

Episode- 3
Final Shoot Draft
(Pushpavalli S2)

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INT. PG- PUSHPAVALLI'S ROOM- DAY- DAY 1

Pearl enters after a bath. In the background Vasu is giving cooking instructions. Pearl shuts the door. She places the mug under her bed, opens the cupboard and notices a pile of clothes, gets angry. Tara Srishti are feeding each other black coffee from two saucers. Pearl throws the clothes on the floor.

PEARL

Why the fuck are its clothes in my cupboard?

Pushpavalli comes out from under the bed.

PUSHPAVALLI

Inhone hi rakhne ko kaha tha.

TARA

Pearl isne tere cupboard mein mug bhi rakha hai.

PUSHPAVALLI

Guys tum dono ne hi kaha tha rakhne ke liye-

SRISHTI

Baal jalne ka video nahi dikhaegi toh yahi hoga-

Pearl comes back with the mug and throws it on Pushpavalli

PEARL

When the fuck is this leaving?

Tara and Srishti shrug together

PUSHPAVALLI

Just a few weeks. Pearl... mere saare paise Vasu ke paas hain toh main doosre PG kaise jaun?

PEARL

Oh wait do I look like I am giving fucks out? Do I? Especially for a fucking parasite like you? (starts walking away) God knows why have you turned up again!-

PUSHPAVALLI

I... I got engaged- I am just here to spend time with my fiance-

PEARL

Pushpavalli... I will never believe anything you'll ever say. I won't be surprised if this boy doesn't even know that he is engaged to you-

PUSHPAVALLI

He knows!

PEARL

Oh really? What part of your body did you have to break this time to get his attention? You know last time I hesitated with the pressure cooker. But this time I am going to be so thorough with it that your body will be in so many tiny pieces all over Ulsoor Lake that when they find you they find nothing but the stench of your disgusting personality

Vasu enters. Pushpavalli crawls back in, hits head.

VASU

All ok ah-ma? Cat fight-ah ma? Tell quickly ill get some snacks. **Kadala Pori mixuture!**

Everyone's stares at her.

VASU (CONT'D)

Please ma... dont be consh... go ahead!... uh...ok Moments gone no. (closes door and opens again) Its back-ah ma? No... Yen bore hudugi gala (Shuts door)

INT. LIBRARY - EVENING- DAY 1

Pankaj is stamping books while looking at Arhaan.

PANKAJ

Is he coming to pick you up today?

ARHAAN

Who?

PANKAJ

Your mom's friend.

ARHAAN

Who?

PANKAJ

Your moms friend...(arhaan stares blankly) with the glasses...the tall guy...The tall guy with the glasses and the hair...

PUSHPAVALLI

(enters frame) Nikhil?

PANKAJ

Don't forget you're engaged.

PUSHPAVALLI

Wha...yeah I know. I'm not the one complimenting his looks.

PANKAJ

Uhh excuse me, I'm not complimenting. I think he looks like an idiot with his friggin shirt tucked in like that.

PUSHPAVALLI

Like what?

PANKAJ

Like all perfectly...like he's modeling for a friggin shirt catalogue. Have you ever heard of a crease bro?

Arhaan looks exasperated and puts on headphones.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)

People have it. What're you trying to prove bro? What're you trying to hide? The fact that you dont wear socks?

PUSHPAVALLI

He wears socks. I think they're just Ankle socks

PANKAJ

Ankle Socks. Ankle Socks? What kind of self respecting man wears ankle length socks? Whats is he going for ballet lessons in his free time?

Just then Nikhil walks in and stands behind Pankaj.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)

You know what doesnt he take some of that wrinkle free shirt and cover his ankles with it so that he doesnt catch a freakin cold man?

PUSHPAVALLI

(mouths) Look at the back...

PANKAJ

The back? Yeah I wouldn't be surprised if he uses a ruler to tuck in the back of his shirt too handsome Goliath son of a bitch... (lowers voice) he's standing right behind me isn't he?

Pankaj mouths "fuck it" walks to a bookshelf.

NIKHIL
(to Pushpavalli)
Arhaan left these books in my car.

Pushpavalli walks to the desk.

PUSHPAVALLI
Just have to return it.

NIKHIL
Who was he talking about?

PUSHPAVALLI
Just some kids' dads.

Pankaj curses under his breath.

NIKHIL
Really?

