAN IS IN THE HOME, WHILE HE IS AWAY, HE WILL SUSPECT SOMETHING BAD AND DIVORCE ME
GIVE ME 10 MINUTES.. I'LL PACK MY STUFF RIGHT AWAY. I'LL BE GONE BEFORE HE ARRIVES.
NO. I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT, I PROMISED PREITY! MOREOVER IT'S 2 IN THE MORNING. YOU WONT FIND ANY TRANSPORT AND ITS NOT SAFE.


GOD, THIS IS SO BAD!!
I CANT LET HER RUIN HER LIFE FOR ME.
I SHOULD'VE JUST STAYED AT SOME HOTEL!
DEALING WITH MY WIFE IS BETTER THAN DEALING WITH YOUR HUSBAND I GUESS!!
BUT WHAT CHOICE DO WE HAVE NOW?


I DONT KNOW!


I MAY HAVE A SOLUTION FOR THIS PROBLEM!
BUT I DONT KNOW IF YOU'LL BE WILLING TO .....

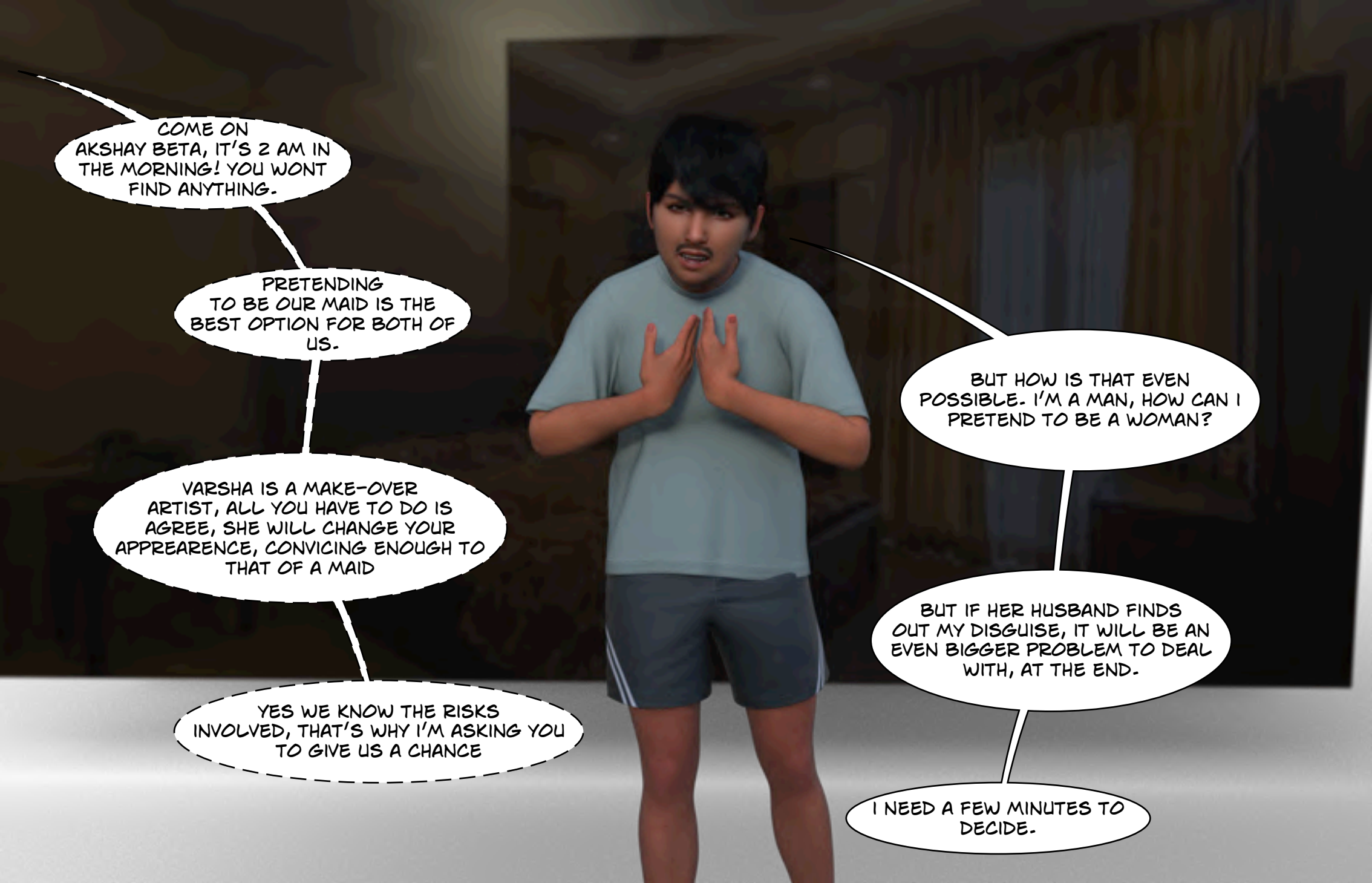

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BUT! HE'S MY FRIEND'S HUSBAND.. I CANT ASK HIM TO PRETEND TO BE A....

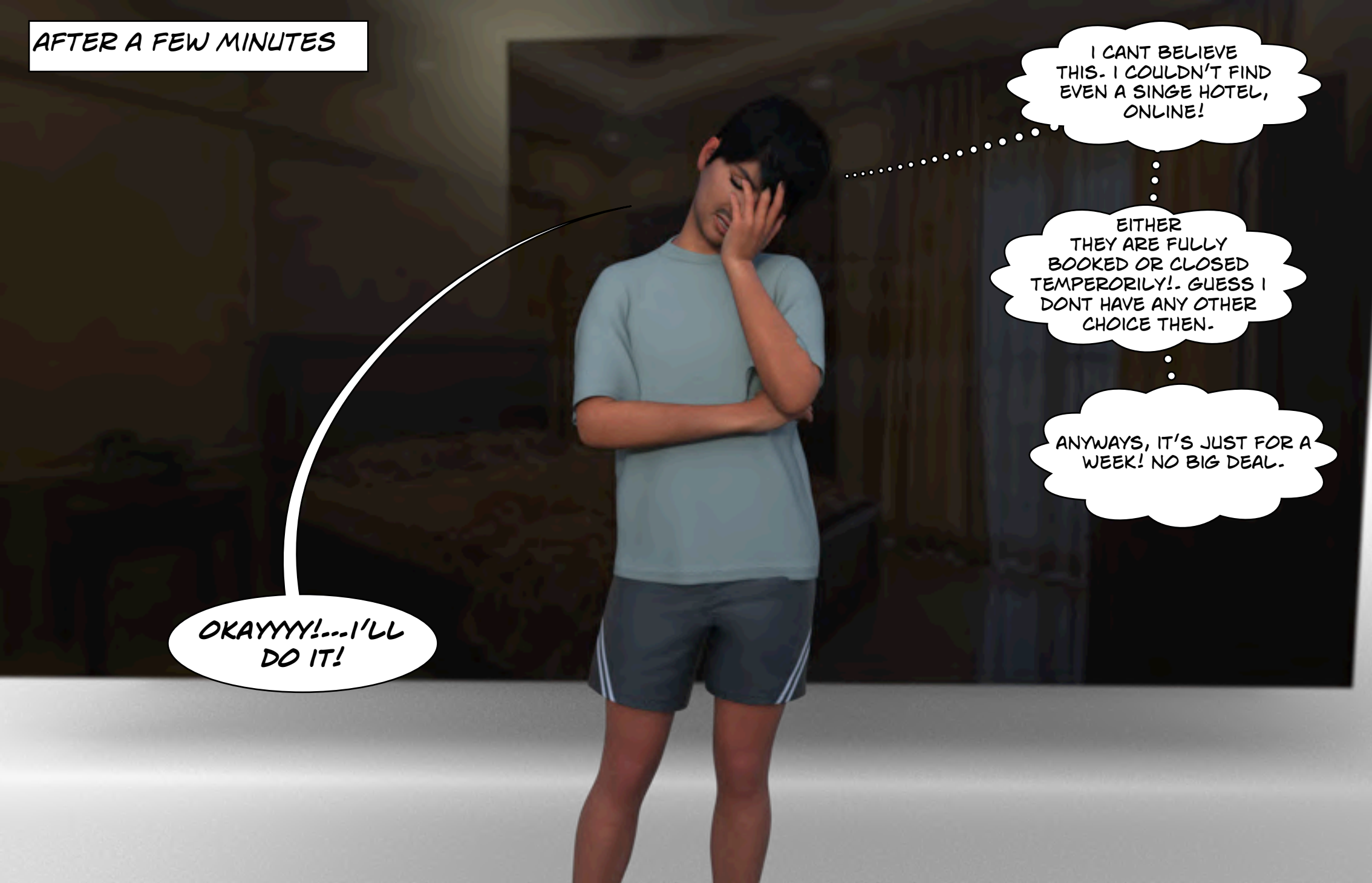

PLEASE VARSHA. TELL ME WHAT MAA JI IS SUGGESTING.
I'LL DO ANYTHING. AND WE DONT HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
MAA JI, ATLEAST, CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT I HAVE TO DO!?


AM I HEARING THINGS?
.....
YOU WANT ME TO WHAT??


YES BETA (SON), YOU HEARD ME RIGHT, I WANT YOU TO PRETEND TO BE OUR MAID
BE QUIET, VARSHA! I HAVE THOUGHT THIS THROUGH. IT'S OUR ONLY WAY TO PROTECT YOUR MARRIAGE LIFE.
THINK ABOUT IT AKSHAY, IT'S JUST A MERE ACT FOR A WEEK, UNTIL THE LOCK DOWN IS OVER. PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT
MAA..


NOO MAA JI, THIS.. THISS.. IS NOT POSSIBLE. IF I LEAVE RIGHT NOW, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND A HOTEL SOMEWHERE.
HER HUSBAND WOULD NEVER KNOW I WAS EVEN HERE. AND WHEN I REACH HOME, I WILL SAY TO PREITY THAT I WAS AT YOUR HOUSE.
PROBLEM SOLVED!


COME ON AKSHAY BETA, IT'S 2 AM IN THE MORNING! YOU WONT FIND ANYTHING.
PRETENDING TO BE OUR MAID IS THE BEST OPTION FOR BOTH OF US.
VARSHA IS A MAKE-OVER ARTIST, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS AGREE, SHE WILL CHANGE YOUR APPREARENCE, CONVICING ENOUGH TO THAT OF A MAID
YES WE KNOW THE RISKS INVOLVED, THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU TO GIVE US A CHANCE
BUT HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE. I'M A MAN, HOW CAN I PRETEND TO BE A WOMAN?
BUT IF HER HUSBAND FINDS OUT MY DISGUISE, IT WILL BE AN EVEN BIGGER PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH, AT THE END.
I NEED A FEW MINUTES TO DECIDE.


AFTER A FEW MINUTES
I CANT BELIEVE THIS. I COULDN'T FIND EVEN A SINGE HOTEL, ONLINE!
EITHER THEY ARE FULLY BOOKED OR CLOSED TEMPERORILY!. GUESS I DONT HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE THEN.
ANYWAYS, IT'S JUST FOR A WEEK! NO BIG DEAL.
OKAYYYY!...I'LL DO IT!


THANK YOU SO MUCH BETA (SON). NOW LET'S BETTER GET STARTED. MY SON-IN-LAW MIGHT ARRIVE AT ANY MOMENT.
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU DO THIS, AKSHAY. I WONT TELL A WORD ABOUT THIS TO PREITY. I PROMISE!
YOU CAN SIT DOWN AT THAT CHAIR, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH MY COSMETICS.


I HOPE VARSHA IS GOOD ENOUGH LIKE MAA JI CLAIMED
THANKFULLY, HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH FACIAL HAIR.
AKSHAY, CAN YOU BITE THE TOP OF YOU LIP, TO MAKE IT FOLD INSIDE
LIKE THIS?
THAT'S PERFECT. NOW HOLD STILL.


HMM.. FIRST STEP DONE.


OFC.. IT'S GONE, I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN, WHEN I SIGHNED OF FOR THIS..
CAN WE PROCEED?
UMM.. - YEAH YEAH.. 1 SEC


I DONT KNOW WHAT SHE'S GONNA DO NEXT--
I'M KINDA NERVOUS.


OUCHH..


SHE PIERCED.. MY NOSE!!!
THERE IS A PIECE OF JEWELLERY ON MY NOSE!!
DON'T WORRY THE PAIN WILL ONLY BE THERE FOR A FEW MINUTES

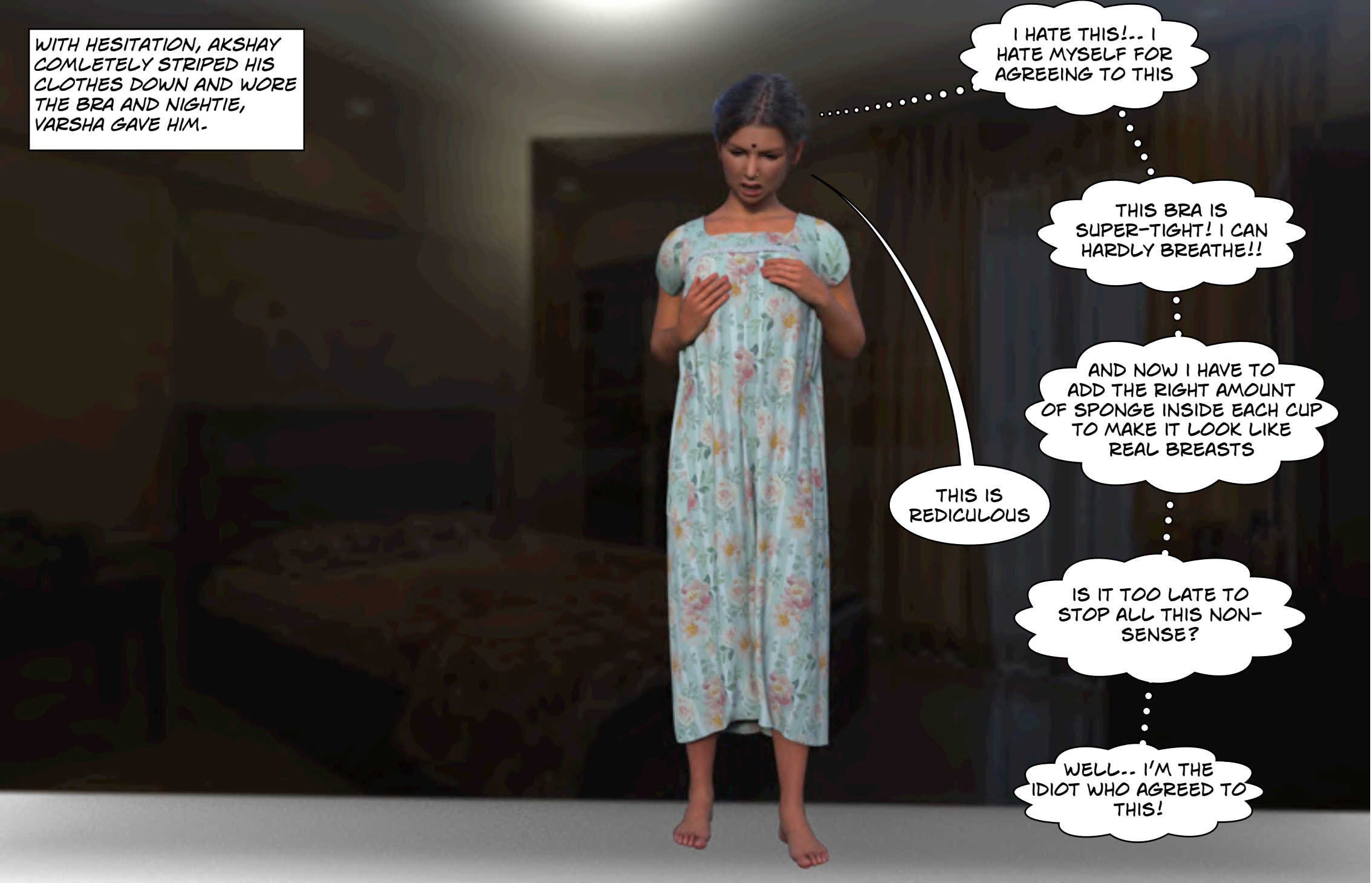

WHY DID YOU PIERCE MY NOSE.. AND WHY AM I WEARING A NOSE RING!??
BETA (SON), YOU HAVE TO TRUST VARSHA ON THIS
BUT... I DIDN'T THINK SHE WOULD..
AKSHAY, IT'S JUST FOR A WEEK. I HAD TO DO THIS TO ENHANCE THE FEMININE LOOK.


VARSHA, I DONT THINK HIS HAIR IS LONG ENOUGH- WHAT DO YOU THINK?
YEAH MOM, YOU ARE RIGHT- BUT THANKFULLY, I HAVE AN OLD WIG, THAT I BOUGHT FOR ONE OF MY CLIENTS LONG BACK-
I HAVE TO WEAR A WIG TOO?
I'M AFRAID SO AKSHAY- ALONG WITH SOME BANGLES AND A PAIR OF EARING-


I DONT KNOW HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO BE PROUD OF THAT!
YEAH THATS WHAT I NEED! 2 MORE PIECE OF OLD JEWEL ATTACHED TO MY HEAD!! GODD!
WOW. THIS WIG, SUITS YOUR FACIAL STRUCTURE BETTER THAN I THOUGHT.
MAA, YOU SAID, YOU HAVE SOME OLD EARRING RIGHT? CAN YOU BRING THEM PLEASE
THERE'S SOMETHING MISSING.. HMM..


PERFECT. ALL DONE, AKSHAY. YOUR FACE LOOKS LIKE A BEAUTIFUL, TRADITIONAL WOMAN.
I DOUBT EVEN IF PREITY WILL RECOGNICE YOU!


AKSHAY, CAN YOU CHANGE INTO THIS. IT'S MY OLD NIGHTIE AND.. AND MY BRA
WEARING A NIGHTIE MAKES SENSE BUT A BRA!? SERIOUSLY?
WITHOUT A BRA, YOU CANNOT CREATE A CONTOUR.
ONLY BY WEARING THIS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO STUFF SOMETHING IN IT, TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE BREASTS.
TRUST ME, I WOULDN'T HAVE RECOMMENDED THIS IF IT WEREN;T NECESSORY
ALRIGHT!!! GIVE ME THAT..


WITH HESITATION, AKSHAY COMLETELY STRIPED HIS CLOTHES DOWN AND WORE THE BRA AND NIGHTIE, VARSHA GAVE HIM.
I HATE THIS!.. I HATE MYSELF FOR AGREEING TO THIS
THIS BRA IS SUPER-TIGHT! I CAN HARDLY BREATHE!!
AND NOW I HAVE TO ADD THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF SPONGE INSIDE EACH CUP TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE REAL BREASTS
THIS IS REDICULOUS
IS IT TOO LATE TO STOP ALL THIS NON-SENSE?
WELL.. I'M THE IDIOT WHO AGREED TO THIS!

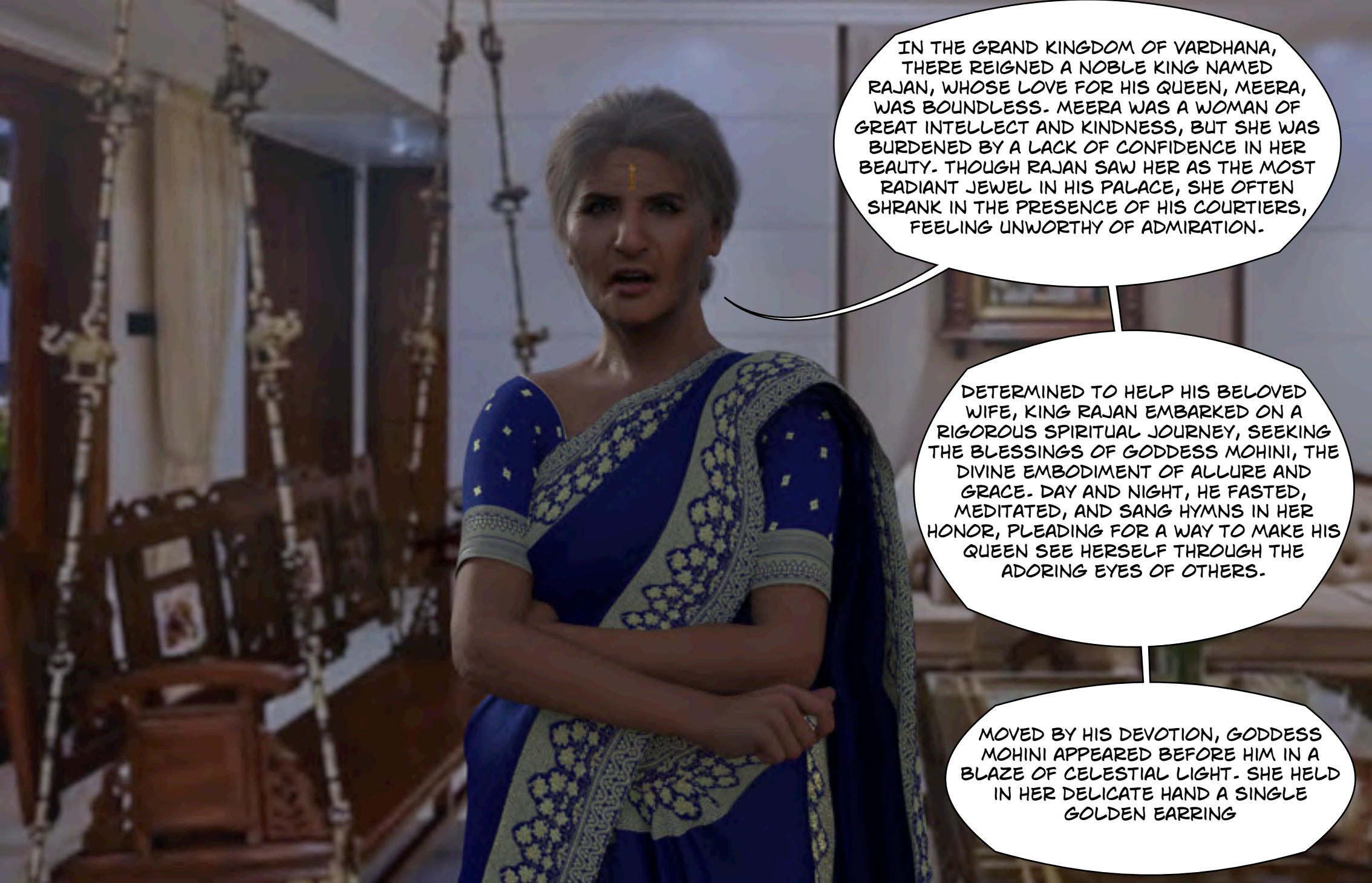

I DONT KNOW WHAT KIND OF GLUE SHE USED TO ATTACH THIS WIG ONTO MY HEAD!- THE WIG WOULDN'T EVEN BUDGE
IN A MOMENT, VARSHA!
SHE DID MY HAIR.. INTO A PONY-TAIL AND THIS HAIR BAND IS KINDA BOTHERING ME!!
AKSHAY? ARE YOU READY? WHY DONT YOU COME OUT, SO WE CAN SEE HOW YOU LOOK NOW!


MY MOM DID TELL YOU I WAS GOOD AT THIS.
NOW THAT WE HAVE COVERED THE APPEARENCE PART, ITS TIME TO WORK ON YOUR VOICE.
YEAH. I KNOW IT'S ALREADY TOO MUCH FOR YOU. YOUR VOICE IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN TIP OFF ANY SUSPICION.
DON'T WORRY I HAVE A SIMPLE TRICK FOR THAT.
MY VOICE??
OMG! IS THIS REALLY ME!? I LOOK LIKE A -- BUT HOW -- OMG! NO ONE WILL EVEN BELIEVE IF I TELL THEM "I AM A MAN"


THERE WE GO.. WITH THIS, YOUR FINAL LOOK IS COMPLETE
SEE, I TOLD YOU, VARSHA IS AN EXPERT IN THIS.


WOW MAA, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING THESE OLD EARINGS?
IT FEEL'S SO WEIRD TO FEEL SOMETHING PULLING MY EARS DOWN.
THESE AREN'T JUST ANY NORMAL EARRINGS.


THESE EARRING HAVE BEEN IN OUR FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS AND BELEIVE IT OR NOT, IT HAS SOME SPECIAL MAGICAL POWERS
MAA, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
OMG! WHAT IS SHE SAYING!??
WHAT KIND OF POWERS.. MAA JI?
TO KNOW ABOUT THE EARRING, YOU FIRST HAS TO KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM AND HOW IT ENDED UP IN OUR FAMILY.


IN THE GRAND KINGDOM OF VARDHANA, THERE REIGNED A NOBLE KING NAMED RAJAN, WHOSE LOVE FOR HIS QUEEN, MEERA, WAS BOUNDLESS. MEERA WAS A WOMAN OF GREAT INTELLECT AND KINDNESS, BUT SHE WAS BURDENED BY A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN HER BEAUTY. THOUGH RAJAN SAW HER AS THE MOST RADIANT JEWEL IN HIS PALACE, SHE OFTEN SHRANK IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS COURTIERS, FEELING UNWORTHY OF ADMIRATION.
DETERMINED TO HELP HIS BELOVED WIFE, KING RAJAN EMBARKED ON A RIGOROUS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, SEEKING THE BLESSINGS OF GODDESS MOHINI, THE DIVINE EMBODIMENT OF ALLURE AND GRACE. DAY AND NIGHT, HE FASTED, MEDITATED, AND SANG HYMNS IN HER HONOR, PLEADING FOR A WAY TO MAKE HIS QUEEN SEE HERSELF THROUGH THE ADORING EYES OF OTHERS.
MOVED BY HIS DEVOTION, GODDESS MOHINI APPEARED BEFORE HIM IN A BLAZE OF CELESTIAL LIGHT. SHE HELD IN HER DELICATE HAND A SINGLE GOLDEN EARRING

"O devoted king," she said, her voice like music in the wind, "I grant you this enchanted earring. Its magic lies not in altering the wearer's form but in shaping perception. When your queen dons it, the minds of those around her will be drawn to see her as she desires to be seen. But she must be mindful—the enchantment is temporary, and every few hours, she must reaffirm her image in the mirror, willing the reflection that others will perceive."

She leaned back and sighed, the past unfolding in her mind like an ancient scroll. "Queen Meera wore this earring not to change her beauty but to shape how others saw her. Each morning and evening, she gazed into her mirror, letting her heart decide how the world would view her. For years, she was seen as the very embodiment of grace and perfection, not through deception but through the power of belief. She's still known to everyone in their village as the most beautiful queen ever lived.

Many believed the earring was lost when Vardhana fell. The queen's jewelry was scattered, looted by invaders or desperate servants fleeing the doomed palace. The earring changed hands, passing from generation to generation, until it became just another relic forgotten by time.




AM I REALLY WEARING SOMETHING THAT DIVINE!??
WAHHH--
"BUT 120 YEARS AGO, MY GRANDFATHER—YOUR GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER—DISCOVERED IT. HE WAS NOT JUST A MERCHANT; HE WAS A HISTORIAN, A SEEKER OF LOST STORIES. HE SPENT HIS LIFE STUDYING ANCIENT ARTIFACTS, GATHERING FRAGMENTS OF HISTORY. ONE DAY, IN A DUSTY PAWN SHOP ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF AN OLD MARKET, HE STUMBLED UPON THIS VERY EARRING."
IT'S THE ONE THAT'S ADORNING YOUR EARS RIGHT NOW. UNTIL YOUR DISGUISE IS OVER, I WANT YOU TO WEAR THIS.


I DONT KNOW IF I SHOULD FEEL PROUD OR DISGUSTED BY THESE EARINGS.
I DON'T BELIEVE IN THESE STUFFS, BUT IF IT MAKES THEM HAPPY, WHY NOT!
AND ALONG WITH IT, I WANT YOU TO STAND IN FRONT OF A MIRROR WHENEVER YOU GET TIME, STARE AT YOUR REFLECTION FOR A GOOD AMOUNT OF TIME AND SAY TO YOURSELF, THAT VARSHA'S HUSBAND MUST SEE YOU AS A WOMAN, SEVER TIMES, OVER AND OVER.
COULD YOU DO THAT FOR US, AKSHAY? PLEASE?
AH-H- YESS-YES, MAA JI-


OMG! ITS THE DOOR BELL. HER HUSBAND IS HERE!
CLING
CLING
AKSHAY, QUICK, GO TO THE KITCHEN AND STAY THERE.
YOU BEING AWAKE AT THIS HOUR MIGHT CREATE SUSPICION. DON'T COME OUT UNTIL WE CALL YOU
YEAH I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE SAME


LIVING ROOM
I'M KIND OF NERVOUS MA
YEA THAT WAS KINDA COMFORTING. ALRIGHT I'LL OPEN THE DOOR.
GO ON VARSHA, OPEN THE DOOR.
DONT WORRY! I PROMISE YOU, EVERY THING IS GOING TO BE ALRIGHT
YOU DID A REMARKABLE JOB ON AKSHAY. HE WILL NEVER FIND OUT ABOUT HIM.


HOLA DARLING.. IT'S SOO GOOD TO SEE YOU AFTER A LOOONG TIME.
ARE YOU GIVING A LOT OF TROUBLE TO MY SWEET MOTHER IN LAW? SHE LOOKS A BIT TIRED!
YOU JUST GOT HERE AND YOU'RE ALREADY TAKING MY MOM'S SIDE. AND MOM, I DONT REMEMBER YOU EVER BEING FAT!
ALRIGHT! ALRIGHT! LET'S CALM DOWN EVERYBODY!
THANK GOD BETA (SON), YOU'RE HERE, SHE'S NOT BEEN FEEDING ME WELL. LOOK HOW SKINY I'VE BECOME!!


WHAT? YOU'RE TOO SCARED TO FIGHT!?
OH YOU WANT ME TO PUNISH YOU?
WHAT IF I SAY NO? ARE YOU GONNA PUNISH ME?
HOW ARE YOU PLANING TO DO THAT MISSY?


CLOSE YOUR EYES AND LET ME SHOW YOU HOW!
AHEMM--


WHY DONT YOU KIDS GO TO YOUR ROOM AND PUNISH EACH OTHER IN SILENT. ITS ALMOST 3 IN THE MORNING.
MAAA.. STOP IT.. WE'RE LEAVING.
SHITT.


TIME TO CHECK ON AKSHAY. I REALLY FEEL SORRY FOR HIM. HOPE THIS DRAMA ENDS SOON AND HE RETURNS TO HIS HOUSE SAFE.


IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT? IS HE GETTING ANY SUSPICION? WHAT HAPPENED OUT THERE?
HAHA.. SLOW DOWN AKSHAY, NOTHING TO WORRY. HE HASN'T SEEN YOU YET AND HE WON'T UNTIL TOMORROW.
VARSH WILL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO TOMORROW. WE'RE SORRY FOR GETTING YOU INTO THIS. FOR NOW YOU TAKE REST. EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT.


I SAW YOU MURMURING TO YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR, WHEN I CAME IN. I'M GLAD YOU'RE DOING THAT.
AND UNTIL THE COVID SITUATION IS OVER, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU STAYED IN THE KITCHEN ALL THE TIME.
LESSER THE INTERACTION, LESSER THE TROUBLE ISNT IT.
I WILL BRING YOU A SLEEPING MAT AND A PILLOW. I HOPE YOU DONT MIND SLEEPING ON IT FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.


YES MAA JI, I AGREE, THIS WOULD BE A BETTER OPTION FOR ME. SO THAT I DONT HAVE TO FACE HER HUSBAND VERY OFTEN.
GOOD. LET ME LEAVE THAT TO YOU THEN. GOODNIGHT DEAR.


VARHA'S HUSBAND SHOULD SEE ME AS A WOMAN.
VARHA'S HU--ND SHO--D SE- M--AS A WOM--
VAR-- HUS--S--ULD S-- ---E AS A WO--N-
Z...Z.Z.Z.Z.


NEXT MORNING
YOU CAN LEAVE THE COFFEE ON THE TABLE.
I'LL COME TO THE KITCHEN IN A FEW MINUTES TO TELL YOU WHAT TO COOK FOR TODAY.


IS SHE THE MAID, YOU TOLD ABOUT LAST NIGHT?
IS SHE MUTE? ONLY AIR CAME OUT OF HER MOUTH
YEA NAVEEN. SHE UNFORTUNATELY GOT STUCK HERE BECAUSE OF COVID. AND WE NEEDED SOME HELP WITH HOUSEHOLD WORK SO WE ASKED HER TO STAY WITH US.
HOPE HER VOICE IS AS SWEET AS HER CUTE FACE.
SHE'S JUST HAVING A TROAT INFECTION NAVEEN.
OK YOU THINK, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FOR LUNCH, I'LL BE BACK.


THAT WAS FANTASTIC AKSHAY. YOU DID EXACTLY WHAT I ASKED. I'M SO PROUD OF YOU. HE TOTALLY BELIEVED YOU WERE OUR MAID.
IS IT BECAUSE OF MY ACTING SKILLS OR THESE EARRINGS!?
THAT'S AMAZING!!
ALTHOUGH HE DID ASK ABOUT YOUR VOICE. WE HAVE TO SORT THAT OUT SOON.
AND ONE MORE VERY IMPORTANT THING. WE CAN'T USE THE WORD "AKSHAY" ANYMORE.
A WHAT NOW!?
YOUR NAME IS GOING TO BE AKSHAYA, FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS. AND WE ARE GOING TO USE ONLY FEMALE PRONOUNS
AKSHAYA!?


VARSHA!
I GUESS MY HUSBAND HAS FINALLY DECIDED WHAT HE WANTS TO EAT.
AKSHAYA, I'M GOING TO DO SOME YOGA, WHY DONT YOU TAKE A QUICK SHOWER? YOU LOOK A BIT OFF.
YOU CAN WEAR THE SAME NIGHTIE FOR NOW, I'LL BRING YOU A NEW BRA.
VARSHA DIDI (RESPECTFULLY)
JUST A FEW MORE DAYS AND THEN THIS WILL ALL BE OVER.
OK VARSHA!
SERIOUSLY!??
YESS..VARSHA DIDI


JUST A FEW MORE DAYS AKSHAYA-- SHIT I MEAN AKSHAY-
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF, AKSHAY!
THIS WHOLE PRETENDING TO BE A MAID IS MESSING WITH MY MIND!!


IS IT BECAUSE OF THESE DAMN EARRINGS!?
OF COURSE NOT! THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS MAGIC EARRINGS
BUT THEN, HOW DID IT HELP ME DISGUISE MYSELF AS A MAID IN FRONT OF VARSHA'S HUSBAND
FOR NOW, I WILL DO WHAT MAA JI ASKED ME TO DO!


THINKING ABOUT THIS SHIT AGAIN AND AGAIN WILL ONLY DRAIN MY BRAIN
WHO CARES IF MAGIC IS REAL? ANYWAYS
MAYBE A COLD SHOWER WILL HELP ME CLEAR MY MIND FOR NOW!


THESE DAMN HOOKS! I DONT KNOW WHICH ASSHOLE SUGGESTED TO HAVE HOOKS ON THE BACKSIDE!!
UGHH
COME OFF DAMN IT!!
CLICK


GASP
UHH! THAT'S A RELIEF. I REALLY FEEL SORRY FOR ALL THE WOMAN WHO HAD TO WEAR THIS 24/7
I COULD FINALLY BREATH WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS!!


BECAUSE OF ALL THESE DRAMAS, I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE I'VE GOTTEN HERE
I CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE SOME REALLY GOOD BREAKFAST!
LET ME FRESHEN UP FIRST!


AHHH!
FEELS
SO
GOOD




FINALLY, I FEEL FRESH AGAIN


I DONT KNOW IF I CAN WASH MY NON-REMOVABLE WIG. WHAT IF THE WIG GETS DAMAGED OR SOMETHING!
LET ME JUST LEAVE THE HAIR DRY FOR NOW. IT'S SAFER THAT WAY.


THE TOWEL FEELS WEIRDLY SMOOTH AGAINST MY FACE WITHOUT THE MUSTACHE


MMM.. MMMM... MM..MM..

RHYMING TO RANDOM TUNE




SERIOUSLY! OUT OF ALL THE COLORS!?


I WILL NEVER GET USED TO THIS.
BACK TO BREATHING WITH HALF THE LUNG CAPACITY
ATLEAST SHE COULD'VE GIVEN ME A BIGGER SIZE! SHE MUST HAVE A REALLY SMALL TITS HAHA


SHIT!!
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME REPLACE MY WET UNDERWEAR
I THOUGHT SHE HAD LEFT HERE SOME UNDERWEAR IN MY LUGGAGE FOR ME TO CHANGE
WAIT A SEC, I COULD HEAR MAA JI'S VOICE OUTSIDE. I CAN ASK HER TO BRING ONE OF MY BOXERS


MAA JI? ARE YOU THERE?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, BETA(SON)? IF IT'S ABOUT THE FAUCET, JUST GIVE A GENTLE KNOCK, WATER WILL STOP LEAKING
NOO, MAA JI, IT'S NOT ABOUT THE FAUCET. I THINK VARSHA FORGOT TO LEAVE A BOXER FOR ME TO CHANGE. SHE'S GOT MY STUFF. CAN YOU PLEASE ASK HER TO BRING IT FROM ME?
HOLD ON, BETA! I WILL ASK VARSHA


THANK GOD! MAA JI WAS HERE!
IT WOULD'VE BEEN EMBARRASSING TO WALK OUT WITHOUT AN UNDERWEAR!
SHIT! SHE KEEPS CALLING ME THAT- WHY WON'T SHE JUST REFER TO ME AS AKSHAY, AT LEAST WHEN WE'RE ALONE
AKSH
AYA, MOM JUST TOLD ME- WAIT FOR A SEC, I'LL BRING YOU AN UNDERWEAR

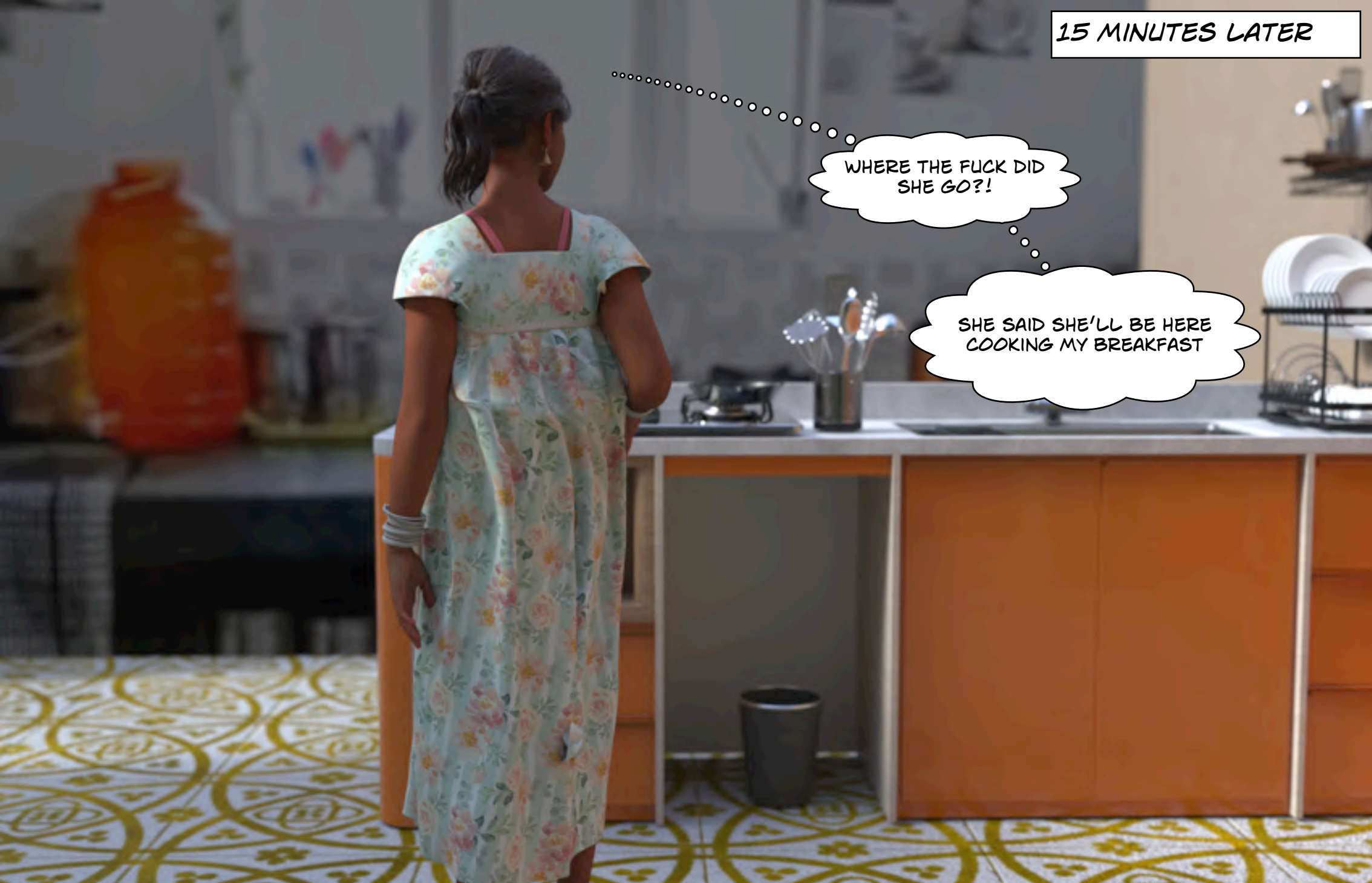

I'M SORRY AKSHAYA, I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA SHOWER NAKED AND JUST REUSE THE SAME UNDERWEAR
I CAN'T OPEN YOUR LUGGAGE WHEN NAVEEN IS HOME. HERE, WEAR THIS FOR NOW. IT'S ALMOST BRAND NEW
I'M SERIES AKSHAYA. I FEEL TERRIBLE FOR ASKING YOU TO WEAR THIS. BUT WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE. YOU CAN'T WEAR YOUR WET UNDERWEAR AGAIN
VARSHA DIDI !!
VARSHA! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! ARE YOU SERIOUS RIGHT NOW!?
BUT VARSHA!


WEL
L, I GUESS SHE DOES HAVE A POINT. IT'S JUST A .. A CLOTH. MORE OR LESS I'M ALREADY WEARING A BRA ANYWAY. WEARING A PANTY WON'T BE ANY MORE
IT'S JUST FOR A FEW MORE DAYS!
HERE, HAVE IT!


FIRST, IT'S THE PINK BRA
NOW IT'S THE PANTY WITH FLOWERS ON IT!
A GOOD WAY TO START THE DAY!!
SIGH


AKSHAYA, IF YOU'RE DONE DRESSING UP, COULD YOU COME TO THE KITCHEN PLEASE
I WILL MAKE SOME ROTIS FOR YOU


COMINGG!!


15 MINUTES LATER
WHERE THE FUCK DID SHE GO?!
SHE SAID SHE'LL BE HERE COOKING MY BREAKFAST


I'M SO HUNGRY.. BUT I CAN SEE ONLY HER HUSBAND SITTING IN THE LIVING AREA.
I HOPE AT LEAST MAA JI SHOWS UP HERE, SO SHE COULD MAKE ME SOME EGGS OR SOMETHING!
THAT'S NOT QUIET RIGHT!


SHE STILL HAS A LOT TO LEARN!!


AHHH!!


IT'S ME... CHILL. I'M SORRY!. I DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOU!
YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN YOUR FACE!.. GODDD!.. HAHAHAAA


THAT WASN'T FUNNY!
I WASN'T DREAMING OF ANYTHING. YOU SAID YOU'LL BE HERE. I WAS JUST WAITING FOR YOU.
WELL, SUE ME FOR BEING A QUICK LEARNER.
TRUST ME.. IT WAS!. WHAT WERE YOU DREAMING OFF!?
I THOUGHT YOU'LL BE TAKING ANOTHER 30 MINUTES, DRESSING UP.
WELL YOU STILL HAVE TO LEARN TO DRESS PROPERLY!


ARE YOU SAYING THAT I'M NOT DRESSED PROPERLY!!??
ALL I'M SAYING IS, THAT YOU MUST BE MINDFUL OF HOW MUCH YOUR NIGHTIE IS COVERING.
YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER A FEW MORE THINGS. JUST PUTTING ON THE NIGHTIE IS NOT ENOUGH


WHAT THE HELL IS SHE TALKING ABOUT!!
OH YEAH!? THEN INSTEAD OF TALKING IN PUZZLES, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME DIRECTLY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY DRESSING!?


I'M TALKING ABOUT THIS!!!,
YOUR BRA STRAPS!


HEY!, I'M A MAN TOO!
THERE YOU GO!.. YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR STRAPS ALWAYS STAY INSIDE YOUR NIGHTIE
AND NOT JUST NIGHTIE, IT APPLIES TO ALL YOUR CLOTHES.
UNDERWEARS ARE INTIMATE STUFFS; WE CAN'T SHOW THEM TO MEN EXPLICITLY!
OF COURSE, YOU ARE. BUT NOT TO MY HUSBAND. SO I WANT YOU TO KEEP THAT IN MIND.


WHY DON'T YOU DO IT ON THE OTHER SIDE.
SEE, WASN'T THAT DIFFICULT WAS IT!
NOW, THIS IS NOT A ONE-TIME THING. EVERY MOVEMENT WILL MAKE YOUR NIGHTIE SLIP A LITTLE. SO YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ADJUST YOUR BRA STRAPS EVERY NOW AND THEN.
I KNOW.. I HAD THE SAME PROBLEM WHEN I WORE MY FIRST BRA. BUT SOON YOU'LL BE DOING THAT IN BACK OF YOUR MIND
THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING! BUT THE WORST THING WAS,
SHE'S RIGHT... I MYSELF HAVE HAD VARIOUS OCCASIONS WHERE MY LITTLE BUDDY USED TO WAKE UP WHENEVER I SAW VISIBLE BRA STRAPS ON A WOMAN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER THOSE STUFF, WHILE I'M HERE!


AND I'M REALLY SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT. CAN YOU GIVE ME 10 MORE MINUTES? I WILL TAKE A QUICK SHOWER AND BE BACK SOON.
10 MORE MINUTES!? WTF..
HMM ALRIGHTTTT...
AND WHEN I'M BACK, WELL COOK SOMETHING TOGETHER.. I'M SUPER HUNGRY!
TOGETHER!?
YEA.. IT'LL BE FUN.. ALRIGHT.. 10 MIN!..OK..


AKSHAYA!.. CAN YOU PLEASE SWEEP THE KITCHEN A LITTLE? THE BROOM IS BEHIND THE REFRIGERATOR.
YEAH, LIKE THAT, THE ONLY THINK, I HAVEN'T DONE HERE YET!
SHE MIGHT AS WELL PAY ME FOR THE WORK AND ACTING I DO HERE!
OH GOD, PLEASE I BEG YOU, PLEASE GET RID OF THESE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND SEND ME HOME!


I HAVEN'T DONE ANY HOUSEHOLD WORK, EVEN AT MY OWN HOUSE..


AND THIS BITCH IS MAKING ME DO ALL THESE, AT HER'S!!!



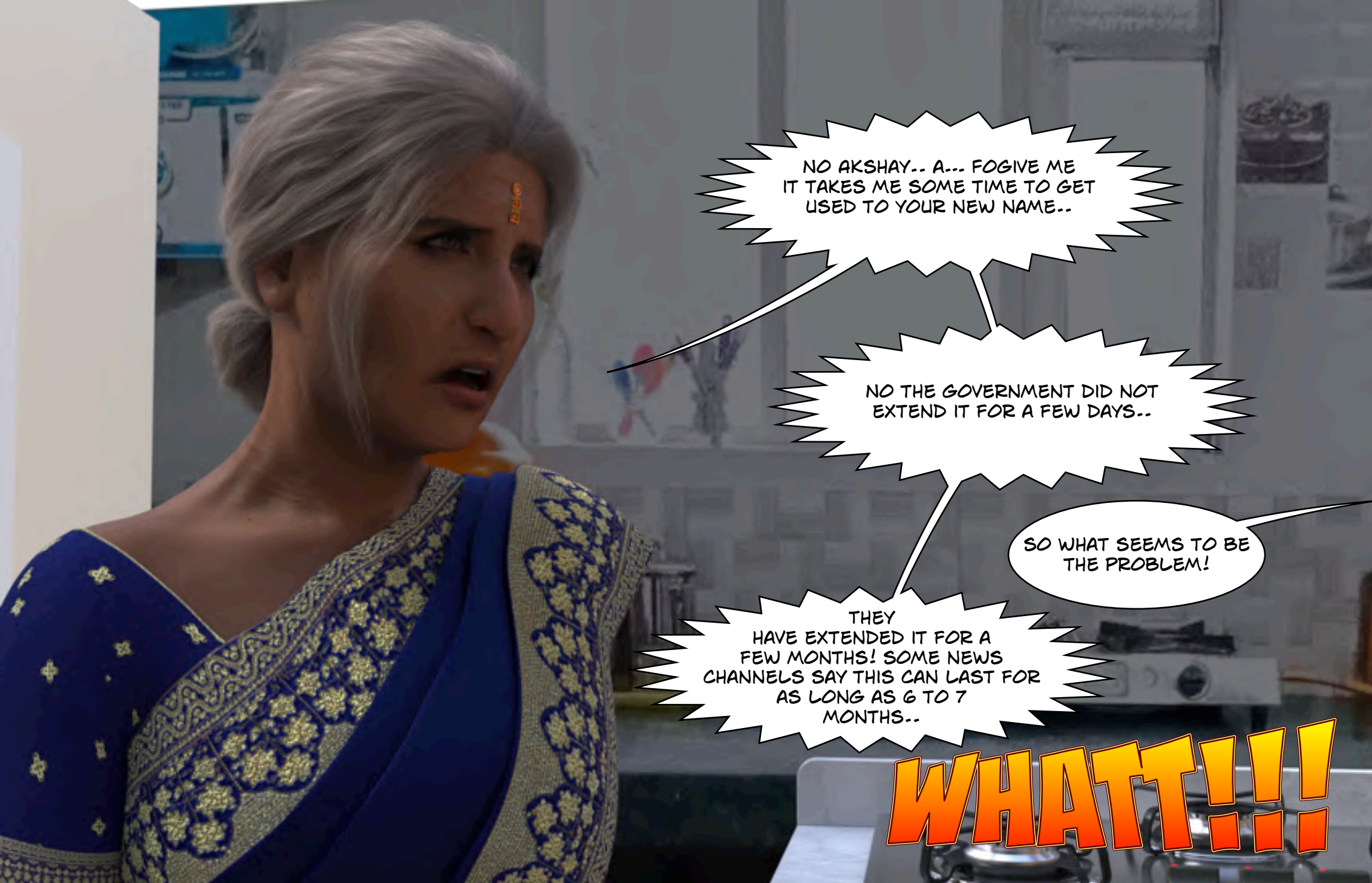

HOW DID I GET SO TIRED ALREADY? I HAVEN'T FINISHED EVEN HALF THE KITCHEN..


UFFF! IT'S FINALLY DONE
SHE BETTER COME SOON AND FEED ME WELL!


AKSHAY...AA...
AKAHAYA! GOD THAT WAS CLOSE!
THAT'S GOOD..
DOING SOME WORK,
KEEPS THE MIND
OCCUPIED..
FINALLY.. MAA JI IS HERE.. !


NOT BAD FOR YOUR FIRST TIME.. YOU DID A REALLY NEAT JOB.
IS SHE REALLY FORCING YOU TO DO THIS!?
THEN WHY DID NOT YOU SAY NO?
MAA JI, THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR DAUGHTER.. SHE'S THE ONE WHO ASKED ME TO DO ALL THESE.
I MEAN.. NOT EXACTLY.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.. SHE JUST ASKED ME TO DO IT AND WALKED AWAY..
YOU HAVE TO SPEAK TO HER ABOUT THIS..!


I WILL DO THAT. BUT THERE IS AN EVEN BIGGER PROBLEM FOR US NOW
BIGGER PROBLEM? WHAT IS IT?
IT'S ABOUT COVID. YESTERDAY THERE WAS A HUGE RISE IN THE NUMBER OF CASES. SO..
SO?? WHAT HAPPENED MAA JI.. TELL ME DIRECTLY.
OH GOD DID THEY INCREASE THE LOCKDOWN FOR A FEW MORE DAYS?
PLEASE DON'T TELL ME THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED


NO AKSHAY.. A... FOGIVE ME IT TAKES ME SOME TIME TO GET USED TO YOUR NEW NAME..
NO THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT EXTEND IT FOR A FEW DAYS..
SO WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM!
THEY HAVE EXTENDED IT FOR A FEW MONTHS! SOME NEWS CHANNELS SAY THIS CAN LAST FOR AS LONG AS 6 TO 7 MONTHS..
WHATT!!!


NOOOO..NOO.. NOO. NO, THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE. LOCKDOWN WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ONLY FOR 3 MORE DAYS! I'VE SEEN THAT IN THE NEWS MYSELF... IT MUST BE A FAKE NEWS THAT YOU SAW!
I'M SORRY, AKSHAYA.. BUT THE NEWS IS LEGIT. I'M AFRAID YOU MIGHT HAVE TO EXTEND YOUR STAY WITH US.
NOO.. I CANT STAY HERE. I WON'T. I'LL LOOK FOR A HOTEL OUTSIDE. I CAN'T PRETEND TO BE A WOMAN ANYMORE..
I THINK YOU HAVEN'T BEEN WATCHING THE NEWS LATELY. IF YOU HAD, YOU WOULD WISH THAT YOU WOULD STAY HERE. I KNOW I DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS. I PROMISE YOU, ME AND VARSHA WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU
ACTUALLY, SHE CALLED ME WHILE YOU WERE IN THE BATHROOM. SHE INSISTED YOU STAY HERE.
WHAT AM I GOING TO SAY TO PRIETY!? SHE WILL BE WORRIED


AKSHAYA,
WAIT.. YOUR WIFE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE. AND SHE NEVER WILL. I PROMISE.
WAIT.. WHERE ARE YOU GOING..?
I NEED TO BE ALONE FOR SOME TIME.. MAA JI
THERE'S A LOT ON MY MIND RIGHT NOW. I NEED TIME TO PROCESS.
I REALLY FEEL SORRY FOR HIM.


AFTER SPENDING SOME TIME ALONE


YOU NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE BACK THIS SOON, DID YOU!?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TALK TO RIGHT NOW.
THE ONLY REASON I HAVE SURVIVED SO FAR IS YOU.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS HAS BECOME A HABIT NOW.


THIS IS A VERY CRUCIAL TIME FOR YOU. AND YOU HAVE TO STAY STRONG.. YOU'RE BETTER THAN THIS.
THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY. BUT YOU CAN DO IT.
AND NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU CANNOT BACK OUT FROM THIS DISGUISE..
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY. NAVEEN WILL NEVER FIND OUT ABOUT AKSHAY.


THERE IS NO AKSHAY.. ONLY AKSHAYA.
YOU ARE A MAID. THAT IS WHO YOU ARE. THAT IS WHO YOU WILL BE IN THE EYES OF NAVEEN.
YOU ARE SMART AND BEAUTIFUL. YOU ARE A REALLY BEAUTIFUL WOMAN. YOU ARE AKSHAYA..
I AM AKSHAYA


AKSHAY SEEMS TO BE HAVING A MENTAL BREAKDOWN!
I WAS STUPID ENOUGH TO GIVE HIM SUCH A HUGE SHOCKING NEWS WITHOUT ANY PREPARATIONS
I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, I HAVE TO THINK OF A SOLUTION BEFORE HE TURNS OUR LIVES UPSIDE DOWN!
I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM TOO.. MY STUPID DAUGHTER IS PUSHING HIM TOO HARD INTO THIS MAID ROLE!


I STILL HAVE SOME CONFIDENCE THAT MY PLAN WILL WORK- I JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE VARSHA DOESN'T RUIN IT!
SERIOUSLY, WHAT WAS SHE THINKING, ASKING HIM TO SWEEP THE FLOOR?
MAA!


YEAH GOOD! NOW YOU SHOW UP!
WHERE WERE YOU, VARSHA? I'VE BEEN WAITING HERE FOR SO LONG!
AND WHAT'S WITH ALL THE SW...
MAA, WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT LATER. SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH AKSHAYA!


YOU NEED TO COME AND SEE HER!
JUST GET IN HERE FIRST AND TELL ME WHAT YOU SAW

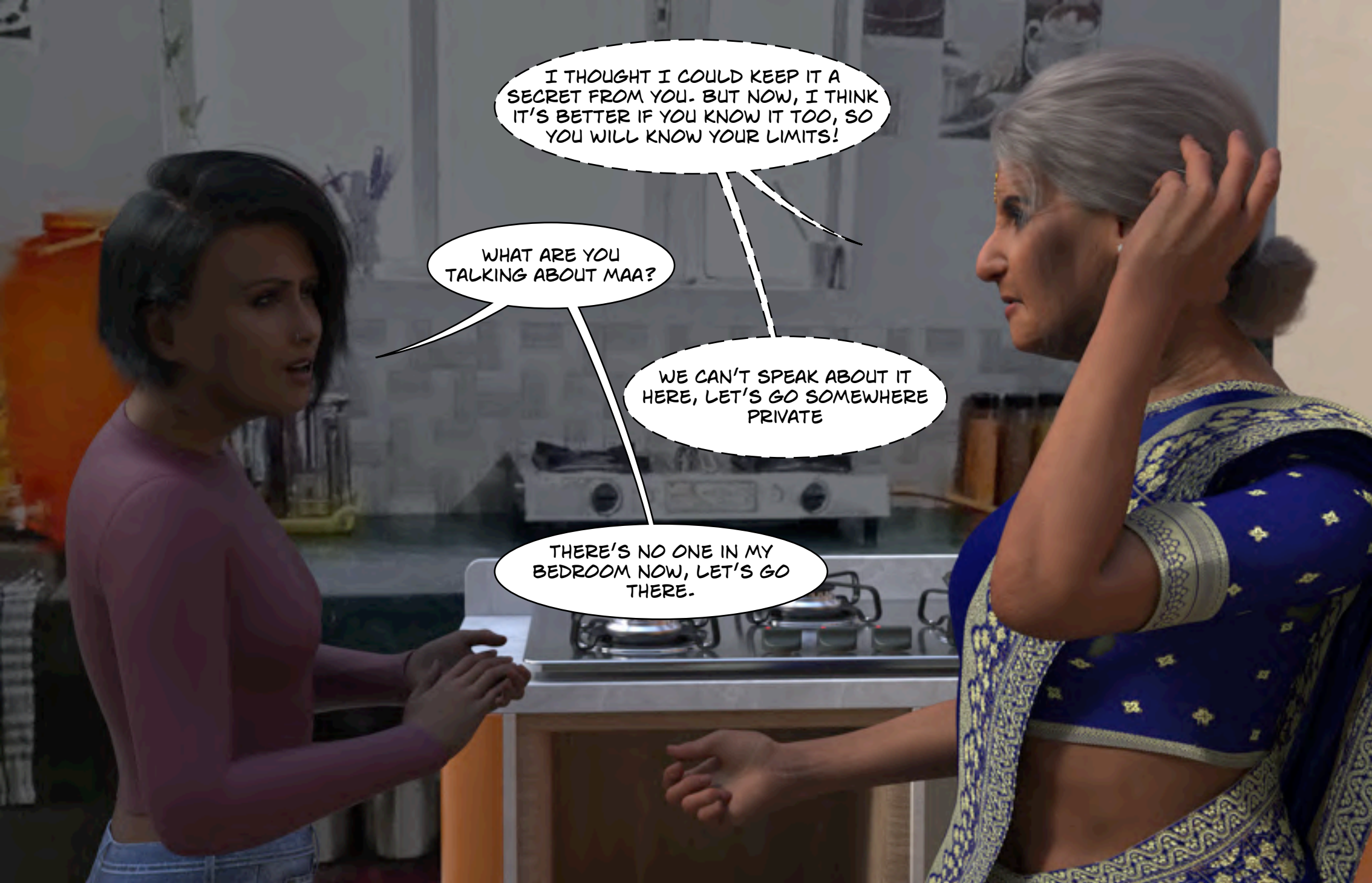

I SAW HIM CRYING, MAA, IT WAS DISTURBING TO SEE HIM CRY. DID YOU SAY ANYTHING TO HIM? I MEAN.. HER?
OH, NOW YOU BLAME EVERYTHING ON ME!? DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT HE'S NOT A REAL MAID?
MAA, I KNOW WHAT I DID, AND I'M NOT BLAMING YOU FOR ANYTHING. I THOUGHT MAKING HER DO A FEW THINGS COULD HELP HER WITH THE DISGUISE!
TOO BAD.. YOU WENT TOO FAR, TOO SOON!. NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY, THE LOCKDOWN HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR A FEW MONTHS AND NOT SURE FOR HOW LONG!
A FEW MONTHS!! ??


