

SEEING HIM IN A SAREE EVERY  
DAY GIVES ME IMMENSE PLEASURE,  
BUT THE MORE TIME HE SPENDS WITH  
PRIETY, THE RISK OF ME GETTING  
CAUGHT GETS HIGHER

HMM.. I JUST KNOW THE RIGHT  
THING TO DO. A FEW MONTHS AWAY  
FROM HOME WILL GIVE ME A FAIR  
CHANCE TO REPLACE HIM COMPLETELY  
FROM MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE



PRIETY!?! ARE YOU OK?





I DON'T KNOW IF I'M BRAVE ENOUGH TO EVEN TALK TO HIM RIGHT NOW!

UMM... IT'S NOTHING, AKSHAY! I'M JUST TIRED!


HOW... HOW WAS YOUR WORK?




ACTUALLY, THIS MORNING,--

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING, AKSHAY! I KNOW!

ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW WHAT, WE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS TOMORROW. GOOD NIGHT!



WHY WOULD SHE ASK  
ABOUT MY WORK AND CUT  
ME OFF RIGHT AWAY?




I DON'T KNOW HOW  
LONG I HAVE TO DRESS  
LIKE THIS FOR HER! I'M  
TIRED OF THIS ALREADY!

GOD! WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME!? HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO PRETEND LIKE EVERYTHING'S NORMAL!

EVERY TIME I LOOK AT HIM, IT FEELS LIKE A PART OF HIS OLD SELF IS VANISHING BIT BY BIT.

I COULD STILL SEE MY OLD AKSHAY.. BUT I DON'T KNOW FOR HOW LONG I'LL BE ABLE TO!






I WISH EVERYTHING  
WERE BACK TO THE WAY IT  
WAS BEFORE COVID! IT'S  
PARTLY MY FAULT, TOO,  
ASKING YOU TO STAY AT  
VARSHA'S PLACE!

I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT  
OF DEBT, BUT DO YOU  
REALLY HAVE TO WORK AS A  
MAID? THAT TOO AT A  
STRANGER'S HOUSE?

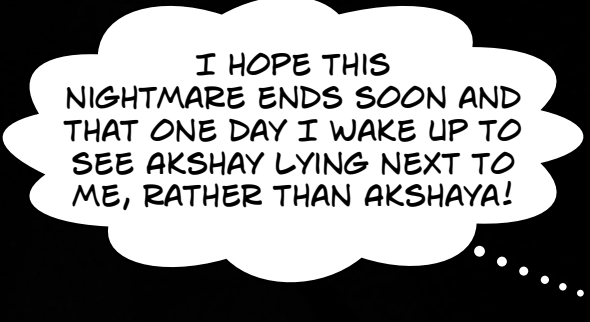
IF ONLY I COULD SAY  
ALL THIS TO YOU WHEN  
YOU'RE AWAKE!



BUT HOW COULD I! ALL I SEE IS A WOMAN WHO LIKES TO PRESENT HERSELF AS A WOMAN!

IT'S BEEN SEVERAL MONTHS, AND I STILL HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN ANYTHING BUT A SAREE!

IF THAT'S NOT ALREADY WORSE, NO ONE'S EVEN SUSPECTING YOU WERE EVER A MAN!



I HOPE THIS  
NIGHTMARE ENDS SOON AND  
THAT ONE DAY I WAKE UP TO  
SEE AKSHAY LYING NEXT TO  
ME, RATHER THAN AKSHAYA!

NEXT MORNING

SHITT! I SLEPT THROUGH MY  
ALARM!

CHARU MADAM ASKED ME TO  
BE THERE BY 7! IT'S ALREADY  
7.30!



DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO SET AN ALARM?

I'M SORRY, MADAM

WHAT SORRY!! IT'S BARELY 15 MIN AWAY!


IT'S...I'M..

YEA YEA.. YOU'RE JUST GONNA  
KEEP ASKING MORE SORRIES, OR  
ARE YOU GONNA COME INSIDE AND  
DO YOUR JOB?