Nikhil doesn't look convinced. Eyes Pankaj and Pushpavalli.

PUSHPAVALLI
Ya ya... Did Arhaan like the books
Mr. Rao?

NIKHIL
I wouldn't know. Does he need to
take any books today?

PUSHPAVALLI
Ideally yes. (as she returns)

NIKHIL
Arhaan? Arhaan!

Arhaan's still on his headphones.

NIKHIL (CONT'D)
(to pushpavalli)
Can't hear. Lee.. I mean
Pushpavalli... Why don't you
recommend something for him?

Pushpavalli reaches to the closest bookshelf. Nikhil watches her.

PUSHPAVALLI
Uh... I am issuing "Knobby the one
legged dragon"... Its for 12 and
above but I think Arhaan might like
it. (starts issuing) Why is this
listed under Picture book when this
clearly looks like Fantasy or
Folktale? Do you mind if I make the
change and then issue?
(MORE)

PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D)
(flips through) Oh wow... it's a fairytale... How even-

NIKHIL
-Dont you have a food science degree?

PUSHPAVALLI
Huh... ya.. And I did my masters in food safety and preservation-

NIKHIL
Then why are you working here?

PUSHPAVALLI
Ok Nikhil I already clarified this last week. I didn't know you were coming to the library. I am in Bangalore to spend time with my in laws. I am engaged, here's my ring. I am sorry for what I did-

NIKHIL
Lee Lee Lee... Relax. You dont have to do this every time. I just meant that there are so many food industries, food labs looking for people like you... I am struggling with my own quality team at work-

PUSHPAVALLI
Dont you export within Asia? Asia is the least stringent with quality-

NIKHIL
I am exporting to Europe now-

PUSHPAVALLI
Oh did your packhouse get approved?

NIKHIL
(impressed) Ya ya... it did. But I am having trouble with my consignments. We've been rejected twice already.

CUT TO:

EXT. TEA STALL- PAST

Pushpavalli tells to TBoi

PUSHPAVALLI
Teesre consignement reject hua...
toh business thapp!

CUT BACK

INT. LIBRARY- EVENING- DAY 1

PUSHPAVALLI
Oh one more to go and you'll get
banned huh? (hands the book) Good
Luck!

Pushpavalli goes back to stacking books on the table. Nikhils
taken aback by how she ended the conversation.

NIKHIL
Arhaan! Come buddy... lets go.

Arhaan hears him this time and runs to him.

NIKHIL (CONT'D)
Say bye

ARHAAN
Bye!

PUSHPAVALLI
Oh... Bye Arhaan...See you
tomorrow.

NIKHIL
Oh he's not coming tomorrow. Theres
no one to pick him up because I am
at the hospital all day.

Pushpavalli doesnt pay attention

NIKHIL (CONT'D)
Okay... Bye then.

PUSHPAVALLI
Bye Mr. Rao...

He leaves. Pushpavalli watches him leave. (Thought Shots)

PANKAJ (V.O.)
Pushpavalli!

Pushpavalli snaps out. Pankaj comes to the desk.

PANKAJ
Just search for horse blinders on
the internet no?

PUSHPAVALLI
What?

PANKAJ
Horse Blinders. Just look it up.

PUSHPAVALLI
Horse..

PANKAJ

Blinders... What is it exactly?

PUSHPAVALLI

Uh.. (reads computer) Its that thing you put on a horse so that youre not distracted during the race.(mimes a blinder)

PANKAJ

How?

PUSHPAVALLI

(mimes a blinder) That thing.

PANKAJ

Like that is it

PUSHPAVALLI

Ya... (drops her hands)

PANKAJ

Show

PUSHPAVALLI

(mimes a blinder again) That one

PANKAJ

(grabs her hand in the mime position)

Ya so just keep these up and dont be distracted by all the naked ankles running around alright?

PUSHPAVALLI

What?

PANKAJ

Whats the finish line? Whats the finish line buddy? Vidyuth. Keep you eyes on the motherfucking finish line alright?

Leaves her. Starts walking away.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)

Gallop towards that shit. Fucking Gallop!

Pushpavalli starts lowering her hands

PANKAJ (CONT'D)

And keep it up!

Pushpavallu goes back to miming horse blinders.

PACKAGING ENSUES

INT. LIBRARY- CORRIDOR-DAY- DAY 2

Pushpavalli is running in. T-boi springs up and startles her.