YES, SO WE NEED TO HANDLE AKSHAY CAREFULLY IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO SCREW UP YOUR MARRIAGE. HE'S ON THE VERGE OF A BREAKDOWN RIGHT NOW!
I'M SORRY, MAA, I DID NOT THINK THIS THROUGH. I PROMISE I WON'T MAKE HER DO ANY WORK HEREAFTER!
THAT'S NOT WHAT WE WANT EITHER. YOU JUST CANNOT PUSH IT, HE HAS TO DO IT WILLINGLY!
SO, WHAT IS YOUR PLAN NOW? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE HER STOP CRYING?
I DON'T KNOW YET. BUT MY INSTINCT SAYS HE WILL GET OVER IT HIMSELF. WE JUST NEED TO WAIT


I ACTUALLY SAW HER CRYING AND TALKING SOMETHING TO THE MIRROR.. THAT'S A GOOD THING, RIGHT!?
DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE OF SUCH MAGICAL ITEMS WITH YOU THAT CAN CHANGE HER EVEN MORE INTO A MAID, SO WE WON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM!?
AFTER ALL, THE MAGICAL EARRINGS THAT YOU GAVE HER SEEM TO BE WORKING REALLY WELL!

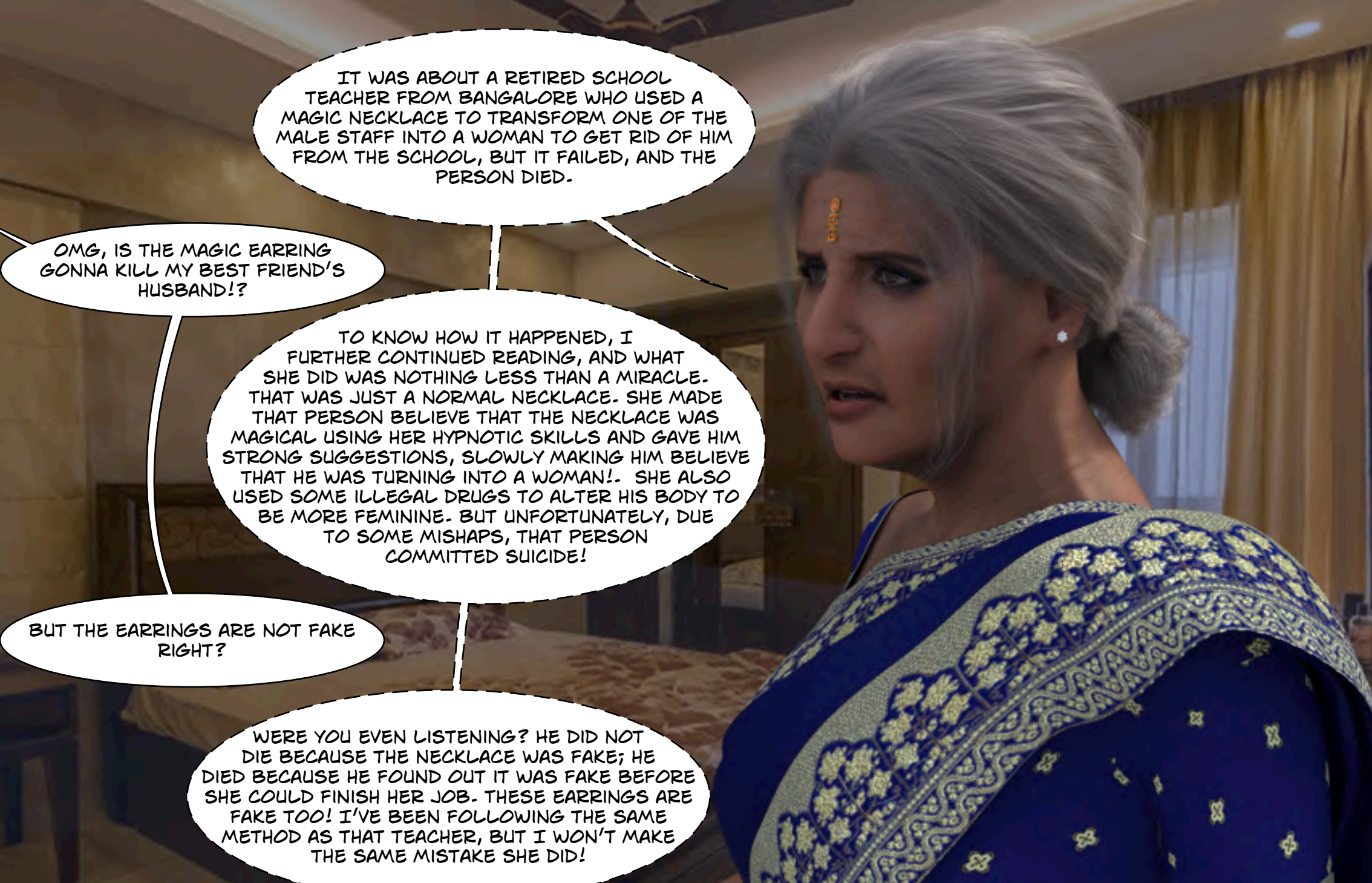

SHUSHH!


I ASKED YOU NOT TO TALK ABOUT THE EARRINGS AGAIN! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY RESPECT FOR MY WORDS?
THAT GOD. NO ONE ACCIDENTALLY WALKED IN HERE. YOU COULD'VE JUST RUINED OUR WHOLE DRAMA!
DO NOT EVER TALK ABOUT THAT! UNDERSTAND!?
MAA, I JUST ASKED A SIMPLE QUESTION. ARE YOU HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME!?


I THOUGHT I COULD KEEP IT A SECRET FROM YOU. BUT NOW, I THINK IT'S BETTER IF YOU KNOW IT TOO, SO YOU WILL KNOW YOUR LIMITS!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT MAA?
WE CAN'T SPEAK ABOUT IT HERE, LET'S GO SOMEWHERE PRIVATE
THERE'S NO ONE IN MY BEDROOM NOW, LET'S GO THERE.


OFF TO VARSHA'S BEDROOM


OK.. WHAT IS IT? WHAT ARE YOU HIDING FROM ME THAT'S SO IMPORTANT!?
YEAH, WHAT ABOUT IT!?
SO?
MAA, CAN YOU PLEASE STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH! JUST SAY IT ALREADY!
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LIKE TO READ CRIME NEWS ARTICLES, RIGHT?
I READ A VERY INTERESTING ARTICLE A FEW YEARS BACK.
ACTUALLY, EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING TO AKSHAY RIGHT NOW IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THAT ONE PARTICULAR NEWS ARTICLE.


IT WAS ABOUT A RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER FROM BANGALORE WHO USED A MAGIC NECKLACE TO TRANSFORM ONE OF THE MALE STAFF INTO A WOMAN TO GET RID OF HIM FROM THE SCHOOL, BUT IT FAILED, AND THE PERSON DIED.
OMG, IS THE MAGIC EARRING GONNA KILL MY BEST FRIEND'S HUSBAND!?
TO KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED, I FURTHER CONTINUED READING, AND WHAT SHE DID WAS NOTHING LESS THAN A MIRACLE. THAT WAS JUST A NORMAL NECKLACE. SHE MADE THAT PERSON BELIEVE THAT THE NECKLACE WAS MAGICAL USING HER HYPNOTIC SKILLS AND GAVE HIM STRONG SUGGESTIONS, SLOWLY MAKING HIM BELIEVE THAT HE WAS TURNING INTO A WOMAN!. SHE ALSO USED SOME ILLEGAL DRUGS TO ALTER HIS BODY TO BE MORE FEMININE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO SOME MISHAPS, THAT PERSON COMMITTED SUICIDE!
BUT THE EARRINGS ARE NOT FAKE RIGHT?
WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING? HE DID NOT DIE BECAUSE THE NECKLACE WAS FAKE; HE DIED BECAUSE HE FOUND OUT IT WAS FAKE BEFORE SHE COULD FINISH HER JOB. THESE EARRINGS ARE FAKE TOO! I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE SAME METHOD AS THAT TEACHER, BUT I WON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE SHE DID!


IT'S.. IT-S FAKE!??? MAA, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THE MAGIC WAS A LIE!?
BUT WHAT IF HE FINDS IT OUT!?
MY MIND IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE!
I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE, VARSHA. I HAD TO COME UP WITH THIS TO SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE AND TO CONVINCE AKSHAY!
THAT IS THE ONLY PROBLEM WE HAVE. NO MATTER WHAT, WE CANNOT LET HIM KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THOSE EARRINGS, AS LONG AS HE THINKS IT HAS MAGICAL PROPERTIES, WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, YOU CANNOT MAKE HIM DO ANYTHING THAT HE SHOWS RESISTANCE TO. THERE ARE CERTAIN WAYS TO MAKE HIM COMPLY VOLUNTARILY. SO, FOR NOW, JUST FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS!
OF COURSE, WE ARE NOT GOING TO DRUG HIM OR ANYTHING; WE ARE JUST GOING TO SUPPRESS HIS MASCULINE SIDE UNTIL THE LOCKDOWN IS OVER, AND HE MAKE HIM WILLINGLY DO THAT!


I THINK YOU SHOULD'VE JUST KEPT IT A SECRET! IT ALL FEELS SO WEIRD AFTER KNOWING ALL THESE!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW ALL THIS HAPPENED WITH JUST SOME SUGGESTIONS!
IT WASN'T MERE SUGGESTIONS! HE WOULDN'T HAVE AGREED IF IT WEREN'T THE RIGHT SITUATION. HIS GOODWILL TO SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE IS THE KEY HERE.
THE EARRINGS ARE THE SAFE THAT HAS THE KEY. WE CANNOT LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO THE SAFE. WE ARE JUST MAKING HIM BELIEVE THAT HE HAS THE KEY
HE SHOULD BELIEVE THAT ONLY HE CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE FROM FALLING APART.


I'M SCARED, MAA, ALL THESE LOOK TOO FAR-FETCHED, DON'T YOU THINK?
IT IS DEAR. BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO CALL IT OFF NOW
WE JUST HAVE TO FOLLOW THE TEACHER'S RULE BOOK.
WILL SHE BE ABLE TO BECOME A HE AGAIN?
OH, DON'T WORRY, ALL WE HAVE TO DO AT THE END IS LET HIM KNOW ABOUT THE EARRINGS BEFORE HE LEAVES. HE MIGHT RETAIN SOME FEMININE CHARACTERISTICS, BUT THOSE WILL GO AWAY OVER TIME WHEN HE GETS BACK TO BEING A MAN AGAIN!
THAT IS ALL IT TAKES!?
YES, SO DON'T WORRY, YOUR FRIEND'S HUSBAND WILL BE BACK!


MA
A JI? VARSHA
DIDI? ANYONE IN THERE?
COULD SHE HAVE HEARD US?
NO.. NOW DON'T OVERTHINK EVERYTHING.!
EVERYTHING WILL GET BACK TO NORMAL ONCE THE LOCKDOWN IS OVER!
WE JUST HAVE TO MAINTAIN THE ACT TILL THEN!


YOU STAY RIGHT HERE AND SEE HOW I HANDLE THE SITUATION- AND NOT A SINGLE WORD ABOUT THIS EVER AGAIN--!
YES MAA, I PROMISE!


GOSH! I NEVER THOUGHT MY MOM WAS THIS GENIUS AND MANIPULATIVE!
THANK GOD SHE HAS GOOD INTENTIONS, OTHERWISE SHE WOULD'VE ENDED UP IN A CRIME MAGAZINE TOO!


I'M SORRY, AKSHAY. IT'S ALL MY FAULT! UNFORTUNATELY, I DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS MESS! PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
MAA JI, I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS. I DON'T KNOW I BEHAVED LIKE THAT!


YOU SHELTERED ME IN THIS VERY CRITICAL TIME AND SAVED MY LIFE. BUT INSTEAD OF BEING THANKFUL, I WAS BEING SELFISH!
AND YOU DID NOT FORCE ME INTO ANYTHING, MAA JI, IT-- IT WAS JUST THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME, SO PLEASE DON'T BLAME IT ON YOURSELF!
BUT STILL, IT'S NOT OK FOR VARSHA TO ASK YOU TO DO ALL THAT WORK IN THE KITCHEN. I JUST HAD A WORD WITH HER. SHE PROMISED SHE WOULDN'T DO THAT AGAIN!


OMG! IT SEEMS LIKE SHE CONFRONTED VARSHA AFTER I LASHED OUT AT HER! HOW WILL I EVER FACE VARSHA AGAIN!?
SHE'S JUST OVERCAREFUL ABOUT HER MARRIAGE, WHICH IS PROBABLY WHY SHE IS REFERRING TO YOU WITH FEMALE PRONOUNS AS WELL.
I WILL ASK HER TO STOP ALL THAT NONSENSE AT ONCE, IF THAT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER.
NO..NOO, MAA JI, I DON'T WANT HER TO TAKE ANY CHANCES. MAKES MORE SENSE THINKING ABOUT IT NOW, I WILL DO MY BEST IN THE FOLLOWING MONTHS TO PRETEND TO BE A PERFECT MAID!
AND THANKS TO YOUR EARRINGS, IT HAS HELPED ME CALM MY MIND!


I WON'T BE OF ANY TROUBLE HEREAFTER, MAA JI.
AWW.. IT'S OK BETA..
GOSH.. I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M CRYING!


I CAN'T JUST LET HER DO ALL THE WORK!
AH.. I WILL HELP YOU WITH THE DOUGH, MAA JI. JUST SHOW ME HOW TO DO IT ONCE. I'M A QUICK LEARNER, LOL
BUT MAA JI, I CAN'T JUST SIT IDLE. HOW ABOUT I WATCH YOU MAKE AND HELP YOU WITH THE VEGETABLES!? PLEASE SAY YES FOR THAT!
COME, YOU MUST BE HUNGRY, I'LL MAKE YOU SOME YUMMY ROTIS AND MATTAR PANEER GRAVY. YOU HAVE TO FORGIVE ME IF IT TAKES SOME TIME THOUGH, MY HANDS ARE NOT AS STRONG AS BEFORE HAHA..
YEAH, I BET YOU ARE BETA! BUT IT TAKES SOME TIME TO LEARN THE CORRECT PROPORTIONS FOR THE DOUGH. HOW ABOUT YOU JUST WATCH AND LEARN THIS TIME?
UHMM! ALRIGHT.. JUST PROMISE ME YOU'LL BE CAREFUL WITH THE KNIFE!


ALRIGHT AKSHAYA, START WITH THE CARROTS, MAKE SURE TO CUT THEM INTO AS SMALL PIECES AS POSSIBLE. AND PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH THE KNIFE!
OK MAA JI, I'LL GET RIGHT INTO IT!
AND BETA, YOU WON'T MIND MAA JI CALLING YOU AKSHAYA, WOULD YOU?
IT' S BETTER NOT TO TAKE ANY CHANCES MAA JI. I INSIST THAT YOU CALL ME AKSHAYA FROM NOW ONWARDS..


THERE'S NO HURRY AKSHAYA, ITS GOING TO TAKE ME SOME TIME TO PREPARE THE CURRY, SO TAKE YOUR TIME!
HAAN(YES) MAA JI


UMM.. OK THE KNIFE'S HERE, CARROTS ARE IN THE FRIDGE, WHERE'S THE CUTTING PAD!.. LET ME ASK HER.
MAA..
YOU CAN USE THE DOUGH ROLLING TAB FOR CUTTING THE VEGGIES AKSHAYA
WOAH.. HOW DID SHE EVEN FIGURE OUT I WAS GONNA ASK THAT!


OK AKSHAYA! TIME TO SHOW YOUR TALENT!


I KNOW YOU ARE JUST SAYING THIS TO MAKE ME
BURP
HAHAHA.. I HOPE I FED YOU WELL!
YOU DID AN EXCELLENT JOB TODAY AKSHAYA.. MUCH BETTER THAN VARSHA WAS EVER ABLE TO DO !


I GUESS I WONT BE NEEDING ANY FOOD FOR ANOTHER 20 YEARS HAHA. THAT'S ONE OF THE BEST FOOD I'VE HAD IN A VERY LONG
I WANT TO LEARN MORE FROM YOU MAA JI. IT WILL BE A GOOD SURPRISE FOR MY WIFE WHEN I GET BACK HOME!
AHH YOU'RE MAKING THIS OLD WOMAN SHY NOW!
YOU WIFE IS SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AKSHAYA, I WILL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW..


I HAVE ONE MORE THING LEFT TO DO MAA JI! I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO VARSHA .. I MEAN VRSHA DIDI ASWELL!
YOU CAN JUST REFER HER AS VARSHA IN FRONT OF ME!
IT'S OK MAA JI, THIS HELPS ME STAY IN THE CHARACTER!
IF YOU SAY SO AKSHAYA!


YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE TO ANYONE HERE AKSHAYA, BUT I WONT STOP YOU IF THAT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER


I'M STILL A BIT NERVOUS TO MEET HER THOUGH!.. HOW AM GOING TO START THE CONVERSATION!
I WILL MAA JI HEHE!
AND PLEASE ASK HER TO HAVE SOME BREAKFAST BEFORE IT GETS COLD!
SHE'S GONNA BE SURPRISED WHEN SHE FINDS OUT WE MADE THE CURRY TOGETHER!


HE IS SUCH A SWEET YOUNG MAN! I WISH THE LOCK DOWN ENDS SOON AND HE RETURNS TO HIS WIFE AS A MAN AGAIN!


SHITT! HE'S COMING THIS WAY!.. PRETEND TO BE SAD!


VARSHA DIDI, CAN I COME IN?
HMM.. I LIKE THE TONE OF THAT
COME IN A..AKSHAYA! I WAS HOPING WE COULD TALK.


FIRST OF ALL, I'M SOR..
NO VARSHA DIDI, I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD ASK SORRY!
I LASHED OUT AT MAA JI AND I WASN'T BEHAVING AS MYSELF!


AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES OF TALKING


COME ON NOW, YOU MUST BE HUNGRY! MAA JI AND I, PREPARED A SPECIAL CURRY TODAY.
OMG! THAT'S AMAZING AKSHAYA! I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY IT!
SO ARE WE GOOD NOW?
WE ARE MORE THAN GOOD AKSHAYA!
I THINK BY THE TIME THE LOCKDOWN IS OVER, WE'LL BE BESTIES ALREADY!
AREN'T WE NOW!?
WE ARE! WE ARE! HAHAHA

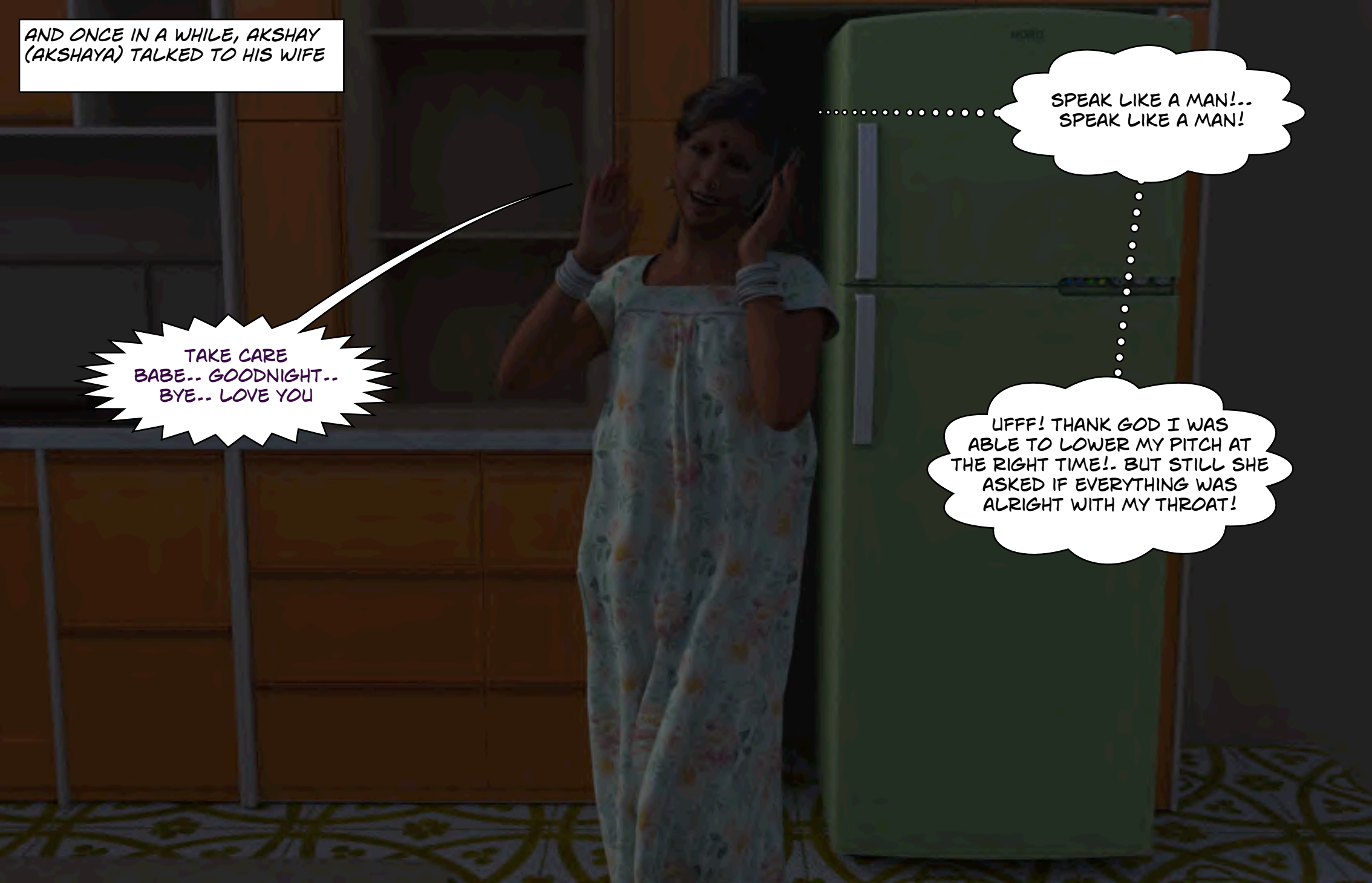

WOW THAT WENT REALLY WELL AKSHAYA!
VARSHA DIDI IS SUCH AN AMAZING PERSON!


THANK GOD THINGS WENT BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN!
INFACT.. I FEEL THAT IT'S GOING TO BE BETTER FROM NOW ON!

THEIR FIRST VOCAL TRAINING




WEEK 2
AFTER MANY PRACTICE SESSIONS--
THAT'S IT! THE SOFTENING OF YOUR CONSONANTS ADDS A LOVELY, UNDERSTATED QUALITY TO YOUR SPEECH. ONE MORE THING—YOUR INTONATION SHOULD RISE AND FALL LIKE A GENTLE MELODY. IMAGINE YOU'RE GENTLY SINGING A LULLABY EVEN AS YOU SPEAK
NOW, PLACE YOUR HAND ON YOUR THROAT AND TRY TO FOCUS ON GETTING THE HIGH-PITCHED VIBRATION AS YOU SPEAK
HI, MY NAME IS AKSHAYA, AND I WORK AS A MAID
BEAUTIFUL AKSHAYA, CAN YOU FEEL THE DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU INTENTIONALLY SMOOTH OUT YOUR TONE VERSUS WHEN YOU LET TENSION BUILD UP?
YES.. DIDI I COULD FEEL IT NOW!

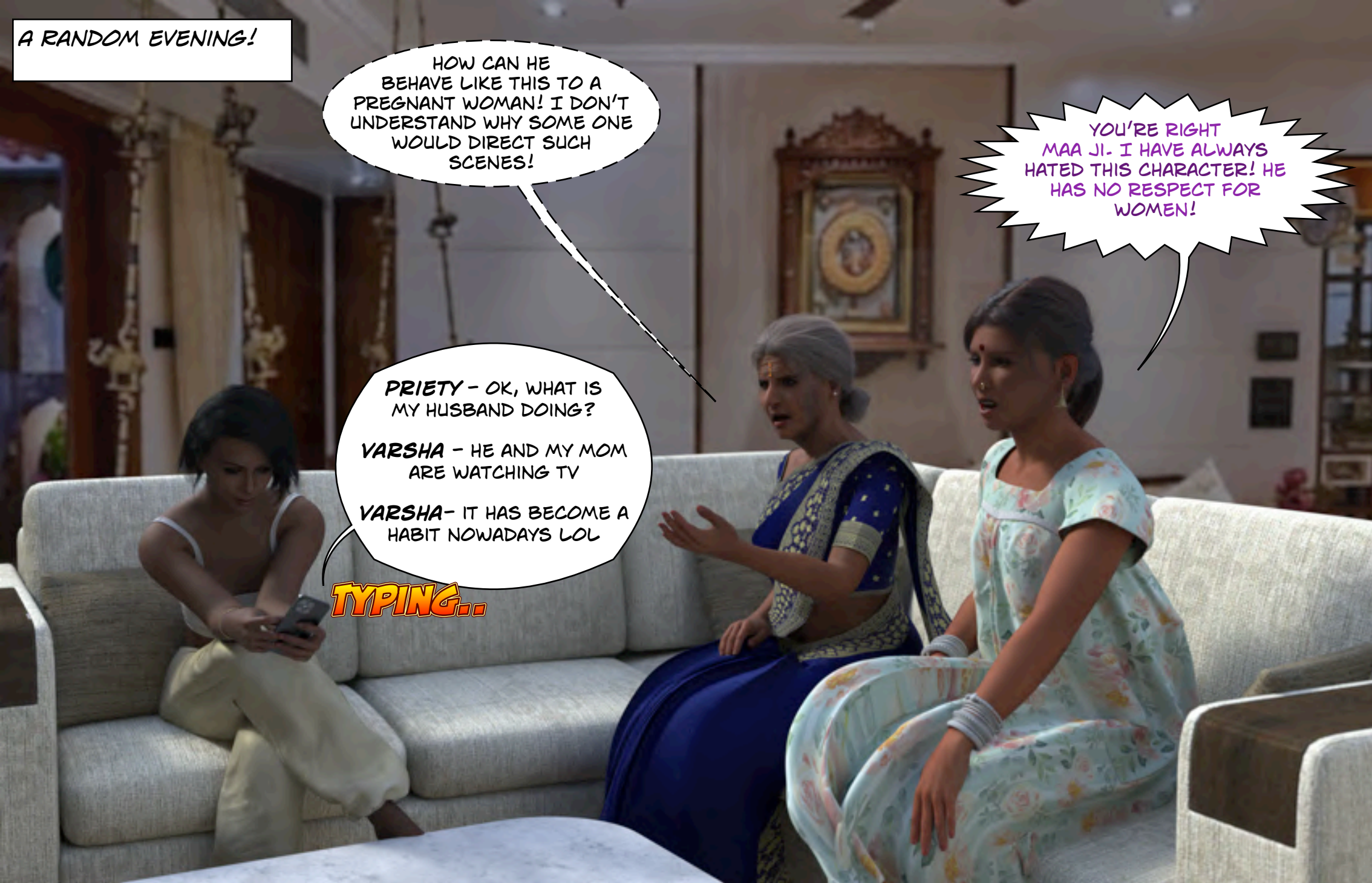

AND ONCE IN A WHILE, AKSHAY (AKSHAYA) TALKED TO HIS WIFE
TAKE CARE BABE.. GOODNIGHT.. BYE.. LOVE YOU
SPEAK LIKE A MAN!.. SPEAK LIKE A MAN!
UFFF! THANK GOD I WAS ABLE TO LOWER MY PITCH AT THE RIGHT TIME!. BUT STILL SHE ASKED IF EVERYTHING WAS ALRIGHT WITH MY THROAT!


AND MORE COOKING TOGETHER
AKSHAYA, WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THE PLATES, CAN YOU GET SOME CURD FROM THE FRIDGE PLEASE!


I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY CURD LEFT, DIDI
UGGH.. I ASKED MY STUPID HUSBAND TO DO ONE THING! AND HE DIDN'T!
CHECK IF THERE IS ANY MILK!?
YEA, THERE'S STILL SOME MILK LEFT, WANT ME TO BRING IT TO YOU?
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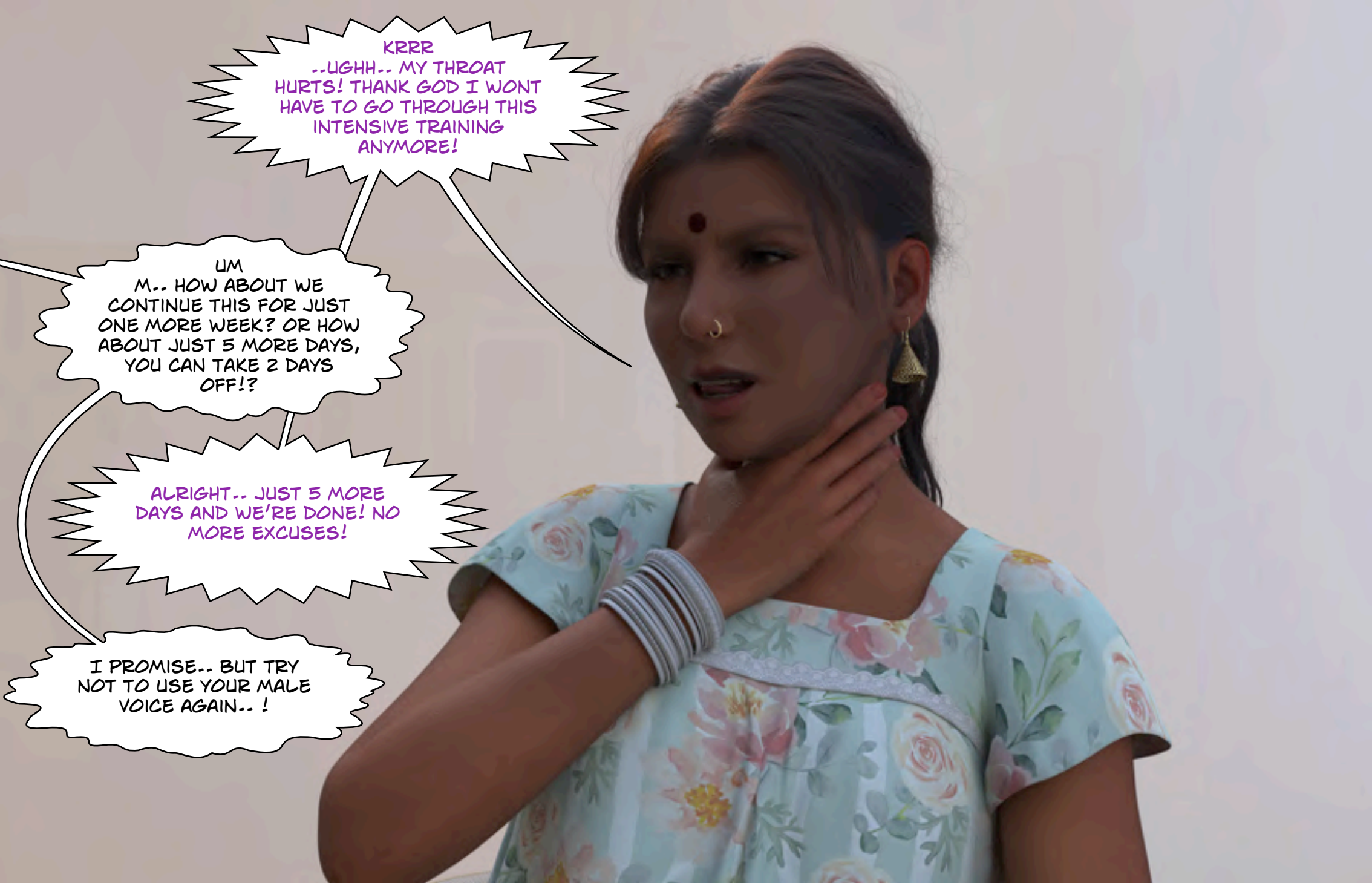

WEEK 3
I CAN ALREADY TELL THAT THESE SESSIONS ARE HELPING ME BECOME MORE COMFORTABLE IN MY VOICE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL! I CAN ALREADY SEE THE RESULTS..
REMEMBER, EVERY EFFORT IS PROGRESS. NEXT TIME, WE'LL WORK ON MORE COMPLEX DIALOGUE AND EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION. FOR NOW, RELAX AND LET YOUR VOICE CELEBRATE WHO YOU ARE
YOU ARE SUCH AN AMAZING TEACHER DIDI..