NO.. DON'T EVEN  
BOTHER..JUST GO TO THE  
KITCHEN AND START WITH THE  
DIRTY DISHES!



HMM.. YEA..I'M..



CAN YOU WALK ANY SLOWER!!? SHOULD I CALL A CAB TO CARRY YOU TO THE KITCHEN??

WALK FAST!! YOU HAVEN'T, I TOLD YOU THAT YOU HAVE A LOT OF WORK TODAY!!

OK..MADAM

9 PM





AKSHAY!... ARE YOU IN THE  
BATHROOM!!?

AKSHAY!!



HE'S NOT HERE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN,  
HE'S NOT HERE?




DID HE NOT TELL YOU? HE LEFT  
FOR CHARU AUNTY'S HOUSE HOURS  
AGO!

YOU HAVE TO GET A HOLD  
OF YOURSELF, PRIETY. WE  
DISCUSSED THIS!

AGAIN!! I CAN'T BE..

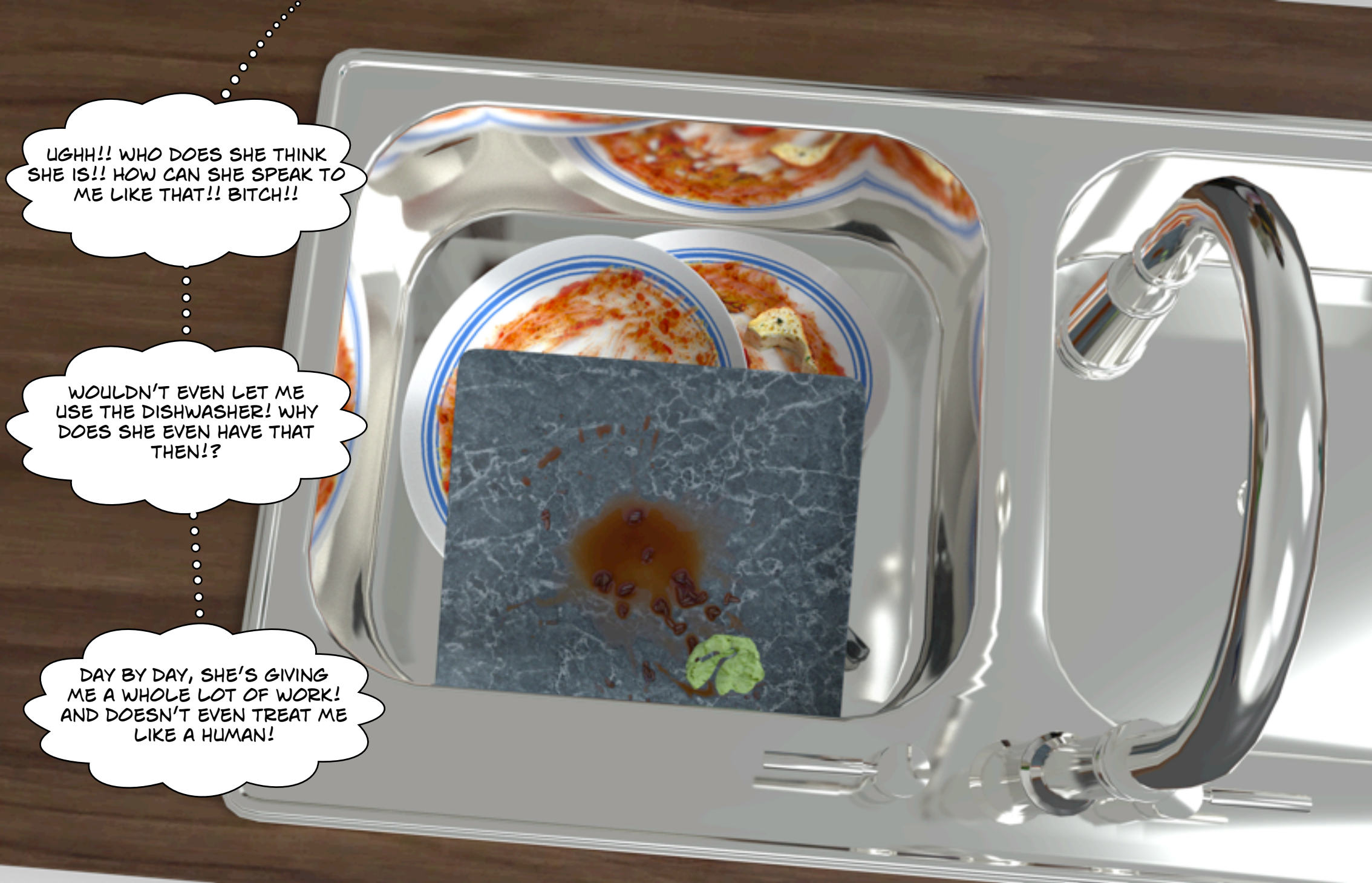
UGH!! ALRIGHT!