T-BOI

Madam! Aap late kyun aayi. Kabse
aapki rah deh raha hun-

PUSHPAVALLI

Kya... kya chahiye tujhe?

T-BOI

Cosignment ki date pata chal gayi-

PUSHPAVALLI

Kab hai?

T-BOI

Hai hi nahi. Nikhil sir consignment
cancel kar rahe hain-

PUSHPAVALLI

(panics) Kya? Kyun?

T-BOI

Nikhil sir hospital mein itna time
bita rahe hai ki kaam ke liye waqt
hi nahi hai. Isliye cancel-

PUSHPAVALLI

Shit....Kaunse hospital mein hai
uski maa?

T-BOI

Ab fool bhejke apne sakthi ka
pradarshan mat kijiye madam-

PUSHPAVALLI

Bina consignment ke bharosa kaise
jeetoongi main uska?

Pushpavalli starts walking away.

PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D)

Saara plan chaupat ho gaya-

T-BOI

(Catches up) Madam ek minute...Toh
Nikhil sir ki maa ko do baar dhakka
dene ka koi fayda nahi hua?

PUSHPAVALLI

Tune doh baar kyun dhakka diya?

T-BOI

Kyunki pehli baar toh woh giri nahi
na..

PUSHPAVALLI

Uski maa ko dhakka nahi dete toh
kaise laate Nikhil ko meri
engagement pe? Nyuotha deke?

Both of them are silent for a few seconds.

T-BOI

Madam.. Aap Nikhil sir ka bharosa
jeetke badla kyun lena chahti hai?
kya woh aapke padosi the? apna taar
aapke taar se jodke, aapki bijli
churaate the?

PANKAJ (V.O.)

-What you chat items talking about?

PUSHPAVALLI

(startled) Pankaj!!

PANKAJ

Why are you late?

PUSHPAVALLI

Why...why are you carrying those
marbles? Its playstation day. The
kids wont read if you don't let
them play on the play station-

PANKAJ

If we're going to tempt them with
games to read books, we're going to
tempt them with some old fashioned
outdoor games. But fuck that and
explain why are you late again?

PUSHPAVALLI

But but... you're not good at
outdoor sports. Remember in school,
you thought they made you the
goalkeeper but they were just using
you for target practice?

PANKAJ

Okay hey, maybe I wasn't good at
big ball games... I was better at
small ball games.

PUSHPAVALLI

You were bad at cricket also.

PANKAJ

Smaller than that.

PUSHPAVALLI

They didn't let you play table
tennis also because your arms were
too short.

PANKAJ

My arms are not too short to
fucking punch you in the face from
here so just shut up..... Huh?
We'll play? Biff the dumbass? Huh?
(punches and makes a loud noise)

Pushpavalli doesn't react. T boi smiles.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)

Check the list of kids and split
them into two groups-

PUSHPAVALLI

You mean teams like they say in
sports?

PANKAJ

Just... fucking do it!

T-BOI

Sir tea sir?

PANKAJ

Shut up.

T-BOI

Thank you sir.

INT. LIBRARY / EXT. LAWN - SAME TIME- DAY- DAY 2

MONTAGE: Pankaj reaches lawn. Pushpavalli walks behind desk.
CU marbles being poured out into circle. CU Drawer opening.
Pankaj straightens. Pushpavalli straightens. T Boi asks

T-BOI

Madam ab hospital kaise jaen?

PUSHPAVALLI

Pata nahi...(yells)

T-BOI

Toh pata karo

PUSHPAVALLI

(shouting)

Pankaj! There are only 9 kids for
the activity because Arhaan is not
coming today!

PANKAJ

Why?

PUSHPAVALLI

Nikhil said he can't pick him up
because he has to be at the
hospital all day today.

PANKAJ

There's no one else to pick him up
and drop him or what?

Pushpavalli gets an idea and checks the computer.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)

Is there anyone else who can pick
up?... Who does he live with?

PUSHPAVALLI

(mumbles) His grandmother...

PANKAJ

Are you listening to me?

PUSHPAVALLI

(whispers) Pankaj you beautiful man

PANKAJ

(to himself) Pushpavalli you
friggin Dumbass...

INT. SCHOOL RECEPTION/LIBRARY - SAME TIME- DAY 2

A middle aged no nonsense woman picks up the phone.