COME ON, AKSHAYA, SAY SOMETHING.. I WANT TO HEAR YOUR GIRLY VOICE!
YOU CAN DO IT, AKSHAYA! MAKE ME PROUD!
HI, MY NAME IS AKSHAYA, AND I'M A MAID
AKSHAYA!! WHY WERE YOU SOUNDING LIKE AN ANDROGENOUS PERSON THIS MORNING IN THE KITCHEN, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD SUCH A LOVELY FEMININE VOICE!
TO SURPRISE YOU I GUESS!
WELL, CONGRATS TO YOU BOTH.. YOU BOTH HAVE SURPRISED ME TODAY!
HEHE.. THANKS MAA JI!


A RANDOM EVENING!
HOW CAN HE BEHAVE LIKE THIS TO A PREGNANT WOMAN! I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SOME ONE WOULD DIRECT SUCH SCENES!
YOU'RE RIGHT MAA JI. I HAVE ALWAYS HATED THIS CHARACTER! HE HAS NO RESPECT FOR WOMEN!
PRIETY - OK, WHAT IS MY HUSBAND DOING?
VARSHA - HE AND MY MOM ARE WATCHING TV
VARSHA- IT HAS BECOME A HABIT NOWADAYS LOL
TYPING..


WEEK 4
HOW WAS THAT!
OMG AKSHAYA.. YOU.. YOU DID IT. I'M SO PROUD OF MYSELF!
PROUD OF YOU!? I DID ALL THE HARD WORK HERE..
HAHA LOL.. I MEAN OFC.. I'M SO MUCH PROUD OF YOU!
YOUR VOICE IS SOMETHING I WONT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYMORE HAHA!


DOES THIS MEAN I CAN NOW TALK FREELY WITHOUT HAVING TO WATCH OUT FOR YOUR HUSBAND?
THAT'S RIGHT AS LONG AS YOU MAINTAIN THIS FEMININE VOICE, YOU CAN TALK FREELY AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!


KRRR
--UGHH-- MY THROAT HURTS! THANK GOD I WONT HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS INTENSIVE TRAINING ANYMORE!
UM
M-- HOW ABOUT WE CONTINUE THIS FOR JUST ONE MORE WEEK? OR HOW ABOUT JUST 5 MORE DAYS, YOU CAN TAKE 2 DAYS OFF!?
ALRIGHT-- JUST 5 MORE DAYS AND WE'RE DONE! NO MORE EXCUSES!
I PROMISE-- BUT TRY NOT TO USE YOUR MALE VOICE AGAIN-- !


I'VE BEEN COOKING SINCE I WAS I WAS A LITTLE GIRL! YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY COOK MY MOTHER'S SIGNATURE DISH BETTER THAN ME!
YOU MAY HAVE BEEN COOKING FOR A LONGER TIME THAN ME VARSHA DIDI--
BUT MAA JI HAS BEEN TEAHING ME A LOT LATELY AND I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE THAT I CAN MAKE IT BETTER THAN YOU!


HOW ABOUT WE WORK TOGETHER! WE DON'T HAVE TO COMPETE YOU KNOW!


WHAT'S THE POINT OF IT ANYWAY.. WE BOTH KNOW I'M GOING TO BE THE WINNER!
ACTING TOUGH UH!? BE READY TO GET DEFEATED!
STOP DISTACTING ME DIDI.. I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
YEA YEA...


IT'S BEEN 3 HOURS NOW!
ARE YOU LADIES DONE?


I MADE IT MAA!
HMMM.. WHO MADE THIS ONE!
N OO.. MAA JI I MADE THIS ONE. SHE'S LYING!


UFF.
- COOL DOWN, I WAS JUST KIDDING! YES MAA, SHE COOKED IT!
WOW AKSHAYA.. I..I CANT BELIEVE IT! YOU HAVE DONE A MIRACLE TODAY!
I JUST FOLLOWED YOUR RECIPE MAA


HMM.. HMM.. I STILL STANDING RIGHT HERE MAA!
WHY DIDN'T I HAVE YOU AS MY DAUGHTER? OR A SON!? OFC
I JUST KNOW ONE THING FOR SURE.. AKSHAYA IS GOING TO BE THE NEXT MASTERCHEF, ONCE THE LOCK DOWN IS OVER!
STOP MAKING ME SHY MAA JI!
BLUSH

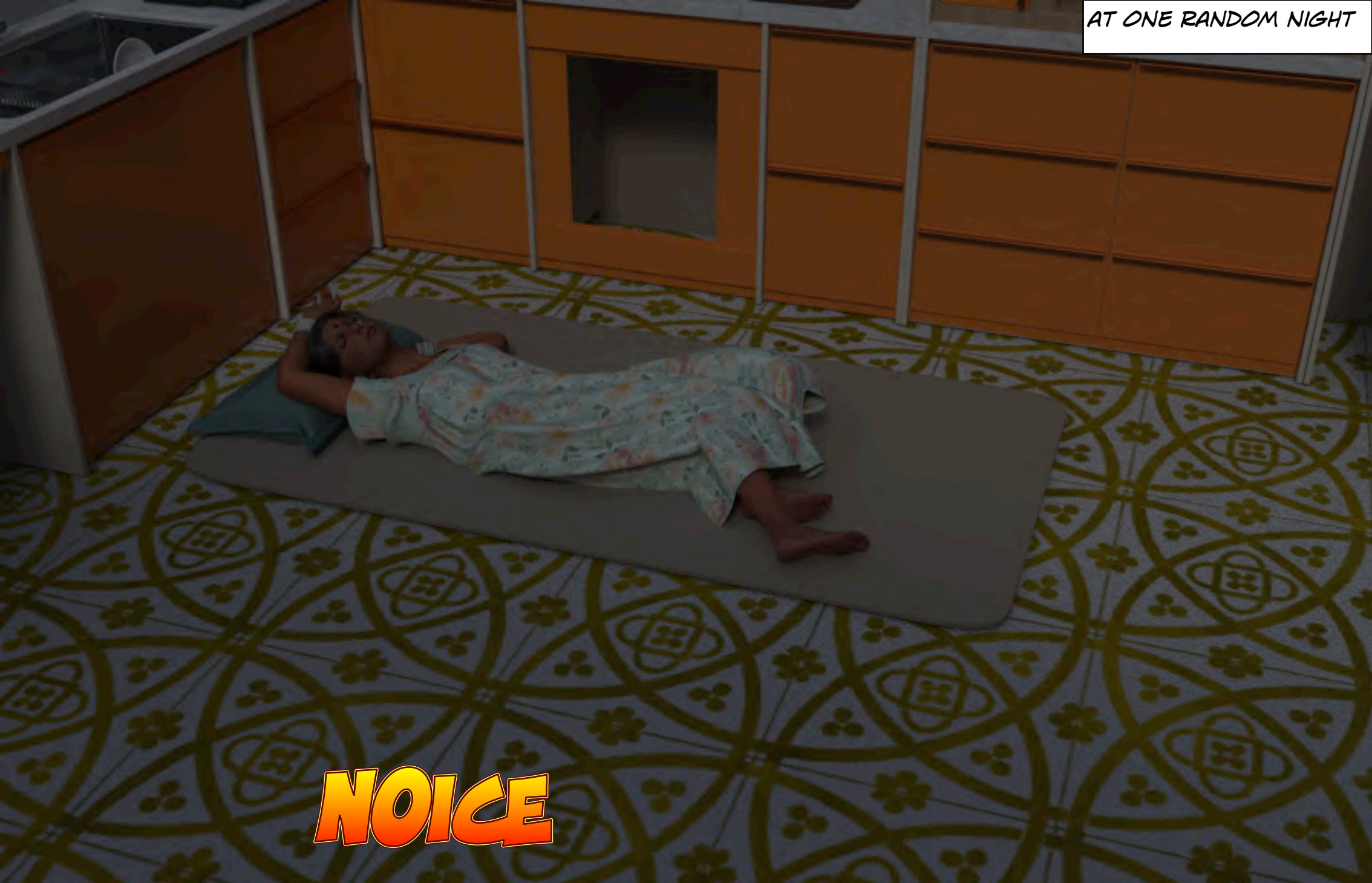

HAHAHA.. SORRY VARSHA, I COULDN'T CONTROL MYSELF AFTER TASTING THAT DELECIOUS CURRY!
COME, LET'S EAT NOW
ALRIGHT, VARSHA AND I WILL WAIT FOR YOU IN THE LIVING ROOM!
GIVE ME 10 MINUTES, MAA JI, I'LL BE THERE AFTER FINISHING THE DISHES. IT'S HARD TO REMOVE THE STAINS ONCE THEY ARE DRY


HEY BABE! HOW ARE YOU DOING TODAY? IS EVERYTHING FINE OVER THERE?
BABE!? WHO'S THIS? VARSHA, IS IT YOU?
SHIT..
HRMM.. HRM..
SORRY ITS ME AKSHAY..
I JUST GOT A THROAT INFECTION


AKSHAY!?? THROAT INFECTION? OMG I TOTALLY THOUGHT IT WAS A GIRL!
TAKE SOME DAMN MEDICINES AKSHAY! TELL ME IF YOU FEEL SHY ASKING FOR IT, I'LL SPEAK WITH VARSHA!
I'D BETTER HANG UP NOW, I DON'T WANT YOUR VOICE TO GET ANY WORSE.. LOVE YOU, TAKE CARE BYE..
UM M.. REALLY.. I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THAT BAD!
NO, NO.. I'LL ASK HER MYSELF..


LOVE YOU, BYE..
MUAH
THAT WAS CLOSE!
THIS WHOLE VOCAL TRAINING HAS MESSED UP MY THROAT!.. I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SWITCH BACK TO MY MALE VOICE INSTANTLY!

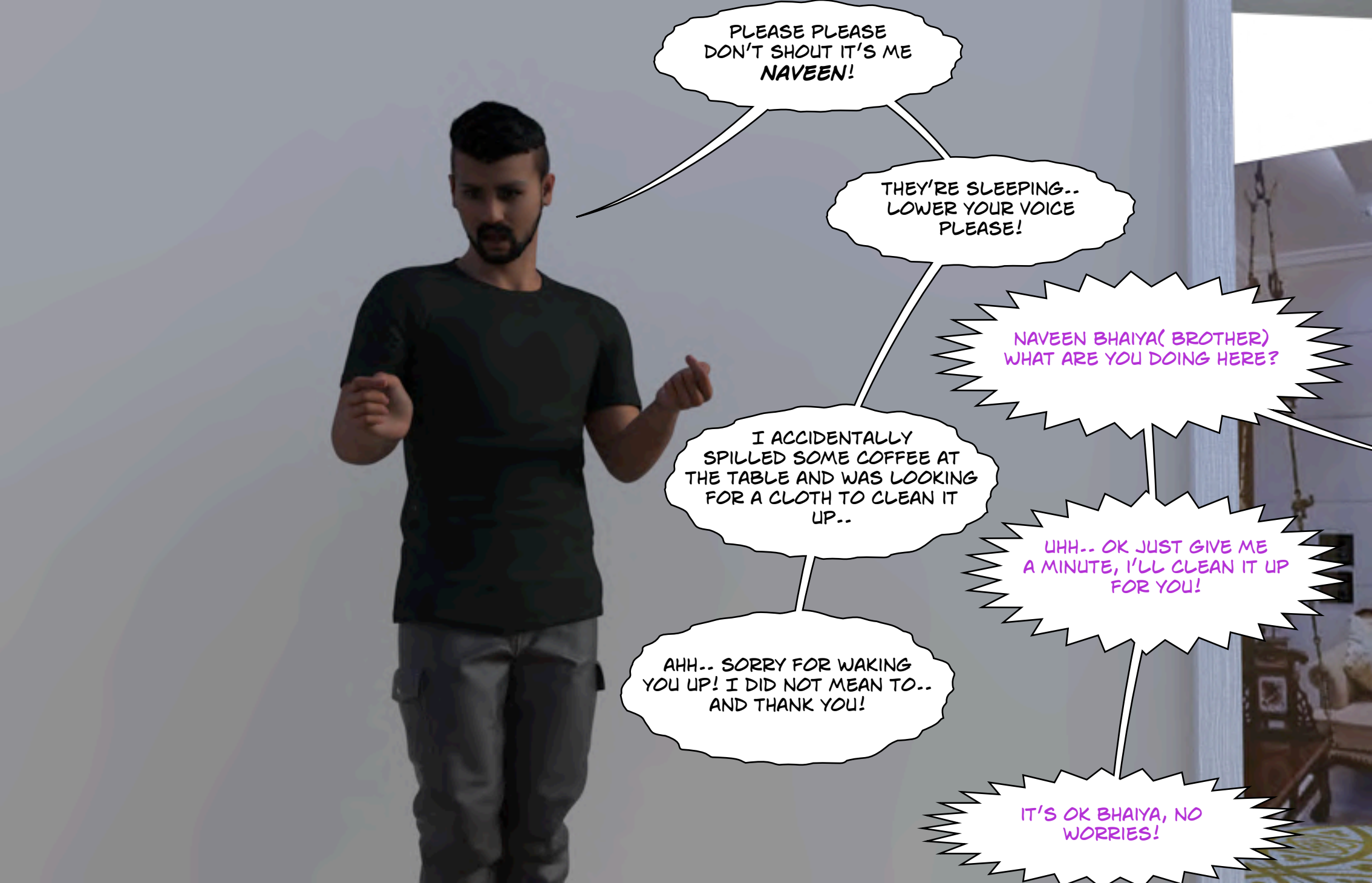

WEEK 5
PRIETY - HOW'S YOUR VOICE AKSHAY!?
AKSHAY - IT'S WAY BETTER NOW PRIETY. I SPOKE WITH A DOCTOR ON V-CALL, HE SUGGESTED SOME TABLETS AND ASKED ME NOT TO USE MY VOICE FOR A WHILE!
TYPING..
IT'S BETTER THIS WAY! PHONE CALL IS WAY MORE RISKY!


AT ONE RANDOM NIGHT
NOICE


OMG.. WHO'S THAT..! ARE WE GETTING ROBBED!?


SNEAKY


WHO'S THAT!?? VARSHA DIDI
IS THAT YOU!?


PLEASE PLEASE DON'T SHOUT IT'S ME NAVEEN!
THEY'RE SLEEPING.. LOWER YOUR VOICE PLEASE!
NAVEEN BHAIYA(BROTHER) WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I ACCIDENTALLY SPILLED SOME COFFEE AT THE TABLE AND WAS LOOKING FOR A CLOTH TO CLEAN IT UP..
UHH.. OK JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE, I'LL CLEAN IT UP FOR YOU!
AHH.. SORRY FOR WAKING YOU UP! I DID NOT MEAN TO.. AND THANK YOU!
IT'S OK BHAIYA, NO WORRIES!


OMG I COULD TOTALLY SEE HER BRA! IT'S SO HOT!
YES AKSHAYA, I WORK NIGHT SHIFTS, THATS THE REASON YOU DON'T SEE ME DURING THE DAY!
SO DO YOU WORK ALL NIGHT BHAIYA?
ALL DONE BHAIYA! ITS CRYSTAL CLEAN AGAIN
LET ME CONTINUE WITH MY SLEEP AGAIN LOL!


YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL ME BHAIYA, AKSHAYA, IT'S NOT LIKE 10 YEARS OLDER THAN YOU!. YOU CAN JUST CALL ME NAVEEN!
ALRIGHT NAVEEN BHA.. NAVEEN, GOODNIGHT.. HEHE
I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING NAVEEN.. UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S NOT GONNA WORK!
BUT HE TOTALLY BELEIVES I'M A WOMAN.. SO I GUESS I'VE ALREADY WON!


NEXT MORNING
YOU WANT ME TO GIVE MY OLD SAREES TO AKSHAYA!?
JUST THE ONE'S YOU WONT USE IT ANYMORE!
I FEEL BAD, SEEING HER IN THE SAME NIGHT DRESS THAT SHE WORE WHEN I FIRST MET HER! DOESN'T SHE HAVE ANY OTHER CLOTHES?
NO NAVEEN SHE DID NOT BRING ANY..
OK THEN.. YOU SAID YOU HAVE TO GET RID OF YOUR OLD SAREES RIGHT. JUST GIVE IT TO HER. I DON'T WANT TO SEE HER IN THE SAME NIGHT DRESS


AND WILL YOU PLEASE TURN OFF THE LIGHTS ON YOUR WAY OUT PLEASE...
SUR E BABE.. GOOD NIGHT! SWEET DREAMS!
THIS SHIT IS GETTING MORE COMPLICATED EACH AND EVERY DAY!
ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, I DON'T WANT TO PUT ANYMORE EFFORTS IN PROTECTING THE SECRET ANYMORE!
I SHOULD SPEAK WITH MAA, BEFORE MAKING ANY MOVES!


AFTER EXPLAINING WHAT HAPPENED
DO YOU THINK AKSHAYA IS READY FOR THIS?


SUDDENLY ASKING AKSHAYA TO WEAR SAREES IS A BIG CHANGE.. YOU HAVE TO USE THE WORDS CAREFULLY!
SAREES ARE CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST FEMININE CLOTHING.. EVEN MOST INDIAN WOMEN DONT WEAR IT NOWADAYS..
HM M.. I KNOWW.. I'M ONE OF THEM TOO!
JUST TAKE IT SLOW, GIVE HIM SOME POSITIVES, INSIST THAT IT WAS NAVEEN'S IDEA. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY USE YOUR EMOTIONS AND CHARM!
OK MAA, I'LL GO SEE AKSHAYA NOW!


GOOD MORNING, AKSHAYA. LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD A GREAT SLEEP LAST NIGHT!


OHHHAWW WW! GOOD MORNING, DIDI. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DID
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE THIS EARLY? DO YOU WANT ME TO MAKE SOME COFFEE?


IT'S ABOUT LAST NIGHT. MY HUSBAND TOLD ME A FEW THINGS.


OHH.. SHIT.. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT PERVERT TOLD HER- I SHOULD'VE JUST SLEPT!
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AKSHAYA, IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT? SO, CAN WE TALK?


OHH..MMM.. YEAH.. YES YES SURE..
HE FELT VERY SORRY FOR WAKING YOU UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!
AHH .. THAT'S.. ALRIGHT. IT WAS NO BIGGIE. I ALMOST THOUGHT WE GOT ROBBED !
AND THERE'S ONE MORE THING. CONGRATS, HE TOTALLY BELIEVES YOU'RE A WOMAN!
YES.. AND NO. THIS MORNING HE ASKED ME TO DO SOMETHING!
THAT'S GREAT! ALL THE HARD WORK'S GOT PAID, RIGHT?

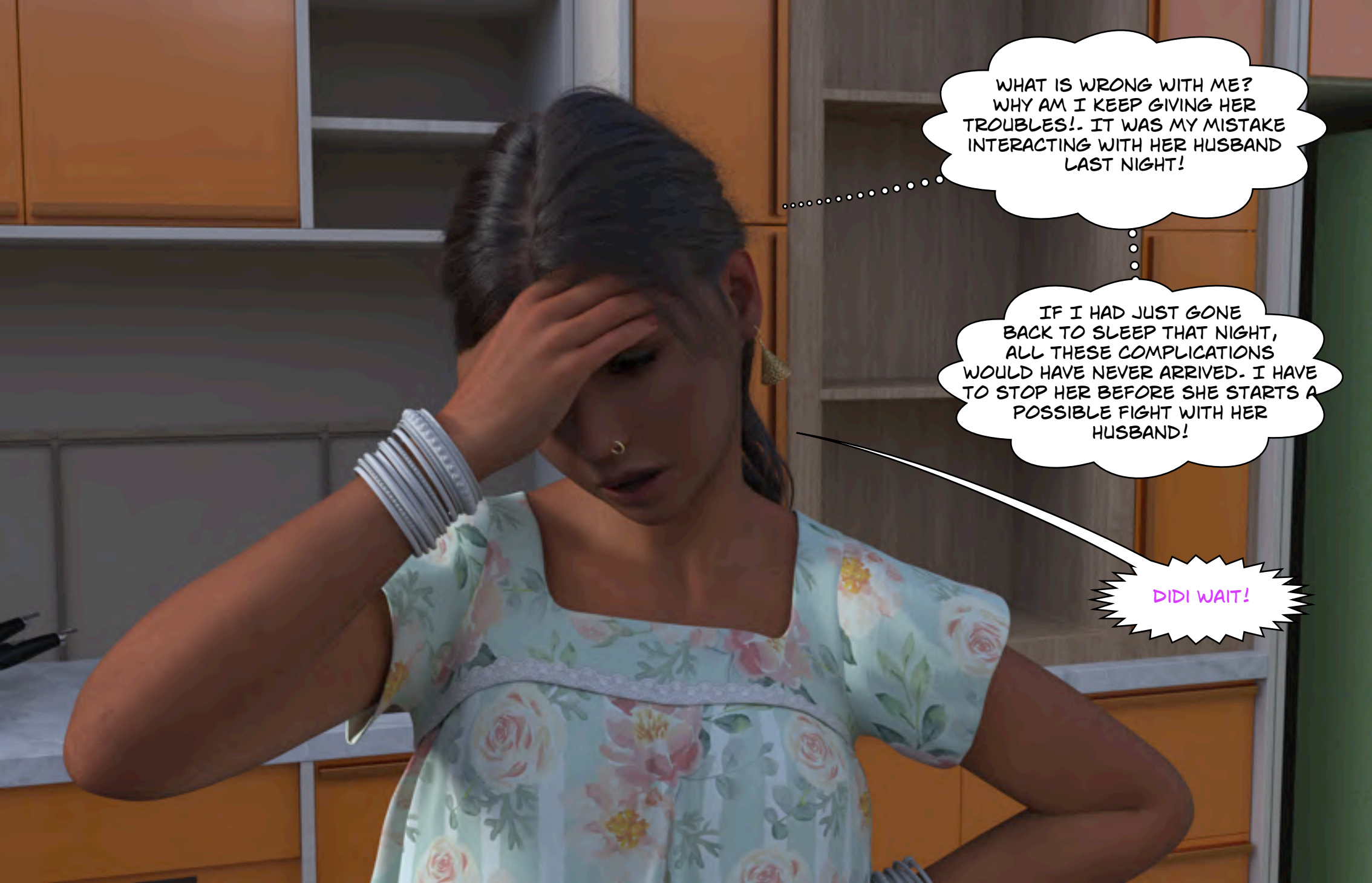

HE ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU A FEW OF MY OLD SAREES. HE SOUNDED LIKE HE REALLY MEANT IT. I THINK HE KINDA FELT BAD SEEING YOU IN THE SAME DIRTY NIGHTDRESS!
IT WASN'T LIKE I HAD ANY CHOICE, AKSHAYA, I'M SORRY!
OMG, WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO NOW? YOU DID NOT AGREE TO THIS, RIGHT?
OH NO.. NOT AGAIN.. I DON'T KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT THIS.. !


ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, YOU WON'T HAVE TO WEAR A BRA IF YOU WEAR A SAREE. AND A SAREE BLOUSE IS MUCH COMFORTABLE THAN A BRA, TRUST ME!
SINCE YOU WERE COMPLAINING SO MUCH ABOUT THE BRA, THIS CAN ACTUALLY BE SOMETHING TO YOUR ADVANTAGE!


THAT DOES SOUND GOOD. BUT I DON'T THINK WEARING A BRA IS ANY WORSE THAN WEARING A SAREE.
CAN YOU LIKE SPEAK WITH YOUR HUSBAND ONE MORE TIME FOR ME, PLEASE?


OK.. BEING KIND DOESN'T SEEM TO WORK. TIME TO BRING EMOTIONS TO ACTION!
OK, AKSHAYA, I WILL TALK TO HIM. I KNOW THAT HE WILL GET MAD AT ME, BUT THAT'S OK!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM THIS STUBBORN ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE..


BUT... BUT THAT'S OK. I CAN'T LET HIM DECIDE WHAT YOU CAN WEAR. EVEN IF IT MAKES ME LOOK LIKE A BAD PERSON FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW
I WILL GO RIGHT NOW AND ARGUE WITH HIM ABOUT THIS. AFTER ALL, YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND'S HUSBAND AND MY BESTIE TOO.
OMG! SHE'S CRYING!!
OK, AKSHAYA, YOU DON'T WORRY, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS. I'M JUST A LITTLE SCARED OF HOW HE'S GOING TO REACT, BUT I'M SURE HE'LL CALM DOWN EVENTUALLY!


WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME? WHY AM I KEEP GIVING HER TROUBLES!. IT WAS MY MISTAKE INTERACTING WITH HER HUSBAND LAST NIGHT!
IF I HAD JUST GONE BACK TO SLEEP THAT NIGHT, ALL THESE COMPLICATIONS WOULD HAVE NEVER ARRIVED. I HAVE TO STOP HER BEFORE SHE STARTS A POSSIBLE FIGHT WITH HER HUSBAND!
DIDI WAIT!


DIDI.. PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR BEING INCONSIDERATE! NOW WILL YOU PLEASE STOP CRYING?
I WILL WEAR THAT STUPID SAREE OR WHATEVER YOU ASK ME TO WEAR. OK.. YOU DONT LOOK SO CUTE WHEN YOU CRY!
REALLY?.. WAIT, I DON'T LOOK CUTE????
JUST NOT WHEN YOU CRY! IF YOU DON'T SMILE NOW, YOU ARE NOT MY BESTIE ANYMORE!


DO I LOOK CUTE NOW?
MUCH BETTER!


WILL YOU PLEASE STOP THIS!!
YEAH, YOUR CUTENESS JUST SHOT UP 20 PER CENT WHEN YOU STOPPED CRYING. AND WILL EVEN BE BETTER, IF I COULD SEE SOME TEETH!
AHH.. THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT..


HOW DO YOU ALWAYS KNOW THE RIGHT THING TO SAY?
WHY DON'T YOU GO TAKE A SHOWER? I'LL GO SELECT THE MANLIEST SAREE FOR YOU!
AND PLEASE MAKE SURE TO WASH YOUR HAIR THIS TIME PROPERLY, LIKE THE WAY I TAUGHT YOU.
USE MY SKINCARE PRODUCTS TOO, YOUR SKIN LOOKS A BIT TANNED. JUST MAKE SURE NOT TO USE TOO MUCH.
OK DIDI, I'LL CALL YOU OUT WHEN I'M DONE

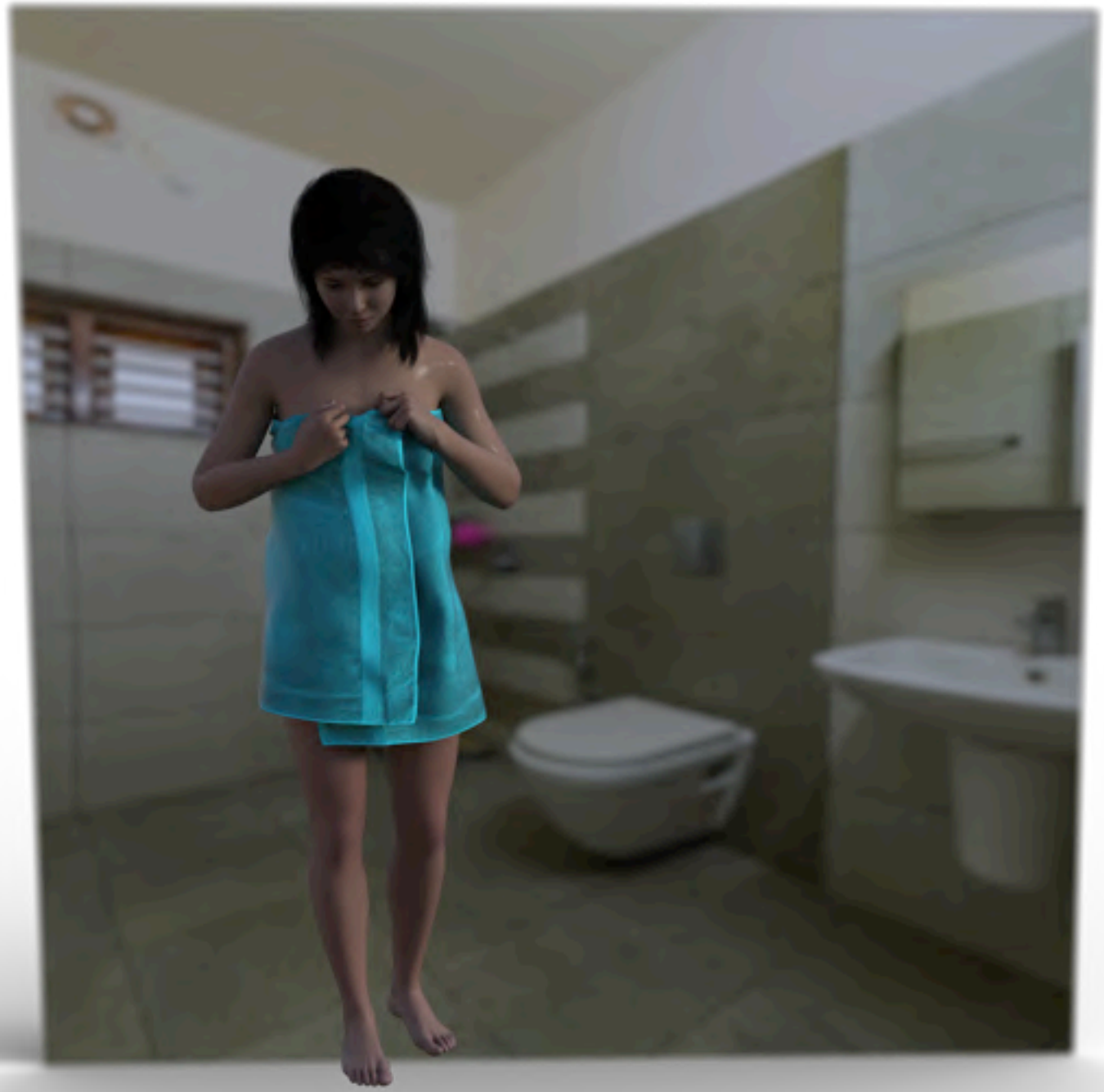

HMM.. I'M GETTING GOOD AT THIS. THE EMOTIONAL TRICK WORKED LIKE A CHARM.
THANKFULLY, I AVOIDED A FIGHT BETWEEN DIDI AND HER HUSBAND.
BUT AT WHAT PRICE! HOPE IT WAS WORTH IT.