LET HIM HELP YOU OUT! CHARU IS  
PAYING HIM GOOD MONEY. WE COULD  
REALLY USE IT!

I'M MAKING SOME COFFEE FOR ME.  
YOU WANT SOME?


HMM.. OKAY!!



UGH!! WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS!! HOW CAN SHE SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT!! BITCH!!

WOULDN'T EVEN LET ME USE THE DISHWASHER! WHY DOES SHE EVEN HAVE THAT THEN!?

DAY BY DAY, SHE'S GIVING ME A WHOLE LOT OF WORK! AND DOESN'T EVEN TREAT ME LIKE A HUMAN!



I WASH ALL THE PLATES, BUT  
I'M NOT ALLOWED TO EAT ON  
THIS PLATE! WHAT KIND OF  
RETARTED MENTALITY IS THAT!

URGHH!! I'M ALMOST DONE!



WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THE DISHES, GO AND CLEAN THE FIRST-FLOOR BATHROOM! YOU HEAR ME?

YES, MADAM!

MAKE SURE TO WIPE THE SINK THOROUGHLY BEFORE YOU GO

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DOES SHE EXPECT ME TO LICK THE SINK TOO!?! GOD!


A woman wearing a grey saree with a gold border and white wristbands is leaning over a stainless steel kitchen sink. She is using a pink cloth to clean the sink. The background shows a modern kitchen with wooden cabinets, a countertop with various items, and a doorway leading to another room. The scene is lit with soft, indoor lighting.

PERFECTLY CLEAN!!  
CAN'T DO ANY MORE THAN  
THAT!

WONDER IN WHAT  
CONDITION HER TOILET IS  
AFTER EATING ALL THIS  
GARBAGE!

WHY CAN'T PEOPLE AT  
LEAST CLEAN THEIR OWN  
TOILETS! INSTEAD OF  
DEPENDING ON MAIDS!


LATER THAT EVENING

A woman with short dark hair, wearing a green and blue patterned sari, is standing in a kitchen and talking on a mobile phone. The kitchen has wooden cabinets and a countertop with various items. The scene is lit with warm indoor lighting.

SO, DID YOU GIVE IT A THOUGHT TO WHAT I ASKED FOR? IT WOULD BE A HUGE HELP FOR PRIETY AND ME!

YES, YES, IT WILL BE HELPFUL FOR ME TO HAVE A FULL-TIME MAID TOO! AND YOUR'S IS A HARD WORKER TOO! I COULD USE HER FOR COOKING, TOO!

THAT'LL BE PERFECT, SHE'S AN AMAZING COOK TOO. YOU CAN MAKE HER DO ALL THE HOUSEHOLD WORK AND MORE! SO, SHALL I START PACKING HER CLOTHES?

A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a white long-sleeved top and light-colored pants, is shown in profile from the waist up, talking on a black mobile phone. She is standing in a well-lit room with a blurred background that suggests a kitchen or dining area. The scene is presented in a comic book style with speech bubbles.