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST

Hello, Brooksbury International.

PUSHPAVALLI

Hi, I'm calling from Sunny Side Up
Library about Arhaan Shetty. We
have a special activity-

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST

Arhaan Shetty, 4C, Hamilton House?

PUSHPAVALLI

Ya... So we're having a special
activity today at the library.
Please get the school bus to drop
him to the library and not his
grandmother's, thank you!

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST

I am sorry that's not possible. Any
change in pick up and drop can only
be done if the guardian personally
calls and informs us (checks laptop)
in this case his grandmother.

PUSHPAVALLI

We've already spoken to her-

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
Yes but Arhaan's grandmother needs
to call and tell "us" that

PUSHPAVALLI
Ok....Fine! Thank you.

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
Have a nice day!

She bangs the phone.

T-BOI
Ho gaya madam?

She checks watch, mouths a conversation with grandma.

T-BOI (CONT'D)
Madam? Lagta hai aapka cassette
atak gaya!

She picks the landline. Decides against it. Uses burner phone

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
Hello, Brooksbury International-

PUSHPAVALLI
(imitating an old woman)
Hello... hello... ya this is Arhaan
Shetty's grandmother.. ya ya... I'm
calling to inform that he should be-

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
Arhaan Shetty, 4C, Hamilton house?

PUSHPAVALLI
Ya ya ya.... he needs to be dropped
today to the library instead of ...
instead of ... of my house-

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
Oh yes Ma'am, the library called-

PUSHPAVALLI
Ya there is an activity happening
there and if he comes here then
I... I may not be able to drop
him... because as you know... my
driver is on a on a 10 day holiday-

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
Okay ma'am, I'll inform the
transport co-ordinator-

PUSHPAVALLI
-and my eyesight... doesn't allow
me to...

(MORE)

PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D)
to drive a car and my daughter...
Has gone to ... Gone to.. What is
that..That China..

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
I'll also inform the library to
expect Arhaan there today-

PUSHPAVALLI
Oh no no no... no need no need...
we have already spoken...

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
Don't worry ma'am, I'll call them-

PUSHPAVALLI
Please no need no need no need..
Listen to me no need no need.

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
No trouble at all. Have a nice day!

PUSHPAVALLI
No need no need no need-(call cuts)

The landline rings in a few seconds. Pushpavalli takes it.

PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D)
(in grandmother's voice)
Hello... ya ya ya tell me-

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
-Is this Sunny Side up?

PUSHPAVALLI
(realises her mistake)
Ya ya ya... this sunny side up...

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
Is... this Arhaan's grandmother? I
thought I was calling the library.

PUSHPAVALLI
Ya ya ya you did call the
library... Since I am at the
library thats why I said... no need
to call the library... no need-

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
Oh... I thought you said you
weren't keeping well-

PUSHPAVALLI
Ya ya ya but a brisk walk in the
afternoon always... whets the
appetite so thats why... anyway the
phone was ringing here so I picked
it up...

(MORE)

PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D)
 just giving the phone to ya-
 (circles the phone)(as herself)
 Thank you aunty! Hello?

SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST
 Yes, I just wanted to inform you
 that Arhaan's bus will be dropping
 him to the library today.

PUSHPAVALLI
 I know... thank you for the call.
 Have a nice day! (cuts the call)

EXT. LIBRARY LAWN- DAY- DAY 2

Close up, low angle of Pankaj taking a shot with a marble.
 Shift focus to Pankaj's face. He manages to hit a many
 marbles out of the ring. His team cheers

KID 1
 Pankaj Uncle, now you're supposed
 to play on our team now!

PANKAJ
 Let me just finish this game and
 I'll join you guys.

KID 1
 No Uncle, please come otherwise we
 will lose Uncle!! Pleaaase!

The kids chant "Pankaj Uncle On our Team" and the kids on his
 team shout "Don't Go Pankaj Uncle!".

INT. LIBRARY- DAY- DAY 2

Sounds from the cheer continues inside. Pushpavalli is
 putting CDs back.

T-BOI
 Ho gaya madam?

PUSHPAVALLI
 Nahi. Arhaan abhi tak aaya nahi.
 Uske aate hi main usse hospital
 leke jaungi Nikhil ke...Shit
 Nikhil!