TAKE YOUR TIME, AKSHAYA. DON'T FORGET TO REMOVE ALL THE JEWELS BEFORE THE SHOWER


ALRIGHT, THAT WENT WELL.
TIME TO LOOK INTO MY OLD SAREE COLLECTION!


17 MINUTES LATER
I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I WORE THIS ONE.
THANKFULLY, I DIDN'T THROW THIS AWAY. WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT MY BEST FRIEND'S HUSBAND WOULD BE WEARING THIS!


A WHILE LATER
SHE CLEARLY INSTRUCTED NOT TO USE TOO MUCH.. NOW I LOOK LIKE A VAMPIRE
HOPE SHE DOESN'T GET MAD ABOUT THIS!
DIDI, I'M DONE! CAN I COME OUT?
YES, YOU CAN COME OUT, AKSHAYA. I'VE LOCKED THE BEDROOM DOOR. BUT ALTHOUGH JUST TO BE ON THE SAFER SIDE. WRAP THE TOWEL AROUND YOUR BREAST... SORRY..SORRY.. I MEAN YOU CHEST!
ALRIGHT!




I'M COMING OUT NOW!
AND PLEASE DON'T FREAK OUT IF I LOOK A BIT DIFFERENT!


WHAT THE HELL!.. YOU LOOK LIKE A FREAKING GHOST..
I JUST USED A LITTLE BIT MORE OF YOUR NIVIA SKIN WHITENER!
YEAH IT LOOKS LIKE YOU USED A LITTLE BIT MORE!
HEHE... SORRY..!


THI
S ISN'T GOING TO DAMAGE MY SKIN PERMANENTLY, CAN IT?
RELAXX.. IT'S JUST A BEAUTY CREAM. THE BEST IT CAN DO IS SOFTEN YOUR SKIN
JUST WIPE YOUR BODY AND SIT UNDER THE FAN FOR A FEW MINTUTES, THAT SHOULD BRING YOUR OLD SKIN TONE BACK!
THAT'S A RELIEF!


HERE, HOLD YOUR SAREE AND SIT ON THIS CHAIR. I'LL KEEP THE FAN AT FUN SPEED!
I'LL BE BACK IN A FEW MINUTES, ONCE YOUR SKIN DRIES OFF.


15 MINUTES LATER
LOOKS MUCH BETTER. THE FAN DID ITS JOB
YOU ARE ENJOYING THIS, AREN'T YOU!?


OK, LET'S GET STARTED. MOVE THE CHAIR ASIDE, STAND UP, AND GIVE ME AN "A POSE"
KEEP THE SAREE ON THE CHAIR FOR NOW!
UGHH..SHE HAS THE FEET OF A CAT!


YEAH, REMOVE YOUR TOWEL. I ASSUME YOU ARE WEARING UNDERWEAR?
GOOD THEN. GET STARTED
ANYTHING ELSE?
YE AH, STILL WEARING ONE OF THE PANTS YOU GAVE ME!


HE RE'S THE MATCHING BLOUSE FOR YOUR SAREE. WEAR IT LIKE A SHIRT
THE HOOKS ARE ON THE BACK LIKE A BRA!
ON THE BACK AGAIN!!?


WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
YOU SAID BLOUSES ARE BETTER THAN BRAS! BUT IT'S MUCH DIFFICULT TO HOOK THIS ONE!

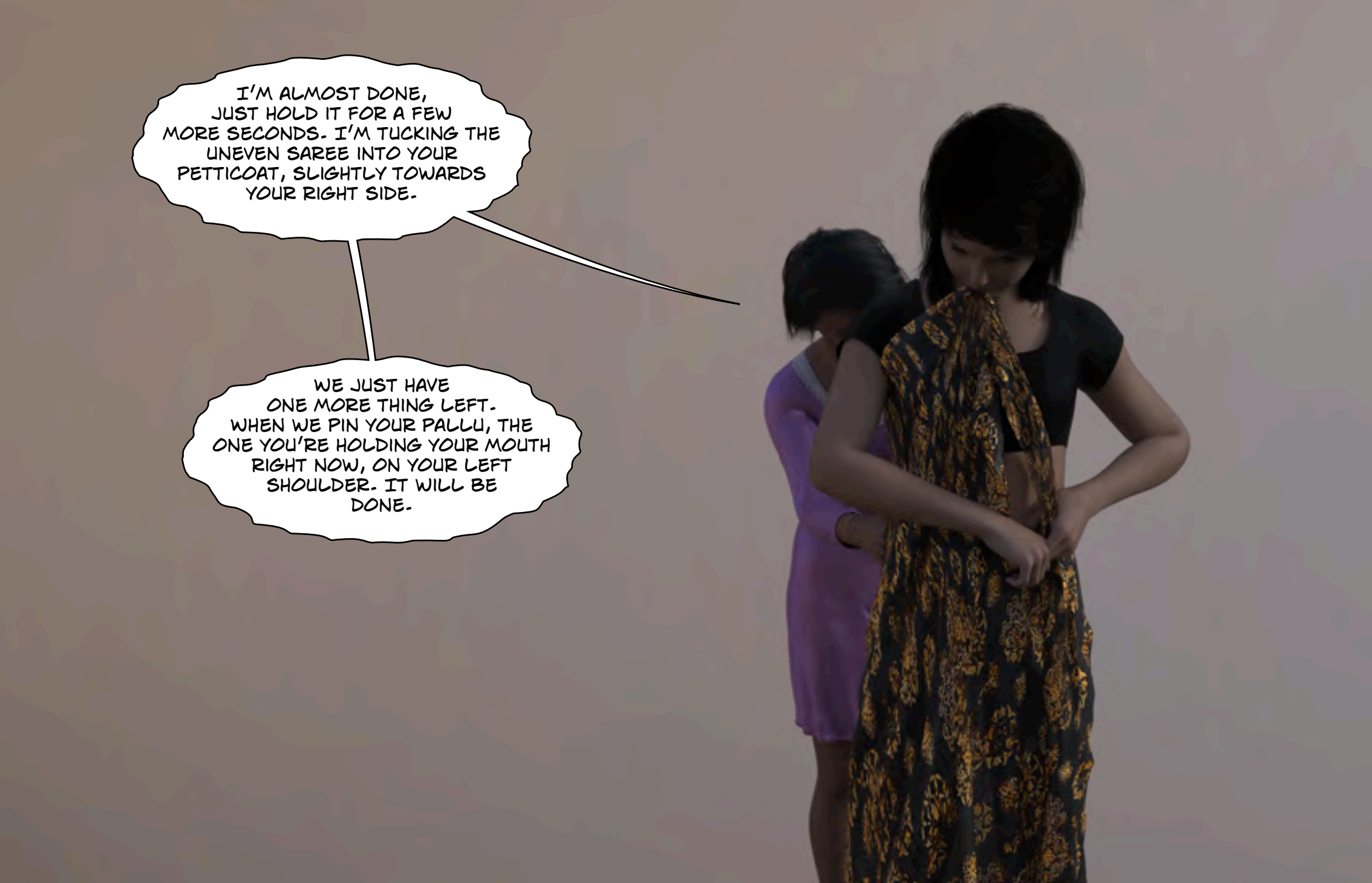

THERE.. DONE.. HOW LONG DID IT TAKE? 5 SECONDS?!
IT'S A BLOUSE, AKSHAYA, NOT A BRA. THE HOOKS ARE SPACED DIFFERENTLY; THAT'S WHY YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT
GIVE IT SOME TIME. TRUST ME, THIS IS MUCH BETTER THAN A BRA.
HOW DOES IT FEEL NOW?


SHE WAS RIGHT. IT WAS AT LEAST A MILLION TIMES COMFORTABLE THAN A BRA.
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IT'S SO BREATHABLE AND SO COMFORTABLE AGAINST MY SKIN. BUT I'M TOO MANLY TO ADMIT IT TO HER!
STAY STILL AND WATCH HOW I DO IT!


REMEMBER HOW MANY TIMES I'VE WRAPPED IT AROUND SO FAR?
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GOOD.. NOW WRAPPING IT AROUND YOUR WAIST ONE MORE TIME.
HMM
I'M TUCKING AS I GO, KEEPING IT EVEN AT THE BOTTOM.
HMM
OK, BACK TO THE FRONT NOW, I'LL START MAKING THE PLEATS
HMM..OKAY


OHH.. SHIT I'VE LOST HER!
AND HER HAND IS SO CLOSE TO MY DICK!
HMM.. YES YES OFC
HMM.. GOT IT
FOLDING IT LIKE THIS, SIX OR 7 PLEATS SHOULD BE ENOUGH
I'M ADJUSTING THEM SO THEY FALL STRAIGHT. LISTENING?
HOLDING THEM TOGETHER AND TUCKING THEM IN YOUR CENTRE, RIGHT BELOW YOUR NAVEL


ONE MORE FINAL LEVELLING. YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE ALL THE PLEATS ARE OVER ONE ANOTHER


I'M ALMOST DONE, JUST HOLD IT FOR A FEW MORE SECONDS. I'M TUCKING THE UNEVEN SAREE INTO YOUR PETTICOAT, SLIGHTLY TOWARDS YOUR RIGHT SIDE.
WE JUST HAVE ONE MORE THING LEFT. WHEN WE PIN YOUR PALLU, THE ONE YOU'RE HOLDING YOUR MOUTH RIGHT NOW, ON YOUR LEFT SHOULDER. IT WILL BE DONE.


AND VOILA..
OMG, YOU LOOK MUCH BEAUTIFUL THAN I AM NOW. I KINDA FEEL JEALOUS, TO BE HONEST.
I'D BE SURPRISED IF YOU SAID OTHERWISE. DON'T WORRY, I'LL HELP YOU WEAR THEM UNTIL YOU'RE COMFORTABLE
YEAH NOW YOU'RE JUST MAKING FUN OF ME!
AND I DON'T THINK I CAN DO THIS AGAIN BY MYSELF.
OK, JUST HOLD, I'M JUST GONNA GET A QUICK LOOK AT MYSELF IN THE MIRROR!


WE'RE NOT DONE YET. GO SIT ON THAT CHAIR!


IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE LEFT ALL YOUR JEWELS IN THE BATHROOM. YOU'RE NOT LEAVING THIS CHAIR UNTIL EVERYTHING'S BACK ON YOUR BODY!
HERE WE GO AGAIN!


YOU LOOK MUCH BETTER WHEN YOUR HANDS MAKE THAT "CLING" SOUND WHEN YOUR BANGLES COLLIDE.
WELL, YOU FORGOT ONE MORE VERY IMPORTANT ORNAMENT.
YEAH HOW DID I FORGET THAT
WHAT??


GASP
UHH..
CAREFULL. IT HURTS LIKE HELL EVERY TIME YOU PUT THE EARRINGS IN MY EARS!
THEN DON'T FORGET IT NEXT TIME. YOU DONT WANT TO LOOSE THESE MAGIC EARRING DO YOU??
YEAH RIGHT, SORRY! I WON'T, I PROMISE.


WELCOME BACK, AKSHAYA..
CAN I AT LEAST LOOK IN THE MIRROR NOW?


YEAH. BUT WHY DO I FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE PLANNED SOMETHING FOR ME ALREADY
YOU'RE GOING TO LET ME HAVE FREE HAIR LIKE YOU? THAT'S GREAT!!
WHEN I'M DONE WITH YOUR HAIR, YOU CAN. YOU SAID THAT THE PONYTAIL TAIL NOT SO COMFY, RIGHT?
OHH.. THAT'S BECAUSE I DID. THE HAIRDO I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU IS THE MOST COMFORTABLE KNOWN TO WOMEN AND THE EASIEST. INFACT ONE OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS HOUSE ALREADY HAS THAT HAIRSTYLE!
WELL....


OMG.. YOU GAVE ME MAA JI'S HAIRSTYLE. IT DOES FEEL COMFORTABLE THAN PONYTAIL THOUGH
BUT I LOOK KINDA DIFFERENT IN THIS SAREE AND HAIR BUN. DON'T YOU THINK?
WELL, OFC YOU DO. THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF IT. NOW YOU LOOK PERFECT FOR YOUR ROLE.


COME.. I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW THIS NEW YOU TO MAA.
OH COME-ON. IT'LL BE A GOOD SURPRISE, AND MOREOVER, IT'S ALREADY LATE. AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?
THEN KEEP WALKING. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S MAKING BREAKFAST TODAY!
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO DO THIS NOW?
YES I AM
BUTT... IT'S YOUR TURN TODAY!!




HOW DOES SHE LOOK IN A SAREE?
OMG, IS THAT OUR DEAR AKSHAYA!?


OH.. COMEON.. DO I LOOK THAT DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE?
DON'T PREDEND LIKE YOU DID NOT NOTICE, I SAW YOUR WIDE EYES WHEN YOU WERE IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR!
I WAS TOO FOCUSED ON YOUR SAREE THAT I FORGOT TO NOTICE YOUR HAIRSTYLE!


YEAH, NOW I'M THE ONE WHO LOOKS LIKE AN OUTSIDER!
VARSHA MADE YOU MY PERFECT DAUGHTER, THAT SHE ISN'T! HAHA


CAN WE MAKE POHA TODAY?
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT, BETA?
HOW CAN I SAY NO TO MY FAVOURITE DAUGHTER.. CHALO.. LET'S MAKE SOME POHA!




HOW CAN MAA JI BE FASTER THAN ME!.. THIS SAREE IS SO RESTRAINING.
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LET ME TRY TO WALK FASTER, TOO!


OH..NO..I'M LOSING BALANCE!
I'M GOING TO FALL!
AAAH!


OMG.. AKSHAYA, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?..
AHH.. I'M ALRIGHT, MAA JI!


I HEARD A SCREAM!
OMG AKSHAYA WHAT HAPPENED!
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME BETA..
SO RRY, MAA JI, I WAS JUST TRYING TO WALK FASTER!


ARE YOU HURT?
NO, THANKFULLY, MAA JI, GRABBED ME AT THE RIGHT TIME!
OK BETA, JUST HOLD MY HAND, AND TRY TO GET UP SLOWLY!


BUT MAA JI, I WANT TO MAKE POHA WITH YOU!
I'M SORRY, AKSHAYA, YOU CAN'T ENTER THE KITCHEN IN THIS SITUATION. WHAT IF YOU WERE CARRYING SOMETHING HOT!
HOW ABOUT I MAKE POHA FOR YOU TODAY, AND YOU LEARN TO ADJUST YOUR WALKING STYLE


LEAVE HER TO ME MAA, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PLAN!


SERIOUSLY, MAA JI? A LESSON FOR WALKING IN SAREE?
ALRIGHT!!!
SHE'S NOT GOING TO TEACH YOU ANYTHING AKSHAYA, JUST SOME POINTERS, SO YOU'LL BE CAREFULL NEXT TIME




DIDI, FIRST OF ALL, IT'S NOT MY MISTAKE THAT I FELL. I THINK THIS SAREE IS THE WRONG SIZE!
SAREES DON'T WORK LIKE THAT. THE REASON YOU FELL HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SAREE; IT'S BECAUSE OF HOW YOU WALK WHEN YOU'RE WEARING IT. IT WILL FEEL TIGHT ONLY WHEN YOU'RE TAKING WIDER STEPS. THE PETTICOAT THAT YOU'RE WEARING UNDERNEATH DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH ROOM FOR YOUR LEGS TO MOVE FREELY LIKE IT DID ON YOUR NIGHTDRESS
BUT HOW CAN MAA JI WALK FASTER THAN ME IN A SAREE!
HAHA, SO THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!, SHE'S BEEN WEARING A SAREE HER WHOLE LIFE; HER LEGS AUTOMATICALLY KNOW HOW MUCH TO MOVE. IF YOU WANT TO MOVE FASTER WITHOUT FALLING DOWN, USE YOUR HIPS ALONG WITH YOUR LEGS.


YOU MEAN LIKE THIS!?
THAT.. IS A BIT TOO MUCH.. BUT YEAH, YOU'VE GOT THE MOTION. JUST SWAY YOUR HIPS LIKE THIS EVERY CONCECUTIVE STEPS!
YO U'VE SEEN ME WALKING, JUST TRY TO IMITATE ME!. AND ONE MORE THING ABOUT SAREE IS THAT YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFULL NOT TO STEP ON IT WHILE WALKING


OK, HOW ABOUT THIS!.. I'M POSING EXACTLY LIKE YOU.
I MUST AGREE. IT DOES FEEL MUCH BETTER WALKING LIKE THIS.
ALTHOUGH I DOUBT IF I COULD MOVE MY BACK AS SEXILY AS YOU!


YEAH-- I CAN SEE THAT YOU ARE MAKING FUN OF ME-- OK-- HOW ABOUT I SHOW YOU HOW TO WALK AND YOU JUST FOLLOW BEHIND ME!
ALRIGHT , DIDI-- BUT PROMISE ME, THIS IS THE LAST!
HOW ABOUT THIS, IF YOU COULD WALK EXACTLY LIKE ME, WITHOUT FALLING, THERE WILL BE NO MORE LESSONS
DEAL!


LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT!


IT' S ACTUALLY EASIER WALKING LIKE THIS DIDI!
ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?


YOU'LL BE SURPRISED
MOVE YOUR HIPS GRACEFULLY!


TO LD YOU, HEHE
I CAN!
WOW, YOU REALLY ARE GOOD AT THIS!.. YOU HAVE PROVED ME WRONG!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, YOU'VE THIS TIME.. LET'S SEE IF YOU COULD WEAR THIS SAREE BY YOURSELF TOMORROW


NEXT DAY!
HAHA.. SEE, I TOLD YOU, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WEAR IT BY YOURSELF!


A WEEK LATER
THIS TIME YOU FORGOT TO PIN YOUR PALLU TO YOUR BLOUSE!
YOU LOST AGAIN!
I DID NOT PIN MY PALLU LAST TIME TOO, YOU JUST DID NOT NOTICE IT!
AND MOREOVER, IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE BEHIND THE PALLU!


2 MONTH LATER
AKSHAYA, I'M A BIT TIRED TODAY, CAN YOU PREPARE DINNER TODAY!?
YEAH MAA JI, YOU TAKE SOME REST, I'LL MAKE SOME DOSAS FOR YOU!
ARE YOU OKAY WITH COCONUT CHUTNEY TO GO WITH THE DOSA?
THAT'LL BE GREAT, THANK YOU BETA


AKSHAY HAS BEEN WEARING SAREES FOR OVER A MONTH NOW, AND HIS POSTURES AND MOVEMENTS HAVE COMPLETELY CHANGED TO MOVE GRACEFULLY IN A SAREE
HE NO LONGER GOES TO VARSHA FOR HELP WITH THE SAREE, TO BE HONEST, PROBABLY NOW HE WILL WEAR THE SAREE QUICKER THAN VARSHA IF THERE WERE A COMPETITION!
THE COVID PANDEMIC HAS CALMED DOWN A BIT, AND THE GOVERNMENT IS SLOWLY LIFTING THE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN CERTAIN AREAS WITH FEWER COVID CASES
WOW! HER WALK HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED!


SINGING A RANDOM HINDI SONG WHILE COOKING
hmm
m hmmm... hmmm
hmmm...
Chhoti si baat thi, dil ne bana li kahaani
hmmm hmmm... hmmm hmmm...
Pal mein khoya tha, teri muskaan purani


ONE FINE DAY, 7 MONTHS AFTER THE LOCKDOWN, WHILE AKSHAY WAS CLEANING THE KITCHEN


DING
DONG


WHO'S AT THE DOOR THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING!
MUST BE A HEALTH CHECK-UP TEAM, I'VE SEEN THEM ON TV, SURVEYING EVERY HOUSE LOOKING FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS


HOLD ON, I'M COMING!




HELLO BESTIE.. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. NOW, WHERE IS MY HUSBAND? I'VE COME A LONG WAY FOR HIM!
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PREITY AND HER MOM!!!?
HE-LLO--HI-- HI-- PRIETY, NAMASTE AUNTY, UMM-- SHE,--HE- I MEAN---HE IS IN THE KITCHEN
PLEASE COME IN, HAVE A SEAT!


YOU HAVE A REALLY BEAUTIFUL HOUSE, VARSHA!
WE SHOULD TOTALLY REPAINT OUR FLAT TO THIS COLOUR, MAA


AND THAT PAINTING! SIMPLY WOW!
HMM..HMM.. SOO.. PRIETY, HOW..HOW DID YOU GET HERE? YOU KNOW, WITH ALL THE COVID TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS !?


OHH -- PLEASE DON'T GET ME STARTED! SHE WAS SO ADAMANT AND RUTHLESS IN SEEING HER HUSBAND THAT SHE SPENT A LOT OF MONEY, BRIBING SOME AUTHORITIES TO GET AN ELITE TRAVEL PERMIT!
I KNEW MY HUSBAND WAS IN A SAFE PLACE, BUT IT'S BEEN SO LONG, AND HE HASN'T CONTACTED ME IN A WHILE. THE LAST TIME WE SPOKE, HIS VOICE WAS A BIT OFF, TOO!


I KNOW I SHOULD'VE AT LEAST TOLD YOU BEFORE REACHING HERE, BUT WE GOT THE PERMIT ONLY LAST NIGHT AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD SURPRISE FOR YOU AND MY HUSBAND!
AND WHAT IS HE DOING IN THE KITCHEN ANYWAY? HE'S NOT THAT HANDY WITH ANY PLUMBING EITHER!
UMM..NO..NO.. NOTHING LIKE THAT.. I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START!


DO YOU REMEMBER THE DAY YOU CALLED ME SEVERAL MONTHS BACK, ASKING FOR A PLACE FOR YOUR HUSBAND TO STAY?
YEAH AND YOU SAID HE COULD STAY AT YOURS! WHAT ABOUT IT?
I GOT INTO A HUGE PROBLEM THE NIGHT YOUR HUSBAND CAME TO OUR HOUSE


PROBLEM BECAUSE OF MY HUSBAND!?
WELL, NOT EXACTLY. IT WAS BECAUSE OF MY HUSBAND.
YOUR HUSBAND? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU SAID HE WAS ABROAD, AND LAST TIME I CHECKED, INTERNATIONAL TRAVELS ARE STILL RESTRICTED FOR CIVILIANS


YEAH, THAT WAS WHERE I WENT WRONG!. HE CAME HERE THE SAME NIGHT YOU CAME HERE. HE SURPRISED ME JUST LIKE YOU AND YOUR MOM DID TODAY!
OMG! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? AS MUCH AS I KNOW ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND, I DON'T THINK HE WOULD'VE TAKEN IT IN A GOOD WAY!
YEAH, IF HE HAD SEEN YOUR HUSBAND, HE WOULDN'T HAVE!
WAIT! YOU'RE CONFUSING ME. SO YOUR HUSBAND STILL HASN'T MET AKSHAY!? AREN'T THEY BOTH HERE.. WHERE IS MY HUSBAND, VARSHA!?


YOU SEE, THE SITUATION WOULD'VE GOTTEN MUCH WORSE THAT NIGHT, AND I PROMISED YOU THAT I WOULD TAKE CARE OF YOUR HUSBAND. THERE WERE NO HOTELS/ TRANPORTS AVAILABLE THEN.
SO MY MOTHER AND I CAME UP WITH THE ONLY PLAN THAT COULD SAVE ALL OF US FROM THE TROUBLE, AND THANKFULLY, YOUR HUSBAND AGREED TO DO IT TO SAVE MY MARRIAGE AT
CAN YOU PLEASE STOP WITH THE RIDDLES, VARSHA! WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT? AND WHERE IS MY HUSBAND?


NARRATES THE WHOLE STORY
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15 MINUTES LATER
ALSO, THAT AKSHAY ACTUALLY BELIEVED THAT STUPID, MAGICAL EARRING STORY? HE'S AN ATHEIST FOR GOD SAKE!
SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, YOU MADE MY HUSBAND WEAR FEMALE CLOTHES AND MAKE-UP TO DISGUISE HIMSELF AS A MAID, SO YOUR HUSBAND WON'T KNOW ABOUT HIM!?
SO I SUSPECT HE'S IN THE KITCHEN, PROBABLY, WASHING THE DISHES? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SAY?
YEAH, THAT--THAT WAS WHAT HAPPENED AND IS HAPPENING!


ALTHOUGH THE STORY IS A BIT CONVINCING, I DON'T BELIEVE AKSHAY WOULD REALLY GO THIS FAR JUST TO SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!
AND DID YOUR HUSBAND REALLY BELIEVE THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY A MAID? A FEMALE MAID!?


HAHAHA
OH-- COME ON, MAA, DID YOU REALLY FALL FOR THAT! I'VE KNOWN VARSHA FOR YEARS!
WAS THIS AKSHAY'S IDEA? HAHAA-- YOU KNOW WHAT, I ACTUALLY BELIEVED YOU FOR A SECOND! WELL DONE, VARSHA!
OHH--GOD! THIS IS NOT A PRANK!


OK, THAT WAS FUNNY, NOW CUT TO THE CHASE AND CALL MY HUSBAND OUT!


OK, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! JUST SO YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR HUSBAND. HE RATHERE DID NOT HAVE ANYOTHER CHOICE!
HELLO BETA, HOW ARE YOU? IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!
NAMASTE JI, HOW ARE YOU?


OH, THANK GOD, MAA, YOU'RE HERE, CAN YOU PLEASE--
I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE, VARSHA. WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE KITCHEN AND MAKE THEM SOME TEA!


NAMASTE, WE'RE GOOD. HOW ARE YOU?
GOOD TO SEE YOU, AUNTY, HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?
SE EMS LIKE YOU'VE LOST SOME WEIGHT!. VARSHA HASN'T BEEN FEEDING YOU PROPERLY?


SHE'S BEEN ENTERTAINING US EVER SINCE WE CAME HERE WITH GREAT STORIES!
HM
M-- ABOUT THAT. VARSHA, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE PRIETY ALONG WITH YOU TO THE KITCHEN?


BUT, MAA, I DON'T THINK I CAN DO THIS!
OMG, YOU'RE IN THIS TOO!?
HOW ELSE DO YOU THINK SHE'S GOING TO BELIEVE YOU?


TOO BAD YOU HUSBAND IS ASLEEP, OTHERWISE HE WOULD'VE PARTICIPATED IN THIS ACT TOO, HAHA!
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ABOUT THAT EARRING.....




RIGHT ON TIME, DIDI, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO MAKE SOME COFFEE, SHOULD I MAKE FOR YOU TOO?
AND WHO WAS IT AT THE DOOR? COVID HEALTH SURVEY?
UMM..IT'S..UMM


NOW WHAT, ARE YOU GOING TO SAY THIS WOMAN IS MY HUSBAND?
WHY DON'T YOU LOOK A BIT CLOSER!
GASP


OMG!.. SHIT! SHIT!.. WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW! SHIT, I CAN'T EVEN SPEAK!
MY HEART IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE! WHY CAN'T I MOVE? HOW DID SHE GET HERE!? WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW!
PRIETY!!!?


OMG!!
AKSHAY! IS THAT REALLY YOU!!
OMG..
EVERYTHING SHE SAID WAS TRUE.. I.. I CAN'T.. HOW COULD THIS?.. YOU..! GOD, I WISH I COULD SAY SOMETHING!
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE WHAT YOU MUST HAVE GONE THROUGH! IT WAS ALL MY MISTAKE!


I SHOULD'VE PROBABLY ASKED YOU TO STAY SOMEWHERE ELSE!
VARSHA, CAN YOU PLEASE GIVE US SOME PRIVACY? I WANT TO SPEAK WITH MY HUSBAND ALONE!
I'M REALLY SORRY, PRIETY, YOU KNOW...




WHAT HAS SHE DONE TO YOU! I CAN'T BELIEVE I TRUSTED HER!
WHY ARE YOU STILL TALKING AT A HIGHER PITCH LIKE A WOMAN?
GOOD ENOUGH-- HAHA
NO, BABE, IT WASN'T ENTIRELY HER FAULT. THIS WAS THE ONLY OPTION WE HAD. I AGREED TO DO THIS, TOO!
UGH! YEAH SORRY, FORCE OF HABIT. HOW ABOUT NOW!


YOU REALLY CAN'T HELP IT WITH YOUR VOICE, CAN YOU? YOU DO SOUND KINDA SEXY, THOUGH, AND YEAH, I CAME HERE TO RESCUE YOU. BUT I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BE IN SUCH A MESS!
READY TO GET BACK TO OUR OLD NORMAL LIFE?
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO RESCUE ME FROM THIS MESS?
MORE THAN ANYTHING!


SWEET, IT'S BEEN FOREVER SINCE I HAD SEX, CAN'T WAIT TO BRING YOU HOME ASAP!
BUT HOW CAN WE GO OUTSIDE WHEN THERE IS A TRAVEL RESTRICTION HERE!
DON'T WORRY, I HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED 3 ELITE TRAVEL PASSES.
WHY DID YOU BUY 3? DID YOU COME HERE WITH SOMEONE ELSE?
YEAH, MY MOM!