YEA, YOU CAN. SHE'S CLEANING THE LAUNDRY ROOM NOW, SHE'LL BE SURPRISED WHEN I SAY THAT SHE'LL BE STAYING THERE FROM NOW ON--HAHA!

AND ONE MORE THING, ABOUT THE SALARY!

YEAH, YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THE DEBT SHE OWES YOU. I'LL SEND THE SALARY DIRECTLY TO YOUR ACCOUNT, AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION.

PERFECT, WE'LL JUST KEEP THIS BETWEEN US. EVEN PRIETY DOESN'T HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT THIS!



HOUSE WITHOUT AKSHAY FOR A FEW MONTHS! PERFECT! ALL I HAVE TO DO NOW IS MAKE THIS ARRANGEMENT PERMANENT

AND SOON, I'LL FIND A SUITABLE MATCH FOR PRIETY AND GET RID OF AKSHAY FOR GOOD!

TIME TO DO SOME ACTING... UFF... THIS IS THE HARDEST PART OF ALL!




PLEASE DON'T TELL ME  
THIS IS YET AGAIN ABOUT  
AKSHAY!

I'M AFRAID I CAN'T! YOU  
DO KNOW THAT WE HAVE  
QUITE A BIT OF DEBT,  
RIGHT?

MOM!  
WE'VE ALREADY  
HAD THIS DISCUSSION.  
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT  
SOMEHOW! STOP  
INVOLVING AKSHAY IN  
THIS!

CHARU AUNTY IS WILLING TO  
PAY 25000 INR!



25K?? YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS. I'M WORKING IN **IT** AND BARELY MAKING 40K! WHAT'S THE CATCH!

THERE'S NO CATCH! SHE TOLD ME THAT AKSHAY WANTED TO MAKE MORE MONEY, SO SHE OFFERED HIM A FULL-TIME JOB AS A STAY-AT-HOME MAID!

WHAT!! I WO..

LET ME FINISH, CHARU WILL BE MOVING TO THE UK SOON, SO IT'S HARDLY FOR A MONTH OR TWO, AND YOUR HUSBAND WANTS TO HELP YOU OUT!

SO HE WON'T BE COMING HOME FOR 2 MONTHS!!??



MOM! YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO JUST SEND MY HUSBAND AWAY ONCE AGAIN. HE'S ALREADY GETTING OUT OF HAND!

CHARU'S HOUSE IS 15 MIN AWAY! YOU CAN VISIT HIM WHENEVER YOU WANT. AND MOREOVER, DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SAY NO TO HIM?

THAT'S TRUE TOO. BUT THINK ABOUT 25K PER MONTH, THAT COULD PAY OFF YOUR CREDIT CARDS AT LEAST! AKSHAY HAS ALREADY MADE HIS DECISION, JUST SUPPORT HIM, OKAY!

HMMM.. I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE!

LATER THAT NIGHT

UFF... THIS IS SO HARD!

THAT 25K WOULD BE HELPFUL TOO! I'M ALREADY PAST MY CREDIT CARD DUE DATES

# FOOT STEPS





HE'S HERE!

SO SHE DEFINITELY KNOWS ABOUT THIS! I KNOW SHE WOULD NEVER AGREE TO SEND ME AWAY!

AND IT'S BETTER I ASK PRIETY TO SAY NO TO CHARU MADAM ON MY BEHALF!


WHY IS HE NOT SAYING ANYTHING? IS HE WAITING FOR MY APPROVAL?

MAYBE I SHOULD NOT BE SELFISH AND SAY NO!





PRIETY, I HAVE TO SAY SO...



YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE  
JOB, AKSHAY!



WHAT THE HELL!! DID SHE  
JUST!!

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SHE'S READY TO SEND ME  
AWAY TO THAT BITCH!!?



ANYTHING FOR YOU,  
PRIETY!

THAT MONEY WOULD REALLY  
BE HELPFUL FOR US!

I'M REALLY GLAD THAT  
YOU'RE HELPING ME  
FINANCIALLY!