Just then her cell phone rings. It's Vidyuth. She cuts the
 call.

T-BOI
 Madam.. aap Nikhil sir se bhi
 doosri aavaaz mein baat karenge?

PUSHPAVALLI

Wh...nahi! Apni aavaaz mein.(calls)

T-BOI

Kya madam.. Itna time waste Mujhe
laga aap aavaaz badal ke baat
karengi. Mazza aayega usika toh
wait kar raha tha- (looks out) arey
goti! (Runs out!)

INT. LIBRARY/INT. HOSPITAL- SAME TIME- DAY- DAY 2

PUSHPAVALLI

(to the phone) Hi Mr. Rao, I'm
calling from Sunny Side Up-

NIKHIL

Ya tell me... Wait Lee is that you?

PUSHPAVALLI

Yes this is Pushpavalli Parasuraman
from Sunny Side Up.

NIKHIL

Oh god you're still doing this.

PUSHPAVALLI

You said Arhaan won't be coming
today but it looks like his school
bus accidentally dropped him here.

NIKHIL

Shit shit shit shit Uh... Ok I'm at
the hospital now... I'll come pick
him later..till when are you open?

PUSHPAVALLI

Actually...uh..there's pest control
happening here today so we're
closing early-

NIKHIL

Damnit! Ok can someone please drop
him to his grandmothers?

PUSHPAVALLI

I called her but no one's answering-

NIKHIL

Okay let me call her-

PUSHPAVALLI

(panics) Nikhil! I have been trying
to reach her for the past half an
hour.

(MORE)

PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D)

I also called the school bus to check if they can come back and drop him to his grandmothers instead but they said they cant. Do you want me to drop him to the hospital? If so then tell me now

NIKHIL

...Yeah, can you please?

PUSHPAVALLI

You could have just said that earlier-

NIKHIL

-Also can you just-

PUSHPAVALLI

What?

NIKHIL

I am sorry to ask you for one more favour... but can you get me change for 2000? I need some petty cash at the hospital.

PUSHPAVALLI

Ok... Ill try.

NIKHIL

Thanks Lee. Ill text you the hospital address.

PUSHPAVALLI

Ya..Bye.

She cuts the call happily. Arhaan comes, drops his bag.

PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D)

Pick up your bag. We're leaving.

EXT. LIBRARY LAWN - MOMENTS LATER- DAY 2

PANKAJ

What? No. Why isn't ankle socks coming and picking him up?

Pushpavalli is standing with a distracted Pankaj. Who's team is winning. All the kids are cheering.

PUSHPAVALLI

He's taking care of his mother in the hospital Pankaj. Just go drop Arhaan, Pankaj. I don't know what to do with him-

PANKAJ

-Che... T- Boi stop it-

T-BOI

-Arey sir kuch nahi bas gudiya ko sikha raha tha (finger action)

PANKAJ

Aye! Mujhe nahin teach karo.

T-BOI

Nahi aapko nahi gudiya ko-

PUSHPAVALLI

-Pankaj! You go. I'll take over the activity-

PANKAJ

-You don't even know how to play.... T-boi! Stop it! (to Pushpavalli) You can go drop him if you want. I'm finishing this.

PUSHPAVALLI

Fine. I'll go but, I'm not coming back after that. I have to go to my in-laws place.

PANKAJ

(focused on game) Yeah whatever go.

PUSHPAVALLI

Also do you have change for 2000?

Pankaj gives his wallet. She takes the money and leaves.

OPTION: Pankaj pulls out wallet. Removes cash. CUT TO

INT. HOSPITAL, OUTSIDE ROOM - MOMENTS LATER- DAY 2

Close up of Pushpavalli's hand extending cash

PUSHPAVALLI

Here's your change.

NIKHIL

Thank you so much Lee! The hospital canteen doesn't accept cards.

Nikhil looks behind her

NIKHIL (CONT'D)

Where is Arhaan?

PUSHPAVALLI

(caught) Hmmm?

NIKHIL

Arhaan?

PUSHPAVALLI

Didn't you want me to drop him to his grandmothers?

NIKHIL

Ya... But werent you supposed to bring him... Anyway thats fine. So then what are you doing here?

PUSHPAVALLI

.... I got you change.

NIKHIL

... oh right.

PUSHPAVALLI

You needed change. Anyway take care bye (turns to leave)

NIKHIL

Lee! Can you sit with Amma for sometime? I really need to talk to the on call doctor.