AKSHAY, PLEASE, IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO. AND SHE HAD HER REASONS?
OH COME ON, AKSHAY, SHE WAS A DIFFERENT PERSON BACK THEN. SHE HERSELF CAME TO OUR FLAT AND APOLOGISED FOR EVERYTHING THAT SHE HAD DONE!
THE MAIN REASON SHE CAME HERE WITH ME WAS TO APOLOGISE TO YOU!
YOU BROUGHT YOUR MOM? YOUR MOM, REKHA?? SERIOUSLY? AFTER WHAT SHE DID TO US?
HOW COULD YOU SIDE WITH HER? SHE NEVER LIKED US BEING TOGETHER AND ALMOST SUCCEEDED IN ENDING OUR MARRIAGE!


I DON'T KNOW, COVID MAYBE. BUT WHAT EVER HAPPENED IN THE PAST, IT CAN'T BE CHANGED
I CAN SEND HER BACK TO HER HOMETOWN IF YOU ASK ME TO; YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON TO ME IN THIS WHOLE WORLD. ALL I'M ASKING IS TO GIVE HER A SECOND CHANCE!
REALLY? BUT... HOW? SHE NEVER LIKED ME, AND SUDDENLY, WHAT HAPPENED?
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE YOUR MOM, BABE. I WON'T BE THE REASON TO SEPARATE YOU BOTH. IF SHE'S TRULY CHANGED LIKE YOU MENTIONED, I'M WILLING TO CUT SOME SLACK TOO!


AWW, YOU'RE THE BEST HUSBAND IN THE WHOLE WORLD. MY MOM'S LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS HER SON-IN-LAW
LET'S GO THEN?
IT'S NOT LIKE MAA DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU. ANYWAY, I'LL SEND IN VARSHA! BE QUICK!
UMM.. WAIT, I DON'T WANT HER TO SEE ME LIKE THIS. CAN YOU ASK VARSHA TO BRING ME BACK MY OLD CLOTHES?
ALSO I NEED TO TAKE OFF THIS WIG AND ALL THESE JEWELS


MEANWHILE
SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW, WHEN HE FINDS OUT ABOUT THE EARRING?
IT'S BETTER WE JUST HIDE THAT FROM HIM. WHY DOES IT MATTER? IT'S GOING TO BE REMOVED ANYWAY!
MOR EOVER, MORE THAN THE EARRING, HIS KINDNESS IN HELPING MY DAUGHTER WAS THE MAIN REASON FOR ALL THIS CHANGES!
I SEE...!


YOUR DAUGHTER IS VERY LUCKY! HE DID ALL THIS JUST BECAUSE SHE WAS YOUR DAUGHTER'S FRIEND!
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW FAR HE WOULD GO IF IT WERE FOR YOUR DAUGHTER!
I WAS WONDERING THE SAME.. HOW LUCKY I AM TO HAVE HIM AS MY SON-IN-LAW!. CAN YOU WHATSAPP ME THE ARTICLE THAT YOU READ? IT'S QUITE INTERESTING, I COULD GIVE IT A READ MYSELF!
OH SURE.. ONE SECOND!


AH! SHE'S HERE!
PRIETY, WHERE'S AKSHAY? WE HAVE TO LEAVE BEFORE SUNSET! CAN YOU PLEASE ASK HIM TO HURRY UP!


HE'S NOT COMING OUT BECAUSE OF YOU, MOM!
BUT WHAT DID I DO!? I DIDN'T EVEN SEE YOUR HUSBAND YET! AND HE'S ALREADY BLAMING ME!


HE DID NOT BLAME YOU! HE JUST ISN'T COMFORTABLE COMING IN FRONT OF YOU IN THIS CONDITION!
SO HOW AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS EXACTLY!? DOES HE EXPECT ME TO GO AND HIDE SOMEWHERE!? OR SHOULD I GO WAIT IN THE CAR?
SEE, THIS EXACTLY IS THE PROBLEM. I TOLD HIM THAT YOU'VE CHANGED AND THAT YOU'VE ACCEPTED HIM AS YOUR SON-IN-LAW. SO CAN YOU PLEASE PROMISE NOT TO MAKE HIS CURRENT SITUATION AN ISSUE!
LISTEN, I ALREADY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED HERE, AND I HAVE LONG FORGOTTEN WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST BETWEEN ME AND HIM. I'M READY TO APOLOGISE TO HIM IN PERSON, IF THAT CAN MAKE HIM HAPPY!


SO WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO THEN!? I'M CONFUSED.
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, I'VE ALREADY EXPLAINED EVERYTHING.


JUST STAY SILENT AND DON'T MAKE ANY COMMENTS, ESPECIALLY ABOUT HIS APPEARANCE!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, I PROMISE. MY MOUTH IS SEALED. OKAY NOW!?
MUCH BETTER.. OKAY, I'LL CALL HIM NOW!


TOO MUCH DRAMA ALREADY!! I KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH HIM LATER!
AKSHAY!!! YOU CAN COME OUT NOW--


OMG! HE LOOKS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT! I DID NOT EXPECT THAT!
IT'S OK, AKSHAY, VARSHA'S MOM TOLD US EVERYTHING. YOU HAD NO CHOICE!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP STANDING LIKE THIS IN DESPAIR!


AND TRUTH TO BE TOLD, YOU'RE ACTUALLY VERY BEAUTIFUL! THERE'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF!


MAAA! I TOLD YOU NOT TO GO THERE!!


WE HAVE TO LEAVE ASAP, BABY. VARSHA IS WAITING FOR YOU IN THE OTHER ROOM. SHE'LL GET RID OF YOUR WIG AND EVERYTHING
I HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN WITH HER. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO THERE AND LET HER DO HER STUFF!


GO ON, HURRY UP.. I CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE FUN WITH YOU WHEN WE GET BACK HOME..!


I'M SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU, BABE.. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
UGHH.. NOT MY VOICE!
EVEN YOUR SEXY ANDROGYNOUS VOICE IS TURNING ME ON!


HAVE A SEAT HERE, AKSHAY!


I FEEL SO BAD FOR MAKING YOUR WIFE SEE YOU IN A SAREE!
THAT'S ALRIGHT DIDI, LETS KEEP THE PAST ASIDE. THE GOOD NEWS IS I'M GOING HOME TODAY!
COME ON YOU DONT HAVE TO CALL ME DIDI ANYMORE, JUST VARSHA IS SUFFICIENT!
I'M GONNA MISS YOU, VARSHA DIDI.. HEHEH.. CAN'T HELP IT. DIDI SOUNDS MORE NATURAL LOL!


HAHA, WHATEVER YOU PREFER! HAVE A SEAT, I'LL BRING THE SOLVENT FOR THE GLUE!


HMMM.. YESS! IT'S FINALLY HAPPENING. I'M GOING HOME! HEHE..
I'M ALSO GONNA MISS MAA JI, VARSHA DIDI AND MOST OF ALL COOKING!
GOOD THING, I CAN COOK MAA JI'S SIGNATURE DISH FOR PRIETY! SHE'S GONNA LOVE IT!


AHHH! HOME SWEET HOME, I'M ON MY WAY!!
STARTED DREAMING ALREADY!?? HAHA!


HAHA, JUST A LITTLE DIDI. I CAN'T CONTROL THE EMOTIONS AND THOUGHTS!
I WAS SO IMMERSED IN THE THOUGHTS THAT I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR YOU COME IN!


OK, THIS IS GONNA HURT A LITTLE. ARE YOU READY?
OH YEAH!? LET'S SEE ABOUT THAT! CLOSE YOUR EYES, WE DON'T WANT ANY SOLVENT ACCIDENTALLY DRIPPING INTO YOUR EYES!
FEELS MORE LIKE A HEAD MASSAGE TO ME, BUT YEAH GO AH HEAD, I'M BORN READY!
OKAY!!


EHH! IT'S STARTING TO GET PAINFUL! UGH! NOW I HAVE TO PRETEND THAT IT'S NOT PAINFUL!
ARE YOU FEELING ANY TENSION IN YOUR HAIR?
HMMM,--- NO!
AH! MAYBE A LITTLE!


OK, THE GLUE HAS LOOSENED UP, WE HAVE TO BE QUICK! 1,2,3...
EEHHH!


ALMOST THERE! ALMOST THERE! OH... COME ON YOU STUPID WIG!!
ONE LAST PULL! READY 1, 2.. AHHH


THANK GOD IT'S OUT! IT USUALLY TAKES 30 TO 40 MINUTES OF MULTIPLE SMALL SESSIONS TO REMOVE THIS WIG PROPERLY!
ARE YOU FEELING OK THERE? AKSHAY?
UFF!
OHH YEAH! I ALMOST FORGOT THE FEELING OF MY REAL HAIR! IT FEELS LIKE THE COLD AIR THAT BREEZES THROUGH THE CLEAN-SHAVEN HEAD!


OH, GOOD GOD! HOW DID I FORGET ABOUT THAT! WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO NOW!?
VARSHA DIDI? WHY DO I STILL FEEL THE WIG BRUSHING UP AGAINST MY EARS? YOU DIDN'T REMOVE IT COMPLETELY?
UMM.. IT'S NOT THE WIG!


STOP PLAYING WITH ME, DIDI. CAN I OPEN MY EYES NOW, THEN?
HMM.. SURE.. !


WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHY IS IT NOT COMING OFF! I THINK YOU HAVE USED THE WRONG SOLVENT. THE HAIR SEEMS TO BE STUCK HARDER THAN BEFORE AND IT'S HURTING MY SCALP IF I TRY TO PULL IT!
THE WIG IS COMPLETELY OFF, AKSHAY.. IT'S YOUR REAL HAIR. I CLEARLY DIDN'T THINK THIS THROUGH BECAUSE USUALLY NO ONE WEARS THEIR WIG FOR MONTHS!


IT'S MY REAL HAIR!!!.. OMG IT'S ALMOST THE SAME LENGTH AS THE HAIR ON THAT WIG.. YOU HAVE TO CUT IT NOW..DIDI, DO SOMETHING!
LET'S NOT MAKE ANY RASH DECISIONS HERE! CUTTING LONG HAIR TAKES TIME, WHICH UNFORTUNATELY, YOU DON'T HAVE!
AND WHAT I'M GONNA SAY NEXT MAY MAKE THIS FEEL LESS PAINFUL!


OMG WHAT IS IT! TELL ME! THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR SUSPENSE!
I KINDA LIED TO YOU ABOUT YOUR CLOTHES. I HAD TO THROW IT AWAY TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL, INCLUDING YOUR SUITCASE!
HOW..HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO ME, DIDI! WHAT AM I GOING TO SAY TO VARSHA NOW?


AND SHE WAS OKAY WITH IT!??
UMM.. WELL, VARSHA ALREADY KNOWS IT!
OKAY WITH IT? HELL NO! THANKFULLY, THEY ARE IN A HURRY TO LEAVE. SO TOSSING YOUR SUITCASE AWAY KINDA SAVES A LOT OF TIME NOW!


YOU ARE UNBELIEVABLE
OH YEAH, I SHOULD GIVE IT BACK TO MAA JI BEFORE I LEAVE!
WELL THERE'S ONE MORE THING, I'VE WANTING TO SAY THIS WHOLE TIME!
IT'S ABOUT THOSE MAGIC EARRINGS!
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TELLS EVERYTHING ABOUT THE EARRINGS


YEAH.. WE MADE THAT ALL UP TO HELP YOU WITH THE ACT AND IT WORKED LIKE A CHARM!
WTF!
SO DOES THAT MEAN I'VE BEEN ACTING LIKE A MAID ALL BY MYSELF!
BINGO! AND TO BE HONEST, YOU PULLED IT OFF VERY WELL.


WOW, I REALLY FELL FOR THAT! EVEN THOUGH I KNEW THERE WAS NO SUCH THING AS MAGIC!
AND IT WAS KINDA FUNNY TO SEE YOU IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR FOR HOURS!
YOU'RE THE WORST FRIEND, VARSHA DIDI!


SO WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH THESE USELESS EARRINGS NOW!?
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KEEP IT AS A GIFT FROM US. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR IT, BUT KEEP IT SAFE. AND SINCE YOU'RE GONNA BE WEARING A SAREE, WHY NOT LEAVE THE EARRING AS IT IS!
IT SUITS YOU WELL!
AH I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING.. IT'S NOT GONNA WORK ON ME NOW!


ALTHOUGH! IT WON'T BE THE WORST DECISION. THANKS FOR THE EARRINGS, NOW I'D BETTER GO BEFORE MY WIFE STARTS SCREAMING!
YEA THANKFULLY! NO MORE MAKEUP, HAIRDO OR SAREES..
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
TOO BAD TODAY'S THE LAST DAY, YOU'LL BE DRESSED AS A WOMAN!


AH.. FINALLY! THEY'RE HERE! SHALL WE LEAVE?


GOOD.. RIGHT ON TIME. AHSHAY, SHALL WE LEAVE!?
THANK YOU FOR THESE EARRINGS, MAA JI! AND VARSHA TOLD ME EVERYTHING ABOUT IT!
I MUST SAY, THAT WAS ONE INCREDIBLE BACKSTORY THAT YOU HAD CREATED FOR THESE EARRINGS!


HAHA.. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY BETA. I'M SORRY WE HAD TO TRICK YOU. THANKFULLY, IT WORKED OUT WELL.
AND NO NEED TO THANK ME. YOU HAVE WORN THOSE EARRINGS MORE THAN ANY OF US. IT'S OFFICIALLY YOURS FROM NOW ON!
DAMN IT! I HAD SO MANY PLANS WITH THOSE EARRINGS! I GUESS I HAVE TO FIND A NEW WAY TO MANIPULATE HIM!
IF I LEAVE THIS CHANCE, I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SUCCEED. I HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER WAY TO GET RID OF HIM FROM MY DAUGHTER!


WE BETTER BE GOING NOW, OUR CAB DRIVER HAS CALLED US TWICE ALREADY!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY!
AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MY HUSBAND DURING THIS HECTIC TIME!


THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING MAA JI. I'M REALLY GLAD I MET YOU AND VARSHA
YOU TAUGHT ME A LOT OF THINGS. I WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR HELP. IT WOULD MEAN A LOT IF YOU AND VARSHA COULD VISIT US ONE DAY AT OUR HOUSE
WE WOULD BE HONOURED TO HOST YOU GUYS. I'LL EVEN MAKE YOUR SPECIAL BREAKFAST RECIPE !


DUE TO CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAD TO DRESS YOU UP LIKE THIS AND MADE YOU PRETEND TO BE OUR MAID!
I KNOW A SIMPLE APOLOGY WON'T BE ENOUGH. BUT I'M GLAD YOU CAME TO OUR HOUSE!
TRUTH TO BE TOLD, YOU WERE A BETTER DAUGHTER TO ME THAN VARSHA. YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON, AKSHAY!
TAKE CARE, AND DON'T CHANGE FOR ANY. I HOPE THE BEST FOR YOU IN THIS LIFE.


AKSHAY, HURRY UP!
WE GOTTA GO


GOODBYE, MAA JI, GOODBYE VARSHA!
I'LL TALK TO YOU GUYS OVER THE PHONE.
AND PLEASE DO VISIT US WHEN THIS WHOLE COVID SITUATION IS GONE!

2 AM IN THE MORNING

8 HOURS LATER – OUTSKIRTS OF BANGLORE




OMG..IT'S LIKE THE NIGHTMARE SITUATION ALL OVER AGAIN! HOW AM I GOING TO TELL HER THAT I GOT FIRED 3 MONTHS AGO!
AKSHAY!! AREN'T YOU SLEEPY? HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAND THERE LIKE A STATUE? WHAT ARE YOU THINKING SO DEEPLY!?
NO..NO.. NOTHING.. ONE SEC


ANYWAY'S I HAVE OFFICE TOMORROW. I'M ONE OF THE TEAM MEMBERS WHO HAD TO BE PRESENT OFFLINE!
ALL YOUR OLD CLOTHES ARE IN MY MOM'S ROOM. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A SHOWER WHILE SHE'S SEARCHING FOR YOUR STUFF!
SLEEP?? WHAT SLEEP? I HAVEN'T HAD SEX IN LIKE A YEAR.. YOU BETTER GET BACK IN THERE SOON!!
YEAH, THAT'S PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA. A HOT SHOWER BEFORE SLEEP IS HEAVENLY!
OOOH NICEE.. I CAN'T WAIT!


I'LL GO SHOWER IN THE BATHROOM INSIDE, AND BE READY FOR YOU!
BABE, YOU LOOK TIRED ALREADY.. ARE YOU SURE YOU WANNA HAVE SEX TONIGHT?
I'M SURE.. JUST BE QUICK!
UMM.. OKAY... KEEP THE SAME MOOD ON.. I'LL BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!


GOD.. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY FOR A VERY LONG TIME
PLEASE KEEP HER AWAKE..!
DON'T SLEEP!

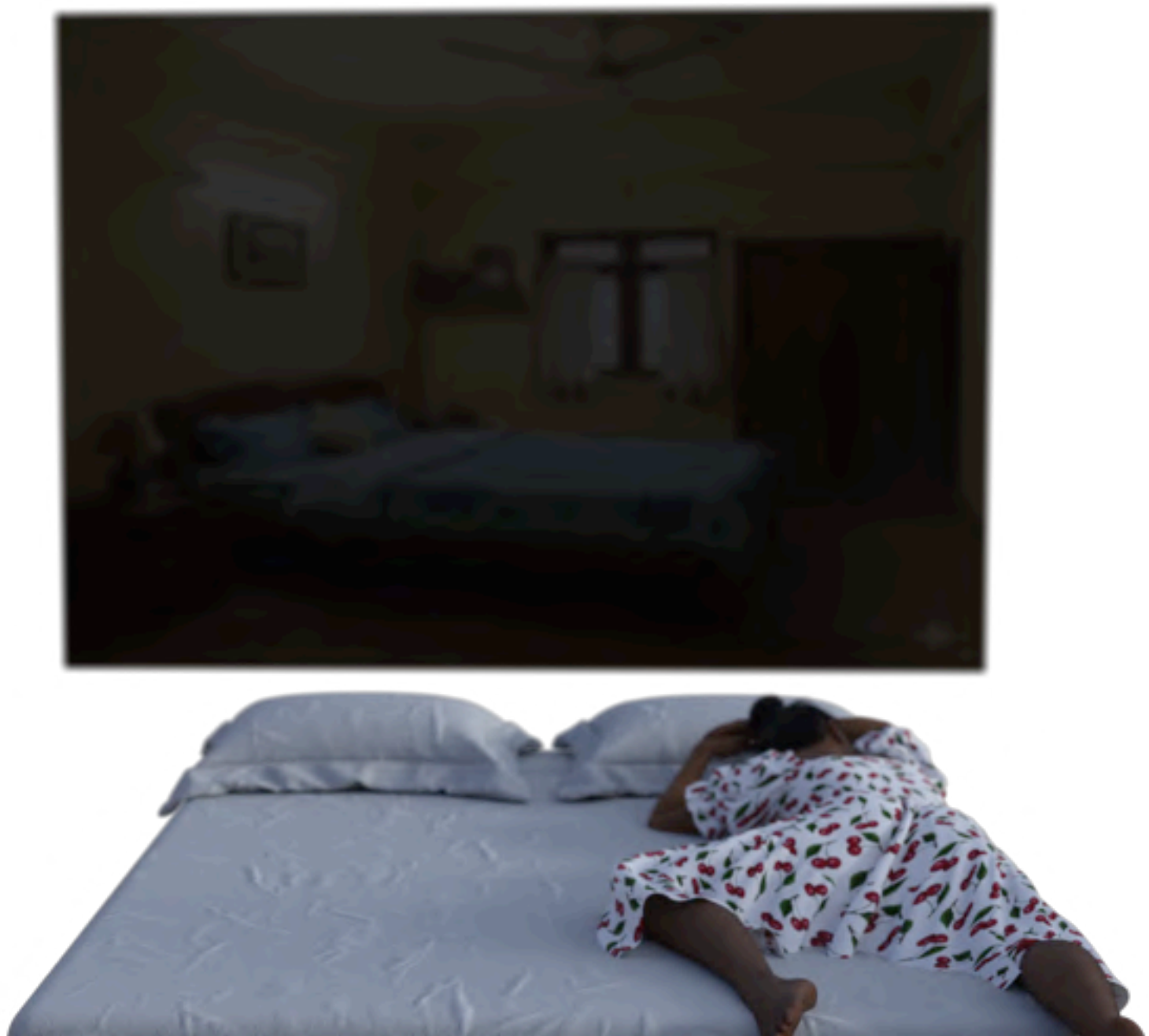

AH.. REKHA AUNTY, I'M SORRY WE WEREN'T ABLE TO SPEAK PROPERLY, AND I FEEL TERRIBLE FOR MAKING YOU SEE ME LIKE THIS IN A SAREE! I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT! OF COURSE NOT. I MUST ASK, SORRY FOR ALL THE TERRIBLE THINGS I'VE SAID! I WAS NOT IN MY RIGHT MIND. I'M A NEW PERSON NOW.
I'M SO HAPPY TO HEAR THAT. MEANS A LOT, REKHA AUNTY. AND DID YOU FIND MY CLOTHES? PRIETY SAID THEY ARE IN YOUR ROOM!


THERE'S A SMALL PROBLEM IN THAT, AKSHAY, I KNEW I KEPT IT IN ONE OF THE UPPER CUPBOARDS. I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE I KEPT THE KEY. CAN I GET IT TO YOU TOMORROW MORNING? I'LL TRY SEARCHING FOR IT AGAIN!
UMM.. IT'S OK, AUNTY, ANYWAY, I'M JUST GONNA SLEEP. WE'LL FIND IT TOMORROW TOGETHER!
YOU MUST BE TIRED TOO.. GOOD NIGHT, AUNTY.
YEAH, I'LL GO TAKE A SHOWER THEN!
THANK YOU, DEAR. GOOD NIGHT, WE'LL SURELY FIND IT TOMORROW!


SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM. LIVING AT VARSHA'S HOUSE HAS MADE HIM WEAK AND GUILIBLE. NONETHELESS, THAT WON'T HINDER THE PLANS I HAVE FOR HIM!
YOU WERE NEVER GOOD ENOUGH FOR MY SWEET DAUGHTER, AND NOW MY ONLY JOB IS TO CONVINCE MY DAUGHTER THAT YOU ARE NOT MAN ENOUGH FOR HER!


20 MINUTES LATER
THANKFULLY, I LEARNED A FEW BASIC HAIRSTYLES
SHIT, I DIDN'T EVEN REALISE I AM BACK AT MY HOUSE, WHY AM I STILL WEARING THE TOWEL LIKE THIS!
OMG I FORGOT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING- PRIETY!!! SHE ASKED ME TO BE QUICK
GOD KNOWS HOW LONG IT'S BEEN. HOPE SHE'S STILL AWAKE!

BED ROOM




SHIT!!.. THERE'S NO POINT, WAKING HER UP ANYWAY.
BUT WHAT AM I GONNA DO NOW? I DON'T HAVE ANY CLOTHES TO CHANGE INTO. SHE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING IN HER CUPBOARD!


NEXT MORNING
WHAT'S WRONG, DEAR? YOU LOOK A BIT TENSE! ALL OKAY? WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A SEAT AND TELL ME WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU!
COMEON I'M YOUR MOTHER, I KNOW WHEN SOMETHING IS WRONG. HAVE A SEAT AND SPILL IT OUT!
UH.. IT'S NOTHING, MOM!


OH GREAT, SHE DID NOT KNOW MY CONVERSATION WITH AKSHAY YESTERDAY. THIS IS MY CHANCE!
SO YOU GUYS DID NOT HAVE ANY CONVERSATION LAST NIGHT?
YES, WHEN I OFFERED HIM HIS SUITCASE, HE REFUSED TO TAKE IT FROM ME. I WAS SHOCKED. I THINK AKSHAY HAS GROWN HIS INTEREST IN WEARING SAREES!
IT'S ABOUT AKSHAY. I SAW HIM SLEEPING IN ONE OF MY SAREES. I WANTED TO CONFRONT HIM, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO WAKE HIM UP. I DON'T KNOW WHY HE'S STILL WEARING WOMEN'S CLOTHES!?
NO WHY? DID HE TELL YOU SOMETHING?


AND WHAT? BREAK HIS HEART? WHAT IF IT'S TRUE? WHAT IF HE REALLY LIKES TO WEAR SAREES AND YOU ACCIDENTALLY HURT HIS FEELINGS WITH YOUR QUESTIONS?
LISTEN TO YOURSELF, MOM! HE WOULD NEVER DO THAT! I'M GOING TO ASK HIM RIGHT AWAY!
THEN, HOW DO WE EVEN KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING!
THERE IS A WAY. WHEN HE WAKES UP, I'LL GIVE HIM HIS SUITCASE AGAIN, AND IF HE STILL CONTINUES TO WEAR SAREES, THEN WE KNOW!
THERE 'S NO WAY HE LIKES WEARING SAREES. HE WAS PROBABLY TIRED LAST NIGHT!


ALRIGHT, WE DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT OVER THIS. LET HIM DECIDE WHAT HE WANTS TO WEAR. BUT PROMISE ME YOU'LL SHOW HIM FULL SUPPORT AND WON'T QUESTION HIM! I DON'T WANT YOU TO BREAK YOUR HUSBAND'S HEART AND REGRET IT LATER. I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HIM!
OMG! MY HEAD IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE. BUT I KNOW MY HUSBAND!
ANYWAY, I'M ALREADY LATE. I HAVE TO LEAVE FOR WORK


I BELIEVE IN AKSHAY. HE'S NOT A CROSSDRESSER!
DON'T THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT IT, HONEY, YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN YOU GET BACK FROM WORK!
DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR LUNCH. IT'S ON THE TABLE!
OK MAA.. SEE YOU IN THE EVENING!


DOOR SHUT
WOW, THIS WENT EASIER THAN I THOUGHT. ALTHOUGH I DID NOT IN MY WILDEST DREAM EXPECT HIM TO WEAR HIS OWN WIFE'S SAREE..
NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS KEEP HIM DOLLED UP IN A SAREE TILL THE EVENING AND SHOW HIM TO PRIETY!
THIS IS GOING TO BE INTERESTING!

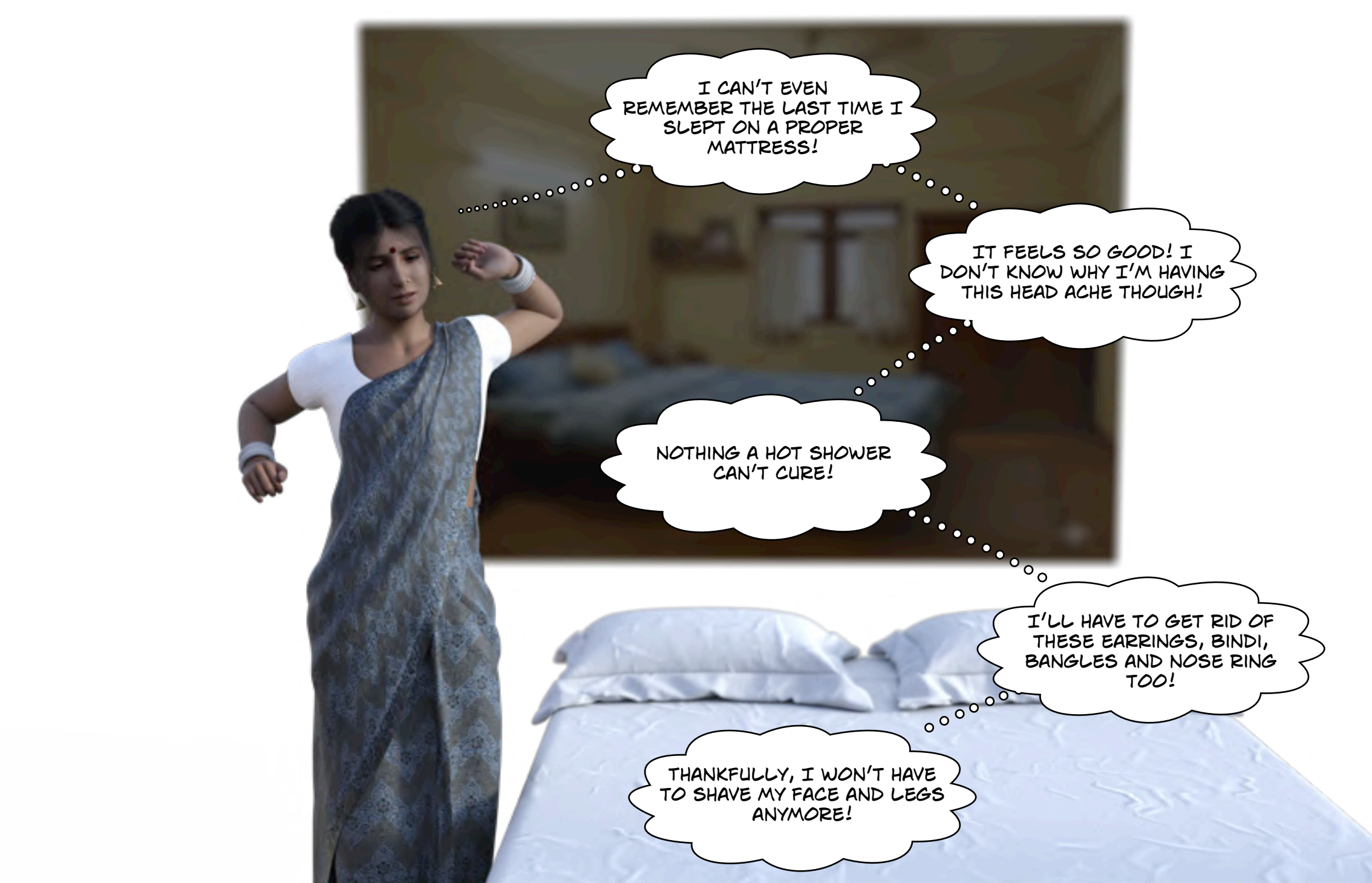

LAZY BASTARD!
IT'S ALMOST 9 AM, AND HE'S STILL SLEEPING!
I KNOW WHAT TO DO!


AKSHAY! AKSHAY! WAKE UP!
COME, HAVE SOME BREAKFAST!
HMMM


HMMM... WHAT TIME IS IT!
GOD!! THIS HEADACHE!!
SHOULD I BRING YOU SOME COFFEE?