PUSHPAVALLI

I... don't think thats a good idea also I left something really important at the library! (Turns to leave)

NIKHIL

Lee Lee Lee... Look.. If Appa was here I would't be asking you okay.. I have to get my hands on those doctors notes. I have a feeling they're keeping Amma here longer than its required. Ill just be a few minutes.

PUSHPAVALLI

The last time I met your mom I don't think I made a great impression so I dont think she will be really happy to see me-

NIKHIL

-She's asleep.... Please?

PUSHPAVALLI

....Fine.

NIKHIL

Okay great. Ill be back! (starts to leave)

PUSHPAVALLI
Ya but if she wakes up, her BP
rises, its not me.

NIKHIL
(turns to listen to her)
... okay

PUSHPAVALLI
Also let the record show that you
told me to sit inside. I didnt
volunteer.

He smiles and agrees.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM- DAY- DAY 2

Puhshpavalli enters and calls TBoi from burner phone

EXT. LIBRARY LAWN - DAY- DAY 2

Kids and T boi are cheering. T boi just won. Pankaj & T boi
are in opposing teams. TBoi gets ready for the 2nd shot, his
phone rings. T-boi is distracted and loses the shot.

T-BOI
Dhatt! Phone hai ki alarm!

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM- DAY- DAY 2

PUSHPAVALLI
T boi phone utha!

EXT. LIBRARY LAWN - DAY- DAY 2

T-BOI
Chalo Pankaj sir... aap khelo.

Pankaj looks around the circle looking for the right shot

T-BOI (CONT'D)
Khelo sir khelo!

PANKAJ
Main khel raha hun man! Thoda
stratergise karna toh zaroori hai.

T-BOI
Sorry... sorry sorry.

Pankaj looks for another angle as he lies down

T-BOI (CONT'D)
Yeh kaunsa angle hai sir?

PANKAJ
Distract mat karo!

Sorry sir sorry. T-BOI

PANKAJ
Main kya stupid lag raha hun kya
aisa?

T-BOI
No sir. You are so smart sir.

Pankaj gets ready to take a shot misses. His team groans.

KID 1
Uncle let me play no.

PANKAJ
No we are already losing. Let me
just finish.

KID 1
 Khelna toh aata nahi hai, daant
 raha hai. Kancha nimbu saala.

PANKAJ
What did you say?

KID 1
Nothing you play.

PANKAJ
I am playing only. What am I laying
eggs over here?

KID 1
Why you're talking so much? Play
no!

PANKAJ
Dont talk back to me! I am the
captain-

KID 1
Play-

PANKAJ
-I am playing!

KID 1
-Play-

PANKAJ	KID 1 (CONT'D)
Dont... are you the captain?	Play Play play!

PANKAJ
I am playing!

KID 1
Just play-

T-BOI
Arey vaise bhi mera turn hai. Aur
vaise bhi jab doh bade log khel
rahe ho toh chote bache nahi
khelte, hai na Pankaj sir?

PANKAJ
Eh you just khaalo man!

T-BOI
Sorry sir sorry sorry.

T boi takes the shot while talking, wins. Kids cheer.

T-BOI (CONT'D)
Yeh toh tukke mein bhi lag gaya!

Everybody chants T-boi's name. Pankaj frustrated. Phone rings

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM- DAY- DAY 2

She cuts the call angry, looks at the mother, at her cast and then the table with surgical instruments. (Thought shots) It looks like she is going for scissors but takes the wallet behind it and snoops. She removes a condom and turns away from the mother and tries to read the expiry date. Nikhil walks in with a junior doctor. Pushpavalli drops the wallet.

NIKHIL
Can you please stop being vague and
give me the exact reason for her
still being kept here?

DR. RAMEEZA
Sir... Dr. Karthik has recommended
that we keep your mother under
observation for 7 weeks.

NIKHIL
Is that my mothers chart? Id like
to see the doctors notes. Show me.

DR. RAMEEZA
I am really sorry Sir but I am not
allowed to show you these notes-

NIKHIL
Look... Dr. (looks at badge) Dr.
Rameeza...

(MORE)

NIKHIL (CONT'D)

if you dont show me the notes, I will have to tell Dr. Karthil that you are withholding information from me.

DR. RAMEEZA

I am really sorry sir but its against the hospital policy. I cant do anything about it.

NIKHIL

This is just ridiculous (To Pushpavalli) Lee... I am sorry. I am going to be back in 5 minutes

PUSHPAVALLI

Okay...

Nikhil leaves. Rameeza and Pushpavalli smile politely at each other. Rameeza starts checking Nikhil's moms BP.

PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D)

(to Rameeza)

I'm sorry he walked out so rudely..

DR. RAMEEZA

No thats ok. I understand... its just that... I cant show these notes to your husband-

PUSHPAVALLI

-He's not my husband... He's not married.

DR. RAMEEZA

Oh.. (blushes) okay...

Pushpavalli observes her blush

PUSHPAVALLI

... In case you wanted to know.

DR. RAMEEZA

(smiles) No No... nothing like that-

Rameeza finishes BP check.

PUSHPAVALLI

All ok?

DR. RAMEEZA

Ya. It's just her BP is a little high. But thats fine. She just had surgery so...

PUSHPAVALLI

Does she need anything?

DR. RAMEEZA

No...She's okay...(Beat)
A little scratching inside her cast
maybe cast. I'm sure her leg is
itching. (smiles) I just like to
scratch for them sometimes-

PUSHPAVALLI

(smiling) Isn't that disgusting?

DR. RAMEEZA

It is... but it makes them feel
good (goes for the ruler)

PUSHPAVALLI

Its ok! Let me do it. I am sure you
have 10 more legs to scratch.

Pushpavalli scratches the leg with her hand. Rameeza gives
her a weird look. Rameeza prepares to leave.

PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D)

You know... he's been very anxious
about these doctors notes. Are you
sure you can't do anything?

RAMEEZA

You know I'd really like to... but

PUSHPAVALLI

I understand... You can't give him
the notes but you can forget them?

Rameeza considersn and looks at her guiltily.

PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D)

Its not like there are good looking
men coming to the hospital everyday
and asking you for favours... So I
you can forget maybe...?

RAMEEZA

(consider, finally agrees)
Okay... But dont tell anyone ok.

PUSHPAVALLI

No I wont (smiles)

Rameeza smiles, keeps the file and leaves. Pushpavalli
removes her hand from the cast, takes file to check the
notes. One sheet reads "The patient is recommended to be in
the hospital for 7 weeks". She finds a pen practices changing
7 to 4 on her fingers and then carefully changes the 7 to 4.
She hears footsteps, keeps the file back and goes back to
scratching. A ward boy enters, looks at her weirdly for
scartching the cast with her hand.

EXT. LIBRARY LAWN- EARLY EVENING- DAY 2

Pankaj is focusing on taking a shot. T-Boi's phone rings.
Pankaj misses his shot.

PANKAJ
Phone ko friggin off karo man!

T-BOI
Sorry sorry sir... my fault.. Aap
ek kaam karo sir dobara turn lelo.

KID 1
Jaise ab bada maar lega ye-

Everybody laughs.

PANKAJ
Okay stop laughing man... You dont
understand. I have double jointed
fingers so they bend too much and I
cant sit on my haunches alright...
it hurts. Its a condition I have
had-

T-BOI
Ok sir... ok sir. I understand.
Medical Problem. Pankaj sir aap
pair ke finger se khel lo.

PANKAJ
Finger toe ke saath nahin khel
sakte hai-

T-BOI
Khel sakte hain sir dekho(uses toe)
idhar rakhiye, aise zorse maariye,
(hits marble) dekhiye kaise gaya.

Kids cheer "T Boi". Pankaj gives up and starts to leave.

T-BOI (CONT'D)
Arey sir... yeh waala point coint
nahi hoga...Sir..rematch kar lete
hain!...sir friendly match khel
lete hain sir!

INT. LIBRARY- EARLY EVENING- DAY 2

Pankaj walks into the library. Kids are cheering in the
background.

T-BOI
Chalo hum sab log khel lete hain!

Arhaan runs to Pankaj.

ARHAAN

Pankaj uncle I am getting bored.
Can I also go play with marbles?

PANKAJ

Yeah go who's sropping you...
(realises) Wait, what are you still
doing here?

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM- EVENING- DAY 2

Pushpavalli is scartching the leg. Nikhil enters.

NIKHIL

These doctors are fucking idiots-..
Lee what are you doing?