AH..SHIT.. I DIDN'T NOTICE HER!
AUNTY SORRY, I KINDA OVERSLEPT!
NO NEED TO APOLOGISE, YOU CAN SLEEP AS MUCH AS YOU WANT! CONTINUE YOUR SLEEP AFTER HAVING SOME FOOD!
GASP!
OH..NO.. I MEAN, YES, I'LL JOIN IN A FEW MINUTES. I'LL HAVE A SHOWER FIRST!

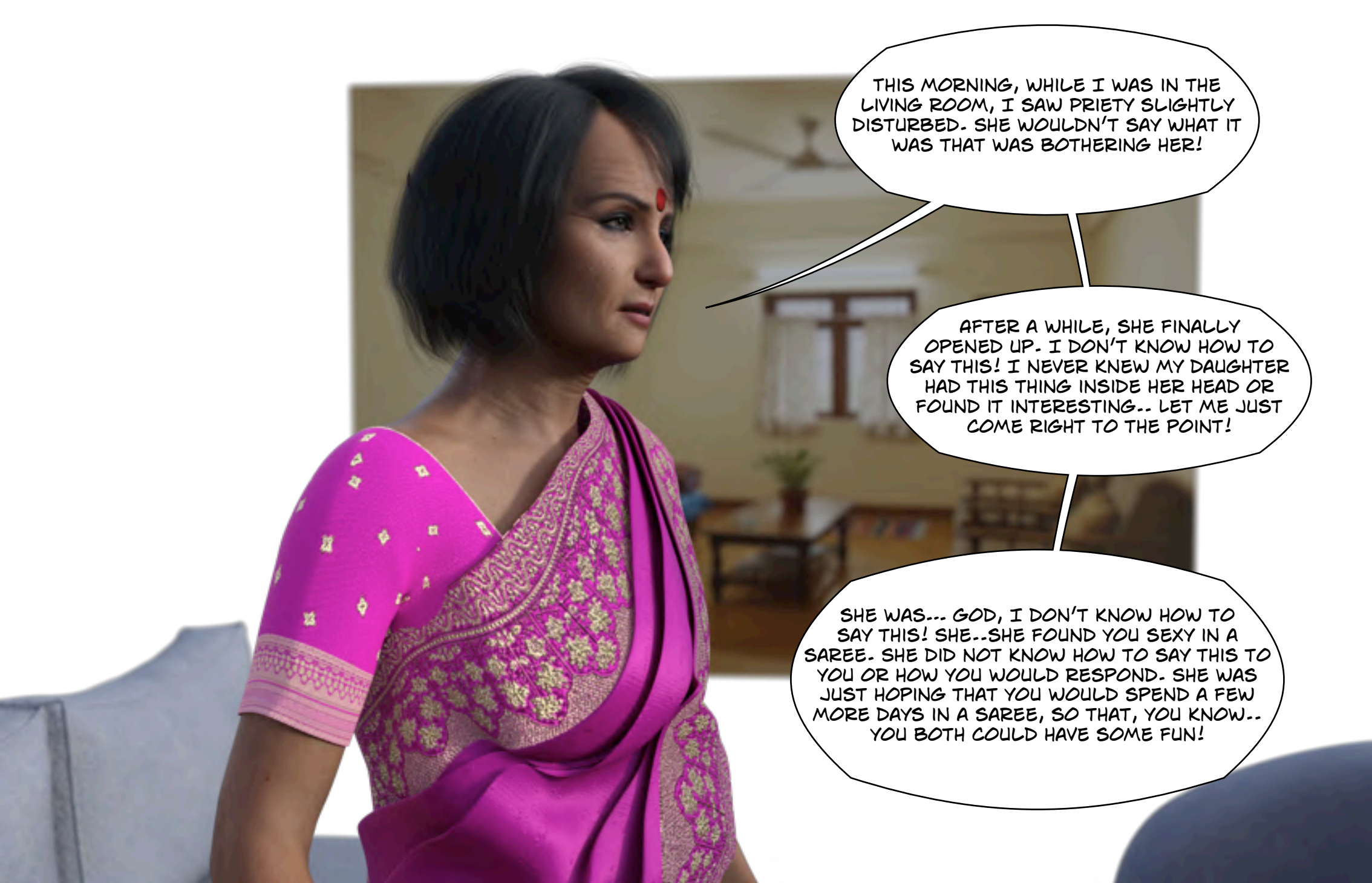

VERY WELL! I'LL GO MAKE SOME COFFEE ASWELL, IT WILL HELP MITIGATE YOUR HEADACHE
PLEASE.. I INSIST!
UMM.. THAT'S ALRIGHT AUNTY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO..
AH.. THANK.. YOU!


I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I SLEPT ON A PROPER MATTRESS!
IT FEELS SO GOOD! I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M HAVING THIS HEAD ACHE THOUGH!
NOTHING A HOT SHOWER CAN'T CURE!
I'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF THESE EARRINGS, BINDI, BANGLES AND NOSE RING TOO!
THANKFULLY, I WON'T HAVE TO SHAVE MY FACE AND LEGS ANYMORE!


SHIT! I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT MY CLOTHES!
SHE SAID, SHE'LL GIVE IT TO ME IN THE MORNING!




AH..AUNTY, ABOUT MY CLOTHES, YOU SAID...
YES..YES. SORRY, I FORGOT. I FOUND YOUR STUFF THIS MORNING!
GREAT!, IS IT STILL IN YOUR BEDROOM?
YES, IT'S RIGHT BY THE DOOR, YOU CAN TAKE THEM
BUT BEFORE THAT, I WANTED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING!


THIS MORNING, WHILE I WAS IN THE LIVING ROOM, I SAW PRIETY SLIGHTLY DISTURBED. SHE WOULDN'T SAY WHAT IT WAS THAT WAS BOTHERING HER!
AFTER A WHILE, SHE FINALLY OPENED UP. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS! I NEVER KNEW MY DAUGHTER HAD THIS THING INSIDE HER HEAD OR FOUND IT INTERESTING.. LET ME JUST COME RIGHT TO THE POINT!
SHE WAS... GOD, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS! SHE..SHE FOUND YOU SEXY IN A SAREE. SHE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS TO YOU OR HOW YOU WOULD RESPOND. SHE WAS JUST HOPING THAT YOU WOULD SPEND A FEW MORE DAYS IN A SAREE, SO THAT, YOU KNOW.. YOU BOTH COULD HAVE SOME FUN!


NO WAY.. ! NO, NO.. NO.. IT'S NOT POSSIBLE. I DON'T LIKE TO WEAR ANY OF THIS STUFF! I HAD NO CHOICE BACK THEN!
THIS IS A JOKE, RIGHT? YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY SERIOUS, RIGHT? TELL ME THIS IS A JOKE!
I TOLD YOU, IT WAS SHOCKING FOR ME TOO, WHEN I HEARD IT!
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO NOW! I MET HER AFTER SO MANY MONTHS, I DON'T WANT TO HURT HER EVEN A TINY BIT! MAYBE I SHOULD JUST TALK TO HER WHEN SHE COMES BACK!


I'M NOT IN ANY POSITION TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO. BUT I DO KNOW HOW MUCH MY DAUGHTER LOVES YOU! YOU MEAN THIS WORLD TO HER. SHE EVEN WENT AGAINST ME TO MARRY YOU!
SHE'S BEEN TRYING DAY AND NIGHT TO FIND A WAY TO BRING YOU BACK. SHE SPENT MOST OF HER SAVINGS TO DO IT. SHE MAY NOT HAVE TOLD YOU, BUT OUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS NOT THAT GOOD AFTER COVID. SHE EVEN KNOWS THAT YOU LOST YOUR JOB, AND I'M SURE THAT SHE NEVER TOLD YOU THAT!
SHE KNOWS!!!
YES, SHE HID IT FROM YOU SO YOU WOULDN'T FEEL BAD OR PRESSURED! THIS IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. I'M SURE YOU LOVE HER TOO!

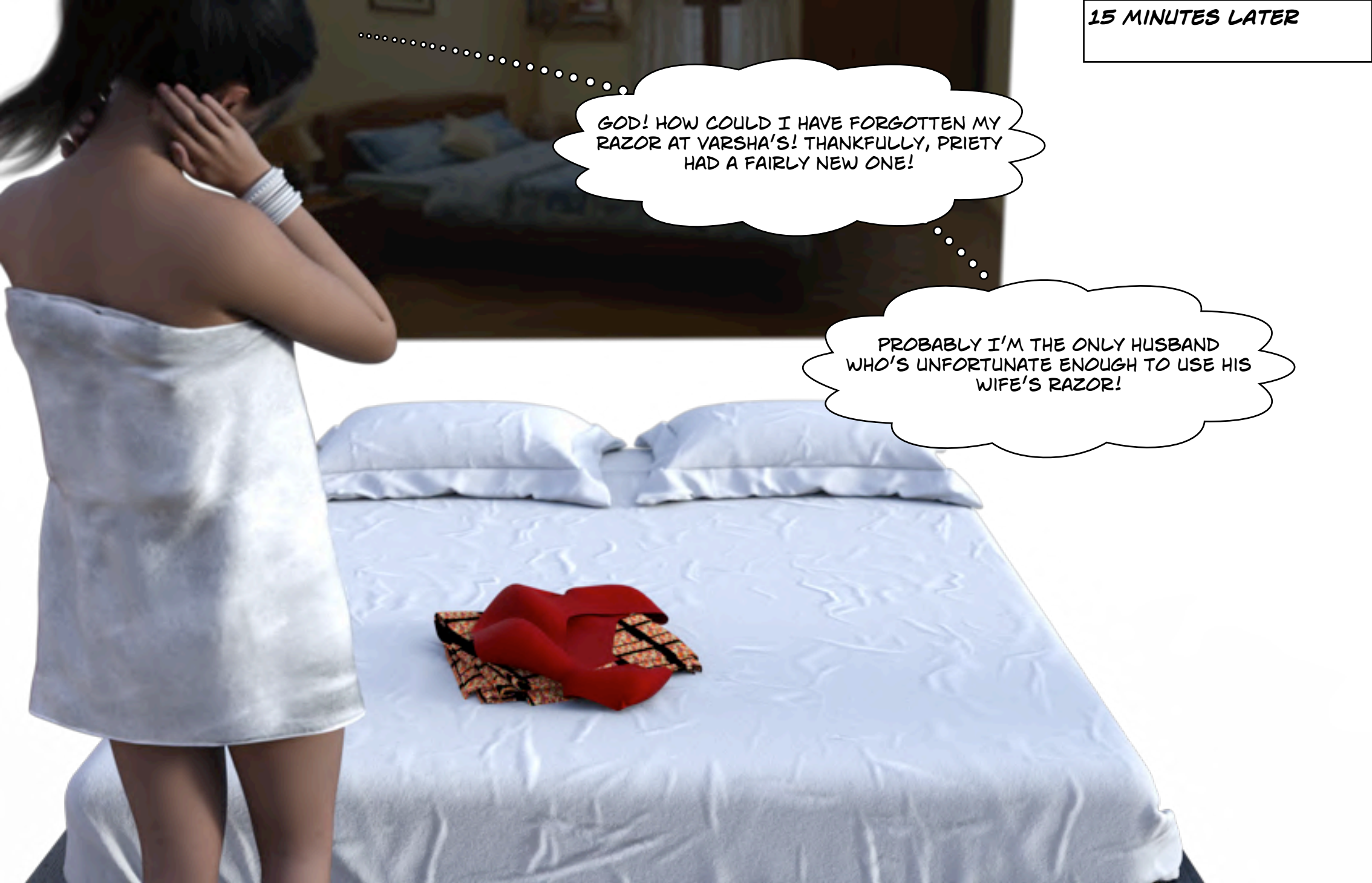

OF COURSE I LOVE HER! MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD. I LEFT MY WHOLE FAMILY FOR HER!
THEN I'M SURE YOU'LL RESPECT HER EMOTIONS TOO. WHATEVER YOU DO, DO NOT MENTION ANYTHING TO HER ABOUT WHAT WE JUST SPOKE. I JUST HOPE YOU'LL MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.
I THINK I'VE MADE MY DECISIONS!


I'LL COLLECT MY STUFF FROM YOUR ROOM AFTER A FEW DAYS. AND THANKS FOR TELLING ME THIS!
THANKS, BETA (SON), PRIETY IS SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU! I'LL LEAVE A SAREE FOR YOU IN THE BEDROOM WHILE YOU SHOWER!
AND REMEMBER, WHATEVER HAPPENS, PRIETY CAN NEVER KNOW ABOUT THIS! I PROMISED HER I WOULD KEEP IT A SECRET!
DON'T WORRY, YOUR PROMISE IS SAFE WITH ME, AUNTY!


OFC, I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T TELL HER ANYTHING! THAT'S HOW I FRAMED THIS STORY!
I WON'T STOP UNTIL MY DAUGHTER DETESTS YOU AND FINDS A NEW, REAL HUSBAND FOR HERSELF!


IT'S LIKE THE OLD NIGHTMARE TAKING A NEW FORM AND COMING BACK TO HAUNT ME!
HOW COULD SHE HAVE FOUND OUT I LOST MY JOB! OFC, SHE MUST HAVE CONTACTED MY OFFICE NUMBER WHEN I WENT OFFLINE FOR A FEW DAYS! DAMN IT!
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE ALL THE STRUGGLES SHE MUST HAVE GONE THROUGH ALL BY HERSELF. IT WILL ONLY BE FAIR IF I COULD SATISFY HER FETISH AFTER ALL SHE HAD DONE!


BUT I NEVER THOUGHT SHE HAD THIS WEIRD FETISH, THOUGH!
YEAH WHATEVER. I'M GLAD REKHA TOLD ME THAT! I CAN'T WAIT TO SURPRISE HER WHEN SHE COMES BACK. WE'RE GONNA HAVE SO MUCH FUN TONIGHT!!


15 MINUTES LATER
GOD! HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOTTEN MY RAZOR AT VARSHA'S! THANKFULLY, PRIETY HAD A FAIRLY NEW ONE!
PROBABLY I'M THE ONLY HUSBAND WHO'S UNFORTUNATE ENOUGH TO USE HIS WIFE'S RAZOR!


THIS BLOUSE KINDA LOOKS OLD! MUST HAVE BEEN WORN FOR MULTIPLE YEARS!
I KNOW I HAVE TO SATISFY MY WIFE, BUT WEARING MY MOTHER-IN-LAW'S USED BLOUSE AND SAREE SEEMS A BIT TOO MUCH! AND EXTREMELY AWKWARD!
AHH..FUCK IT!.. IT DOESN'T MATTER. ALL I CARE ABOUT NOW IS TO SURPRISE MY WIFE AND SATISFY HER FETISHES!


DAMN! IT FITS ME PERFECTLY! OFCOUSE EXCEPT THE CHEST AREA! BUT.. DAMN!
SHE SURE USED TO BE A BIT LEAN BACK THEN. NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD COME TO MY ADVANTAGE!


2 MINUTES LATER!
AHH! DONE! I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW FAST I CAN WEAR SAREES NOWADAYS!
THIS DESIGN LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM HOW IT LOOKED FOLDED!
WELL, I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH ADMIRING MYSELF, I SHOULD GO EAT SOMETHING!




WOW, THIS BLOUSE LOOKS PERFECT ON YOU. I WAS AFRAID IT WOULDN'T FIT!
THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS, AKSHAY! NOW, COULD YOU HELP ME CLEAR OUT SOME MESS, PLEASE?
HMM.. SURE, WHAT SHOULD I DO?


I DID NOT EXPECT SHE WOULD ACTUALLY ASK ME TO BROOM THE FLOOR!
HOW DO YOU PREFER YOUR EGGS, BOILED OR SCRAMBLED?
COULD YOU MAKE IT AN OMBLETE WITH SOME ONIONS?
SURE DEAR!

THAT EVENING




OMG!! YOU'RE BACK EARLY! I WAS WAITING FOR YOU THE WHOLE DAY!
IS EVERYTHING OK?
I KNEW SHE WOULD BE SHOCKED TO SEE ME IN A SAREE BUT THIS SHOCK KINDA LOOKS DIFFERENT!


AHH.. UMM.. YEAH.. YES I'M FINE.. IT'S JUST WORK STUFF!
I'M JUST.. JUST.. TIRED, THATS IT!


MOM, CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A SECOND?


WHAT IS IT, DEAR? AKSHAY HAS BEEN WAITING FOR YOU FOR A LONG TIME!
DO YOU MAYBE WANT TO SAY SOMETHING TO HIM!?


SO WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS SAREE? DO I LOOK GOOD!?
AHH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHY..
WHAT'S HAPPENING? I THOUGHT SHE'D BE HAPPY!
PREITY!, WHY DON'T WE FIRST TALK ABOUT THAT LOAN THING! THE BANK AGENT CALLED, AND I TOLD HIM YOU WOULD PAY THE DUES IN A FEW DAYS!


PRIETY! COME TO THE KITCHEN! NOW!!
JUST A FEW MINUTES, AKSHAY, I'LL RETURN YOUR WIFE!
I JUST DON'T KNOW WH--Y
WAIT-- I'LL COME BACK!
YOU LOOK WORRIED!? DON'T YOU LIKE THIS SAREE?
SOMETHING IS NOT RIGHT! SHE'S DEFINITELY HIDING SOMETHING. HER EXPRESSION CHANGED THE MOMENT SHE SAW ME! AND NOT IN A GOOD WAY!
AND WHY IS REKHA CUTTING HER CONVERSATION!? SEEMS LIKE I HAVE TO WAIT TILL SHE GETS BACK TO FIND OUT!


MAA..
KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!! DON'T TRY TO MAKE A SCENE. I KNOW YOU HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS. I WAS JUST AS SHOCKED AS YOU WERE!
SHOCKED, IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY? DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS!?
WORST OF ALL, HE DOESN'T EVEN FIND IT STRANGE! HE'S ASKING ME HOW HE LOOKS! SERIOUSLY!! WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING!?


SAY SOMETHING, MOM? HE'S DEFINITELY WEARING YOUR SAREE. DID YOU GIVE HIM HIS CLOTHES BACK?
LISTEN TO ME FOR A SECOND! WHEN I OFFERED HIS STUFF, HE LOOKED A BIT CONFUSED. WHEN I CONFRONTED HIM OVER AND OVER, HE HESITANTLY TOLD ME, HE LIKES TO WEAR SAREES. I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO GIVE HIM ONE OF MY OLD SAREES!
NOT JUST THAT, HE FELT EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ABOUT IT. I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THAT. PERHAPS YOU SHOULD HANDLE THIS ISSUE MORE CAREFULLY!


I DON'T KNOW HOW I AM GOING TO FACE THE OUTSIDE WORLD WITH HIM BEING LIKE THIS! VARSHA IS TO BLAME FOR THIS!! SHE TURNED MY HUSBAND INTO A CROSSDRESSER!
THIS COULD BE JUST A PHASE HE'S GOING THROUGH. THE REAL QUESTION YOU HAVE TO ASK YOURSELF IS, DO YOU VALUE THE SOCIETY'S IDEOLOGY OVER YOUR HUSBAND'S EMOTIONS OR NOT!?
WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THIS? OF COURSE, I CARE ABOUT MY HUSBAND MORE THAN ANYTHING. I LOVE HIM SO MUCH! I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE ALL OF A SUDDEN!
MAYBE I CAN SLOWLY TALK HIM OUT OF IT! I CAN DEFINITELY DO THAT!


THAT WON'T BE A GOOD IDEA. IT MIGHT MAKE HIM EMOTIONALLY SEALED, AND HE WON'T SHARE ANYTHING WITH YOU EVER AGAIN! YOU SHOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF HIS FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS. HE STAYED AT A STRANGER'S HOUSE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS PRETENDING TO BE THEIR MAID!
SO THAT'S IT? I SHOULD JUST SUPPORT WHATEVER HE'S INTO! AND LET HIM FIGURE HIS WAY OUT OF IT HIMSELF!!?


I'M NOT SAYING YOU SHOULD LET IT GO! I'M JUST SAYING YOU SHOULDN'T BE THE ONE TO TALK HIM OUT OF IT. I'LL DO IT. I'LL TRY TO CONVINCE HIM THAT WHAT HE'S DOING RIGHT NOW IS NOT OK AND SLOWLY MAKE HIM THE MAN HE ONCE WAS.
IN THAT WAY, EVEN IF HE HATES ME, HE'LL STILL HAVE YOU BY HIS SIDE AND WILL TRUST YOU WITH EVERYTHING. YOU JUST HAVE TO GIVE ME SOME TIME. WE CANNOT HURRY THIS. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YES.. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MOM! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD'VE DONE WITHOUT YOU!


NOW STOP CRYING AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR HUSBAND'S FEELINGS, AND DON'T QUESTION IT!
BEFORE THAT.. WIPE YOUR TEARS AND TRY TO BE EMOTIONALLY STRONG AND AVAILABLE TO HIM WHEN HE NEEDS YOU!
ALRIGHT MOM.. I PROMISE I'LL SUPPORT HIM NO MATTER WHAT!


GOOD. NOW GO TO HIM, AND TELL HIM HOW BEAUTIFUL HE LOOKS AND SHOW HIM HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HIM.
I HOPE THIS WORKS! I HOPE HE QUITS CROSSDRESSING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
SURE MOM..


QUICK NOW.. WIPE OFF YOUR TEARS


YES MAA
AND REMEMBER THAT THIS TALK NEVER HAPPENED. HE SHOULD NOT IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, KNOW ABOUT THIS! UNDERSTAND?
ALRIGHT, I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONG.. GOODLUCK


FORGIVE ME, AKSHAY.. IT'S THE OFFICE WORK, RENT AND STUFF.. IT'S SOMETIMES A BIT OVERWHELMING
OH I SEE.. I WISH I COULD HELP YOU IN ANY WAY!


AH DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I JUST TOOK CARE OF IT. MY OFFICE FRIEND IS GOING TO LEND ME SOME MONEY, AND I'LL REPAY HIM WHEN I GET MY SALARY NEXT WEEK.
STILL.. I SHOULD BE HELPING YOU WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES.
MAYBE YOU CAN HELP MY MOM UNTIL YOU FIND A NEW JOB. YES, I KNOW THAT YOU LOST YOUR JOB TO COVID. JUST DON'T THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT IT. YOU'VE JUST BEEN THROUGH A LOT!


IT'S TIME TO ENJOY BEING TOGETHER AGAIN.. AND RELAX A BIT.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU LOOK IN THIS SAREE..


YOU LOOK STUNNING.. IS THAT ONE OF MY MOM'S SAREES? THE BLOUSE SEEMS TO FIT YOU PERFECTLY, THOUGH. HOW LUCKY
YOU THINK!??, I WAS WORRIED WHAT YOU'LL SAY ABOUT THIS
YOU KIDDING.. HOW COULD I SAY ANYTHING, WHEN YOU LOOK THIS LOVELY..
HOW ABOUT WE GO EAT DINNER AND DISCUSS THIS ON THE TABLE..
THIS IS A MENTAL TORTURE..
WELL UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T SAY WHAT I WANTED TO SAY!!!


THIS IS A NIGHTMARE.. HOW CAN SHE FIND ME BEAUTIFUL IN A SAREE!!
GOD! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO ASK THAT.. I'M SUPER HUNGRY
I MADE THIS AMAZING SPECIAL DISH THAT I'VE LEARNT FROM VARSHA'S MOM.. I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO TASTE IT.


A FEW MINUTES OF AWKWARD SILENCE LATER
THAT DIDN'T GO WELL.. SHE CLEARLY WANTS ME TO WEAR SAREES.. BUT WHY!!?
I SHOULD JUST TRUST REKHA AUNTY. SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP ME!
GOD! WHEN IS HE GOING TO STOP TALKING ABOUT SAREES..!
MOM IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN HELP ME!


LATER THAT NIGHT
IS THIS GOING TO BE THE SAME AS LAST NIGHT?
SHE DID ASK ME NOT TO SLEEP SPECIFICALLY.. IT'S BEEN OVER 20 MINUTES AND SHE'S STILL IN THE BATHROOM


WHAT'S EXACTLY GOING ON IN HER MIND!?
GASP
SHALL WE GET STARTED!??


WOW THAT'S A SUDDEN CHANGE OF EVENTS!
WOWW.. I ALMOST FORGOT HOW IT FELLS..
MUAHHH


WHAT HAPPENED?.. WHY DID YOU STOP? SOMETHING WRONG!!?
SHUSH. NO TALKING.. WE'RE JUST SKIPPING A FEW INTERMEDIATE STEPS. I DON'T THINK I CAN HOLD MYSELF ANY LONGER..


MOANN
OMG.. I'M SO HORNY RIGHT NOW!!
I CAN FEEL HE'S GETTING HARD.. THAT'S A VERY GOOD SIGN..


A MINUTE LATER
FASTER.. FASTER..
AHH.. AHHH..AAHH
DON'T STOP!!
AHH..
AHH..
AHHH
HAA..


15 MINUTES AND STILL GOING
SCREAMS..


DEEPER!!

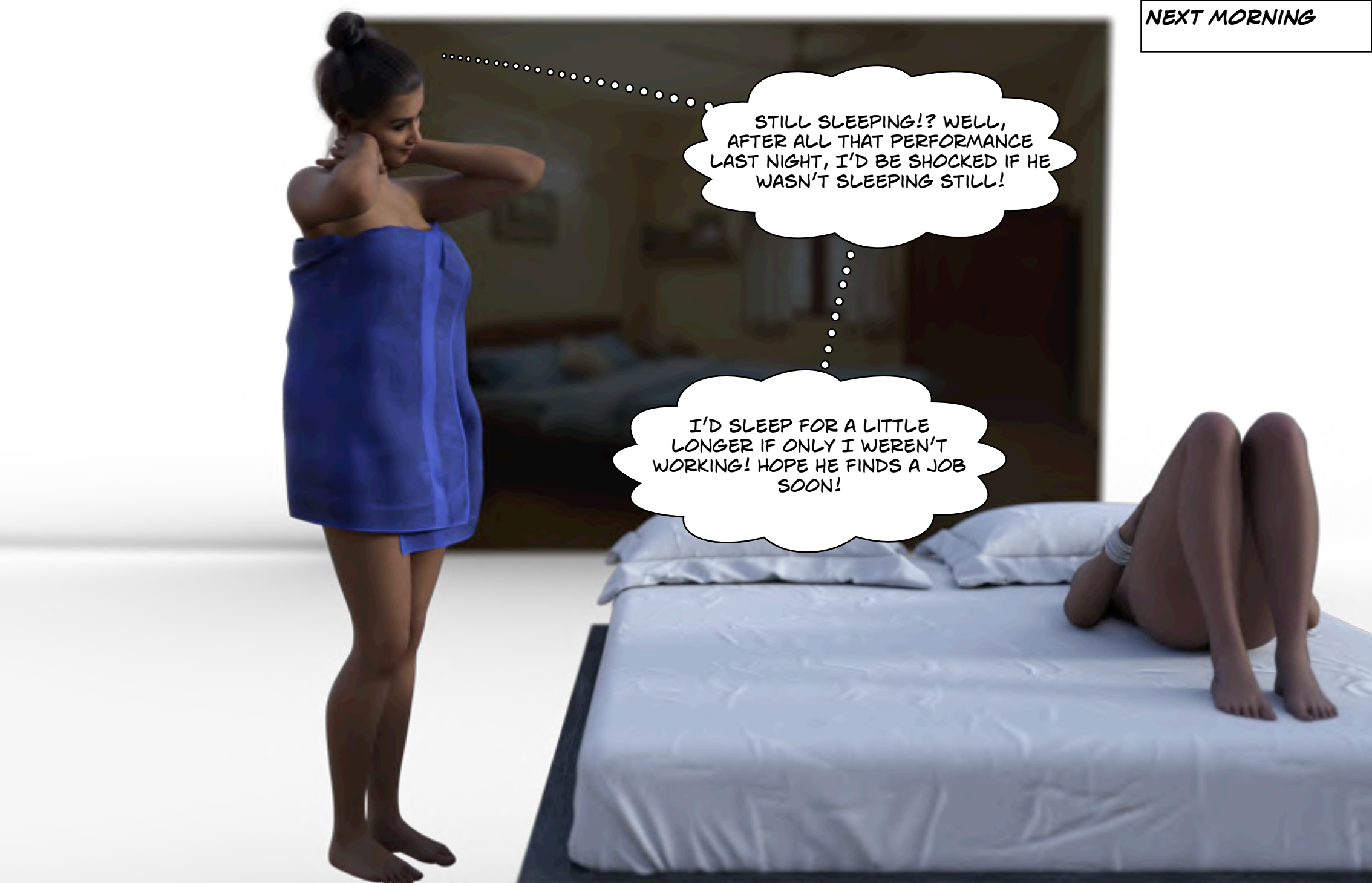

BANG!!


47 MINUTES LATER
GOD! THAT WAS AMAZING AKSHAY.. THIS MUST BE OUR PERSONAL BEST!?
YOU FEEL SLIGHTLY BIGGER TOO.. OR MAYBE MY PUSSY HAS GOTTEN A BIT TIGHTER DURING THE DRY SEASON!
CAN WE GO FOR ONE MORE ROUND.. BABE??
THIS MOST CERTAINLY IS. NO SEX IN A LONG TIME HAS FINALLY PAID OFF!
HAHA.. I'M JUST GLAD YOU ENJOYED.. FROM NOW ON WE CAN HAVE SEX EVERYDAY!!


LATER
ZZZ..






NEXT MORNING
STILL SLEEPING!? WELL, AFTER ALL THAT PERFORMANCE LAST NIGHT, I'D BE SHOCKED IF HE WASN'T SLEEPING STILL!
I'D SLEEP FOR A LITTLE LONGER IF ONLY I WEREN'T WORKING! HOPE HE FINDS A JOB SOON!


I'M JUST GLAD THAT AT LEAST HE STILL FINDS ME SEXY AND STILL GOT IT.
WEARING A SAREE OR NOT. HE'S STILL MANLY IN BED THAN MOST MAN OUT THERE
ALTHOUGH I STILL WISH FOR HIM TO REVERT TO HIS OLD SELF FOR GOOD!


A WHILE LATER
YAWNN


SHIT WHAT TIME IS IT!!?
AND LAST NIGHT!? WAS IT A DREAM??


OH, SHE'S GONE ALREADY!!
IF ONLY THERE WAS A WAY TO FIGURE OUT IF IT REALLY HAPPENED!!?


THERE IT IS!..
A SOUVENIR FOR THE CRAZY NIGHT AND UPCOMING NIGHTS..!
I GUESS THE SAREE DID MAKE HER HORNY.. I'LL GLADLY WEAR SAREES TO HAVE SEX LIKE THIS EVERY NIGHT!

FOLLOWING NIGHTS

AS WEEKS PASS BY, THEIR PASSION FOR EACH OTHER HAS ONLY TRIPLED.

AKSHAY THOUGHT THAT WEARING SAREES MADE PRIETY MORE ATTRACTED TOWARDS HIM, AND HE CONTINUED BORROWING DIFFERENT SAREES FROM REKHA

WHILE PRIETY WAS HAPPY WITH ALL THE AMAZING SEX SHE'S BEEN GETTING AND HAVENT THOUGHT OF HIS SAREE SITUATION IN A WHILE




PRIETY ALSO OCCASIONALLY RETURNED SOME GRATITUDE TO AKSHAY IN THE FORM OF AMAZING BLOW JOBS.
A MONTH HAS GONE BY NOW, AND THEIR SITUATION HAS SOMEHOW BECOME ROUTINE!
REKHA ON THE OTHER HAND IS PLOTING WAYS TO FURTHER FEMINISE AKSHAY AND SEPERATE HIM FROM HER DAUGHTER

AKSHAY AND REKHA SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN CLOSER TOO. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT AKSHAY BELIEVES.

DURING ALL THIS TIME, AKSHAY HELPED WITH ALL THE HOUSEHOLD WORK AND COOKING. HE DID EVERYTHING VOLUNTARILY TO HELP REKHA. ALTHOUGH IT WAS HER PLAN ALL ALONG TO KEEP HIM AWAY FROM GETTING A JOB

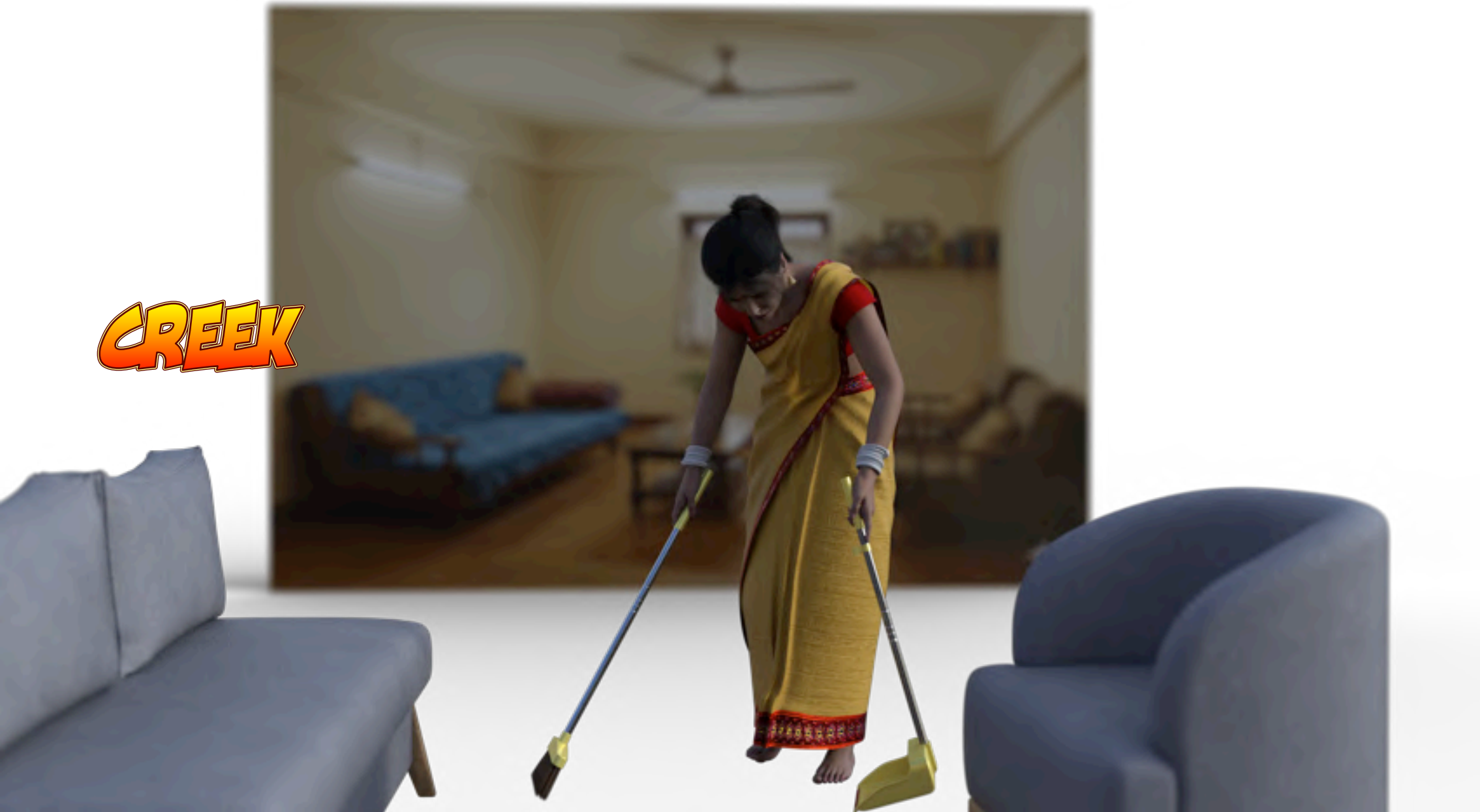



REKHA AND AKSHAY ON A CASUAL EVENING TALKING GOSSIPS ABOUT NEIGHBORS
OMG, DID SHE!!?


ON THE OTHER HAND, PRIETY WENT A STEP FURTHER TO PLEASE AKSHAY, AFTER LISTNING TO HER MOM'S LATEST ADVICES
I'M STILL NOT SURE HOW THIS WOULD HELP MY CAUSE
MOM SAID, I HAVE TO KEEP ENTERTAINING HIM WITH NEW THINGS LIKE THIS SO HE WON'T GET BORED OF ME!
BABE...I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
BUT THIS IS JUST PLAIN BULLSHIT. WHY WOULD HE LOSE INTEREST IN ME? WE'VE BEEN HAVING GREAT SEX ALL THESE NIGHTS!!


SO, DO YOU LIKE IT!?
UMM.. SURE..
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WHAT IN THE NEW HELL IS THIS? DO I HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS TOO!!?
WHY WOULD SHE!!? HAVE I BEEN GIVING HER WRONG SIGNALS!?

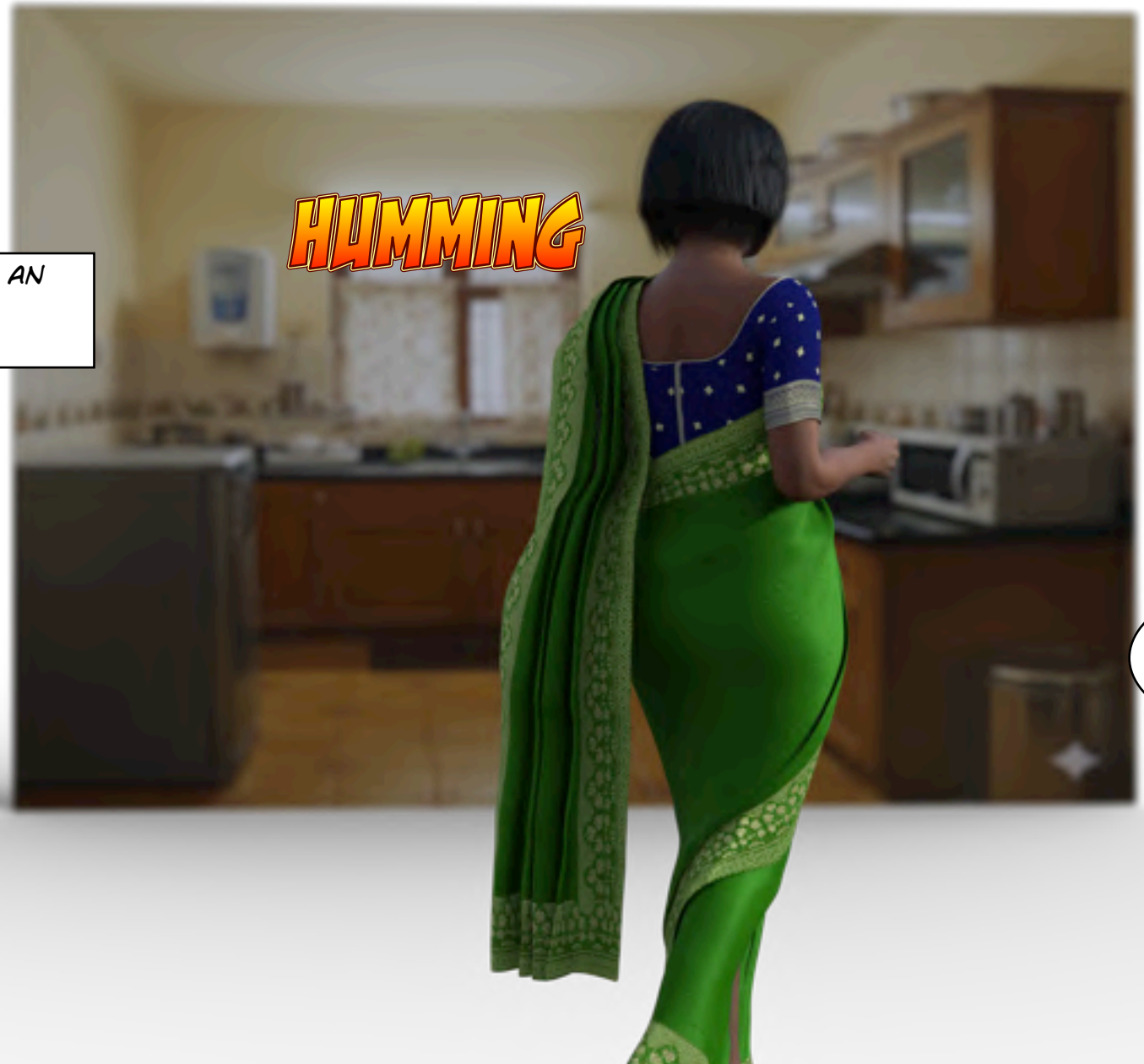
3 MONTHS LATER




WHO IS SHE? HOW DID SHE GET IN HERE WITHOUT ANY SOUND!?
HELLO, IS REKHA HERE?.. I DIDN'T SEE YOU LAST TIME. ARE YOU WORKING HERE? , ANYWAYS, CAN YOU PLEASE TELL HER THAT CHARULATHA IS HERE
UMM.. SURE.. HAVE A SEAT


SHE SPEAKS AS IF SHE KNOWS REKHA AUNTY VERY WELL!
WHAT IF SHE GAVE US SOME MONEY AND CAME HERE TO COLLECT IT BACK!

IN THE KITCHEN



THE RADIO IS PLAYING AN OLD SONG IN THE BACKGROUND


WHAT IS IT DEAR?
TURNS OFF THE RADIO
THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE LIVINGROOM!
I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE GOT IN HERE. SHE WAS ASKING FOR YOU!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO..


AH RELAX, SLOW DOWN! WHO IS IT? ASKING FOR ME, YOU SAID?
YES.. SOMEONE.. UMM, AH, CHARULATHA, YES, THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID!


OMG! CHARULATHA? IS THAT WHAT SHE SAID HER NAME WAS?
I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS BACK.. IT'S BEEN SO LONG!


THANK GOD.. YOU KNOW HER, RIGHT?
YES..YES.. NOTHING TO WORRY. SHE'S MY LONG-TERM FRIEND, AND SHE USED TO LIVE NEXT DOORS
SHE NOW LIVES 4 STREETS AWAY AND USED TO VISIT HERE ALMOST EVERY WEEK!


UGHH! I THOUGHT I COULD REST FOR SOME TIME AFTER CLEANING!
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UMM.. SURE
COULD YOU PLEASE MAKE 2 CUPS OF COFFEE AND BRING IT TO THE LIVING ROOM!?
THANK YOU!


OMG LOOK AT YOU! AND WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU WEARING!
WELL IT WAS ALL MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW'S DOING. SHE GOT RID OF ALL MY SAREES!
WOW, YOU DO LOOK LIKE YOU LOST A FEW YEARS! KUDOS TO HER!
HAVE A SEAT--


SO HOW WAS IT, LIVING IN THE UK? 3 YEARS, IS IT? DID YOU LIKE IT THERE?
2.5 MONTHS, AND I HATED IT THERE. THE UK IS NOT FOR ME. NOT TO MENTION THE COVID! I'M SO GRATEFUL TO BE BACK IN BANGALORE!
AT LEAST IN THE UK, YOU CAN STAY WITH YOUR SON AND GRANDKIDS. YOU'LL BE ALL ALONE IN YOUR BIG ASS HOUSE HERE!


WELL I CAN'T BE SELFISH NOW AND ASK MY SON TO COME BACK TO INDIA! IT IS WHAT IT IS!
I JUST GOT BACK LAST NIGHT AND HAVE BEEN SLEEPING THE WHOLE DAY.


ENOUGH SCRUTINISING ME, YOU TEXTED ME A WHILE BACK THAT YOUR DAUGHTER IS BACK? SO SHE'S LIKE BACK BACK?
OH YES, THANKFULLY, SHE'S BACK. THAT'S THE ONE GOOD THING THE COVID HAS DONE. SHE'S OFF TO WORK NOW


ITS SUNDAY TOMORROW, SHE'LL BE HOME, SHE'LL BE VERY HAPPY TO SEE YOU AFTER A LONG TIME!
UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T MAKE IT FOR A WEEK, ONE OF MY RELATIVE DIED WHEN I WAS IN UK, I HAVE TO VISIT THEIR HOUSE AND PAY MY CONDOLENCES.
BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE HERE FOR AT LEAST 6 TO 7 MONTHS, WHICH MEANS, YOU'LL BE SEEING A LOT OF ME FROM NOW ON!


GOD! I COMPLETELY WENT OFF TRACK, HAHA! ARE YOU FINALLY IN GOOD TERMS WITH YOUR SON-IN-LAW?
WHERE IS HE? HAS HE GONE TO WORK TOO? GOD, I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET HIM!
SHIT!! I THOUGHT SHE'D MOVE ON FROM THERE!
THINK REKHA, THINK! YOU CAN'T LET HER KNOW THE TRUTH!


ON THE CONTRARY, I CAN MAKE USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TOO!
OH HE'S CURRENTLY ABROAD, AND HE WON'T BE BACK ANY TIME SOON. AND YES, WE HAVE CLEARED ALL THE DIFFERENCES. HE'S SUCH A GOOD PERSON. I WAS WRONG ABOUT HIM!


5 MINUTES LATER
COFFEE?


IS THE SUGAR LEVEL OK, AUNTY?
PERFECT DEAR, THANK YOU!


I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU. WHO IS THIS YOUNG LADY? SHE'S SO KIND AND RESPECTFUL.
SHE CALLED YOU AUNTY? IS SHE ONE OF YOUR RELATIVES?
JUST THE ONE, IVE BEEN EXPECTING!
oooo


IS SHE ASKING ABOUT ME?
OMG, WHAT WILL REKHA AUNTY SAY!?
RELATIVE? YEAH THAT DOESN'T SOUND BAD!


HUH!!??
OH NO NO.. SHE'S NOT MY RELATIVE. SHE'S OUR MAID AKSHAYA. SHE'S BEEN HELPING ME WITH THE HOUSEHOLD WORK FOR QUITE A WHILE!
NO..NOT AGAIN! THIS IS NOT FAIR! HOW CAN SHE DO THAT TO ME! I'M DRESSED UP LIKE THIS ONLY FOR MY WIFE.. NOT FOR ANY STRANGER!
GOES TO THE KITCHEN FILLED WITH ANGER!


WOW, CAN'T BELIEVE THE REKHA I KNOW LET A MAID CALL HER AUNTY!
SHE'S TRUSTWORTHY AND HELPS ME A LOT! THAT'S ALL IT MATTERS NOWADAYS.
THAT'S RIGHT TOO, ITS VERY HARD TO FIND ANY TRUSTWORTHY MAIDS NOWADAYS!


TIME TO START THE NEXT PHASE! GOD KEEPS ON GIVING ME MORE OPPORTUNITIES!
I'D BETTER PUT IT TO GOOD USE! IT'S WORTH GIVING IT A TRY!
YOUR HOUSE MUST BE IN A VERY BAD SHAPE, I ASSUME. AFTERALL IT'S BEEN CLOSED FOR ABOUT 3 YEARS!
YEAH THAT'S RIGHT. EVEN WHEN I WAS THERE, WE ASKED A LOCAL MAID TO CLEAN THIS HOUSE ONCE EVERY MONTH. CLEARLY SHE HASN'T BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB.
SHE SAID SHE'LL BE BACK NEXT WEEK WHEN I COME BACK FROM MY RELATIVES' HOUSE!


YEAH BUT WHAT ABOUT TONIGHT? WE CAN'T TAKE ANY RISKS AT THIS AGE SLEEPING IN A DUSTY HOUSE
AT LEAST YOU CAN HIRE SOMEONE JUST TO CLEAN YOUR ROOM FOR NOW.
HMM.. WHAT CAN WE DO! HOW ABOUT I ASK AKSHAYA TO HELP YOU OUT?


THAT'S ACTUALLY NOT A BAD IDEA. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S NECESSARY JUST FOR ONE NIGHT. I'LL BE LEAVING FOR MY RELATIVE'S TOMORROW
WILL SHE BE OK WITH THAT? I MEAN, MY HOUSE IS KINDA BIG!
OH PLEASE, I INSIST. AS I SAID, YOU CAN GET AT LEAST YOUR ROOM CLEANED BY HER!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. I'LL GO TALK TO HER. LET'S FINISH OUR COFFEES FIRST!


MEANWHILE IN THE KITCHEN
SOBBING
JUST AS I EXPECTED!
CRY AS MUCH AS YOU WANT! NOTHING IS GOING TO CHANGE!
INFACT IT'S ONLY GOING TO GET MORE PAINFUL FOR YOU!


OMG AKSHAY, ARE YOU CRYING?
I'M NOT CRYING.. I'M FRUSTRATED! YES I HEARD YOU! I HEARD YOU INTRODUCE ME AS YOUR MAID!
HOW CAN YOU DO THIS TO ME! YOU HAVE TO TELL HER, I'M DOING THIS ALL FOR PRIETY!


I DON'T WANT TO BE AKSHAYA! IT'S ONLY AKSHAY NOW! YOU HAVE TO MAKE THIS CORRECT. AT LEAST YOU COULD'VE TOLD HER THAT I WAS A RELATIVE!. A MAID? SERIOUSLY?
YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT YOU DID NOT HAVE A CHOICE. WHAT WOULD SHE THINK OF ME IF I WERE ASKING MY RELATIVE TO DO ALL MY HOUSEHOLD WORK? AND INTRODUCING YOU AS PRIETY'S HUSBAND IS DEFINITELY OUT OF THE PICTURE!
I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO FOR PRIETY! HER INSECURITIES ARE ON THE LINE, TOO. SO WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD'VE DONE!?


UGHH!! I HATE THIS! WHY DOES SHE ALWAYS HAVE TO BRING PRIETY INTO THIS?
WELL IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY. I DON'T THINK YOU HAD ANY CHOICE! SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
THANK YOU, I KNOW YOU'D UNDERSTAND. NOW THERE'S ONE MORE THING!


MY FRIEND CHARU IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF A HELPING HAND TO CLEAN HER ROOM. AND SHE ASKED FOR YOUR HELP.
YOU JUST HAVE TO GO TO HER HOUSE, MAYBE REARRANGE A FEW STUFF AND CLEAN A FEW WINDOWS, THAT'S IT.
IT'S GONNA HARDLY TAKE 2 HOURS AND YOU CAN BE BACK WELL BEFORE PRIETY GETS BACK FROM THE OFFICE


NO! IF INTRODUCING WAS NOT ENOUGH, YOU WANT ME WORK FOR HER TOO! NOT GONNA HAPPEN! WHAT WILL PRIETY THINK OF IT IF SHE FINDS IT!
THIS IS THE LEAST YOU CAN DO FOR ME AFTER ALL THAT I'VE DONE FOR YOU AND PRIETY. WE DON'T WANT HER TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR REAL IDENTITY
THE ONLY WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THAT IS TO MAKE HER BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE OUR MAID. I WILL EXPLAIN TO PRIETY THAT YOU WERE FORCED IF SHE EVER FINDS OUT, WHICH SHE WONT!
ONE MORE THING. SHE'S A BIT OLDSCHOOL, REFER TO HER AS MADAM, JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE!

AFTER A LOT OF CONVINCING




VERY WELL, BEFORE SEVEN IT IS!
BEFORE 7? THAT'S 4 HOURS FROM NOW!
I HOPE PRIETY DOESN'T FIND OUT ABOUT THIS!


DO WHATEVER SHE'S ASKING YOU TO DO, AKSHAYA.
HMM.. THAT WORKED LIKE A CHARM
AFTERALL YOU'VE BEEN WORKING AS A MAID DURING ALL THOSE COVID DAYS!


PRIETY, CAN YOU COME HOME EARLY? I'M FEELING A BIT UNWELL
UNWELL? WHAT HAPPENED? SHOULD I CALL AN AMBULANCE?
IT'S NOTHING, SERIOUS HONEY, SOME SLIGHT DIZZYNESS, THATSALL
WHERE IS AKSHAY? IS HE SLEEPING?


NO, HE WENT OUT. BUT DON'T MIND HIM. IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO TAKE A HALF-DAY LEAVE?
JUST COME HOME OK. I'LL EXPLAIN. DON'T NEED TO OVERREACT ON SUCH A SMALL ISSUE!
HE WENT OUT?? PLEASE TELL ME HE WASN'T WEARING A SAREE!
OMG! HE WENT OUT IN A SAREE.. ISN'T HE! HOW COULD HE! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING! I'LL TRY TO BE HOME WITHIN AN HOUR. TAKE A PARACETAMOL AND REST UNTIL THEN!


THIS IS ALL GOING A BIT TOO FAST
BUT I'M HAPPY THAT IT'S GOING IN THE WAY I WANTED!
NEVER THOUGHT MANIPULATING THEM WOULD BE SO EASY!


3 HOURS LATER
UFFF.. I'VE NEVER WALKED SO FAST IN MY LIFE! THANKFULLY, I MADE IT ON TIME!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WENT OUT IN A FUCKING SAREE! PRIETY SHOULD NEVER FIND OUT ABOUT THIS!


MY ENTIRE BODY IS SORE! THAT BITCH MADE ME DO A LOT OF CHORES!
WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG FOR REKHA TO OPEN THE FUCKING DOOR!


WHERE WERE YOU, ALL THIS TIME, AKSHAY!?? YOU'VE BEEN GONE FOR 3+ HOURS!
PRIETY!! YOU..YOU ARE BACK?? ALREADY!?
I..I WAS JUST GETTING SOME FRESH AIR! NOTHING ELSE! WHY ARE YOU BACK SO EARLY!?


MOM GOT DIZZY SUDDENLY AND CALLED ME IN A PANIC!
YEAH, SHE'S FEELING BETTER. I GAVE HER A FEW TABLETS. SHE'S RESTING NOW!
DIZZY? SHE WAS ALRIGHT WHEN I LEFT! SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT!
OMG! IS SHE ALRIGHT NOW?


HMM.. SOUNDS GOOD, I'LL HELP YOU OUT WITHT HE VEGETABLES
OHH.. OK.. I'LL BE WITH MOM THEN!
THEN! I'LL GO MAKE SOME DINNER FOR US!
OH, THAT'S ALRIGHT, I'VE ALREADY PREPARED ALL THAT BEFORE I LEFT!
I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN IT'S DONE!


I CAN'T EVEN GET MYSELF TO CRY IN FRONT OF HIM!
I GAVE HIM ALL THE SPACE AND FREEDOM TO BE HIMSELF! BUT HOW CAN HE EXPECT ME TO TOLERATE GOING OUT LIKE THAT!
AND THE WORST PART IS, HE DOESN'T EVEN SEEM TO CARE. HE'S ROAMING AROUND LIKE I'M THE ONE MAKING HIM DO ALL THIS!!


SHITT!! SHE SAW ME! SHE SAW ME!! WHY DIDN'T SHE SAY ANYTHING!!
HOW CAN IT NOT BOTHER HER, ME GOING OUT LIKE THIS!
AT LEAST FROM HER EXPRESSION, I CAN SEE THAT HER MOM HADN'T TOLD HER ANYTHING. SHE WOULD KILL ME IF SHE FOUND OUT!


TO MAKE IT WORSE, I'VE ACTUALLY GOT FUCKING PAID FOR CLEANING A HOUSE!
DOES THIS MAKE ME A REAL MAID? GOD!! I GOT PAID LIKE ANY USUAL HOUSEMAID!
I'D BETTER START MAKING DINNER. IF I START TO THINK ABOUT THIS, THE WHOLE NIGHT WOULD PASS!

A FEW DAYS LATER, CHARULATHA CAME BACK TO REKHA'S HOUSE.

THEY HAD A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO. STORIES WENT ON FOR HOURS

AKSHAY'S LIFE GOT STUCK BETWEEN THEM LIKE A BROKEN KITE




AKSHAYA, YOU DID A FANTASTIC JOB A FEW DAYS BACK. DO YOU MIND HELPING ME OUT NOW AND THEN?


NO WAY!! WHAT THE F IS WRONG WITH ME! I'M NOT A FUCKING MAID! I'M JUST GONNA SAY NO
SAY NO, SAY NO! BUT WHAT IF SHE FINDS OUT MY TRUE IDENTITY! I WILL BE A HUGE EMBARRASSMENT FOR PRIETY!
AGAIN??
YES, EVERY TIME I NEEDED EXTRA HELP. THE WORK WILL BE THE SAME AS THE LAST TIME!


SAY SOMETHING ALREADY, REKHA! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
TELL YOUR FRIEND THAT YOU WON'T SEND ME TO HER HOUSE! WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE NOTHING'S HAPPENING!


NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU STARE AT ME! YOU WON'T GET ANY HELP FROM ME!



ASKHAY'S FAITH IN REKHA IS COMPLETELY GONE!

WITHOUT REKHA'S HELP, AKSHAY WAS FORCED TO SAY YES TO WORK AT CHARULATHA'S HOUSE AS A MAID

TWO DAYS LATER, CHARU CALLED FOR AKSHAY. THIS WILL BE HIS SECOND TIME WORKING AS A MAID FOR MONEY

AS CHARU'S CALL BECAME FREQUENT, AKSHAY ONCE AGAIN STARTED GIVING LIFE TO AKSHAYA EVERY NOW AND THEN





AND THANKFULLY, HE WAS ABLE TO KEEP THIS ARRANGEMENT A SECRET FROM HIS WIFE.

IN THE PAST 2 WEEKS, HE'S EARNED ABOUT 4000 INR WORKING AS A MAID, WHICH HE WOULD'VE MADE IN 2 DAYS WORKING IN HIS PREVIOUS IT JOB!



He managed his timing quite well to keep his maid job separate from his actual life!

Priety did not suspect anything and their love life went as smoothly and adventurously as ever.


UNTIL ONE WEEKEND
I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE, AKSHAY. WHY DON'T YOU WATCH A MOVIE AND RELAX A BIT!
JUST 2 MORE PLATES LEFT, AUNTY! I FINISH WITH THIS!


COME ON.. WHERE ARE YOU GOING! THE MOVIE IS ABOUT TO START!
HOW ABOUT I TAKE A LOONG HOT SHOWER FIRST, AND WE'LL WATCH A SPECIAL MOVIE IN OUR BEDROOM!?
OOOHH.. I LIKE WHERE THIS IS GOING! ENJOY YOUR LOOONG SHOWER! HAHA! I'LL TRY TO JOIN IN A FEW MINUTES!


5 MINTUES LATER
WHO IS THIS RINGING THE DOORBELL! THIS EARLY ON A SUNDAY!?
DOOR BELL
HOLD ON!!.. I'M COMING!


OMG!! FINALLY!!
MY FAVOURITE CHARU AUNTY!!!


WOW.. HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN? 8 YEARS? 9? LOOK HOW MUCH YOU'VE GROWN! SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU AFTER A VERY LONG TIME, DEAR!
WELL, YOU WERE WORKING ALL WEEKDAYS, AND DURING THE WEEKENDS I HAD TO GO SEE MY RELATIVES.
MOM SAID, " YOU HAVE VISITED HERE TWICE AND LEFT WITHOUT SEEING ME!!


THERE'S A SMALL RENOVATION GOING ON IN MY HOUSE, SO THANKFULLY, THIS WEEKEND I FINALLY FOUND THE TIME TO COME HERE TO MEET MY ALL-TIME FAVOURITE NEIGHBOUR KID!
YOU LOOK AMAZING IN A MODERN OUTFIT! WE HAVE A LOT TO TALK ABOUT!!


HOW'S PRATAB AND ANANYA?
OH, THEY ARE DOING WONDERFULLY. HE GOT A PROMOTION, AND THEY BOUGHT A NEW HOUSE THERE.


SO, HOW'S YOUR WORK? YOUR MOM IS ALWAYS CURSING YOUR BOSS FOR GIVING YOU A LOT OF WORK! WHERE IS SHE, BY THE WAY!?
YEAH, THE WORK IS A BIT TIRING BUT MANAGEABLE! THE LAST I SAW, SHE WAS IN THE KITCHEN. MAYBE SHE'S RESTING IN THE BEDROOM!
LET HER REST.. I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER HER! I'M JUST GLAD YOU ARE BACK! SHE SUFFERED A LOT WHEN YOU LEFT HER FOR A BOY!


SPEAKING OF WHICH! HOW IS YOUR HUSBAND? YOU, MOM, TOLD ME HE'S CURRENTLY WORKING SOMEWHERE ABROAD
WHERE IS HE EXACTLY?


SHIT! I WAS SO HAPPY THAT I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT MY HUSBAND!
IT'S BETTER TO FOLLOW THE STORY MY MOM MADE UP!
OH YEAH, HE WAS ABROAD, BUT NOT ANYMORE. HE'S CURRENTLY IN HYDERABAD. WILL BE VISITING HERE SOON! I JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN!
THAT'S WONDERFUL, I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET HIM IN PERSON!


AND ONE MORE THING. WHERE IS YOUR MAID? IS SHE IN THE KITCHEN?
THE RENOVATION HAS LEFT THE HOUSE A BIT DUSTY. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HER BACK WITH ME
SHE'S BEEN VERY HELPFUL THE LAST FEW DAYS. CAN YOU PLEASE TELL HER THAT I'M HAPPY TO PAY A FULL DAY'S WAGE


MAID? BUT WE DON'T HAVE A-- !


THERE YOU ARE!!
HEY YOU SAID YOU'LL JOIN..


MADAM?
.....
OH SHIT--NOO!!
MADAM??