PUSHPAVALLI

Doctors notes. Doctors notes!

NIKHIL

Where?

PUSHPAVALLI

Here here... right here.

Nikhil takes it and starts reading.

NIKHIL

See! It says here she has to be
here only for 4 weeks. They've been
telling me she needs to be here for
7 weeks!

PUSHPAVALLI

What! Take photos!

NIKHIL

Oh ya thats a good idea. Man I knew
something was off. I just knew it.

PUSHPAVALLI

I am sure this is a relief... to
you... to your mom.. Workwise.
Arent you exporting to Europe now?

NIKHIL

Ya I almost cancelled my
consignment?

PUSHPAVALLI

Really?

NIKHIL

Ya...Wait (stops clicking and looks up) Lee? Did you steal these?

PUSHPAVALLI

No No no!! That Rameeza looked like she wanted your babies so I just pushed her in that direction.

NIKHIL

(smiles) Thats actually pretty genius

PUSHPAVALLI

I just look like a dumbass scratching your moms leg.

NIKHIL

Ya why are you still doing that?
(picks up the ruler) Why dont you just use the ruler like the rest of us?

She looks embarassed and stops. She removes her hand, freezes, stares at her hand.

NIKHIL (CONT'D)

What? What happened?

PUSHPAVALLI

Give me the ruler (snatches it from Nikhil and puts it inside)

Pushpavalli starts frantically looking inside the cast.

NIKHIL

What the hell are you doing? Youre going to wake up Amma!

PUSHPAVALLI

Its going further inside

NIKHIL

Whats going further inside?

PUSHPAVALLI

My engagement ring is stuck inyour moms cast!

NIKHIL

(laughs) Are you serious?

PUSHPAVALLI

(stops using the ruler)
You have some sort of hook? Some sort of a device? A hanger or something. I could just bend it and put it inside

NIKHIL
(laughs) Lee its ok let it..

PUSHPAVALLI
A hook or something? Anything-

NIKHIL
(grabs her hand) Lee... Lee... just
Relax. Once they cut Amma's cast
Ill bring your ring to the Library

PUSHPAVALLI
Library...(snaps out) I forgot
something important at the Library!

Pushpavalli picks up everything and starts running out.

NIKHIL
What...?

PUSHPAVALLI
Where's the exit? Where's the exit?
I need to get to the library!

Pushpavalli runs out!

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)
What is this place?

Runs out (right to left)

INT. LIBRARY - NIGHT- DAY 2

Puspavalli is seen rushing across library window (right to left) in panic. She enters and notices Pankaj sitting at a small desk stroking Arhaan's sleeping head on his lap. She freezes.

PANKAJ
(whispers) Forget something?

PUSHPAVALLI
Pankaj I-

PANKAJ
Shhh. He's sleeping.

They both continue whispering through the scene.

PUSHPAVALLI
Pankaj the thing is, my in laws
called and told me there was an
emergency.. My father in law.., he
was complaining of chest pain.

PANKAJ
Oh...And then?

PUSHPAVALLI

..it turned out to be acidity...

PANKAJ

Then you decided to come back here-

PUSHPAVALLI

Yeah.

PANKAJ

-and lie to my fucking face?

PUSHPAVALLI

What? No No!

PANKAJ

I called your in laws and I know you didn't go there. So where the fuck did you go?

PUSHPAVALLI

(rubs her hands) Actually Pankaj... I didn't want to tell you this but, I had to sell my engagement ring to help pay off Vidyuth's debt.

PANKAJ

Balls!! Dont lie to me.

PUSHPAVALLI

Pankaj, I moved cities to stalk a guy I liked. Imagine the lengths I'll go for the man I love.

PANKAJ

Pfffftt! (spits on Arhaan) Shit I spat on his face.

PUSHPAVALLI

Anyway you dont have to believe me. This is something Vidyuth and I we did for our safe future and for our marriage. So you dont have to believe me.

PANKAJ

So Vidyuth knows about this?

PUSHPAVALLI

... Ya.

PANKAJ

I can call him?

PUSHPAVALLI

Yeah...call him.

PANKAJ
Ill call him?

PUSHPAVALLI
...yeah. Please actually. Good
idea.

PANKAJ
I am calling him

Pankaj dials a number on his phone

PUSHPAVALLI
You have his number?

Pankaj listens to the phone ring.

PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D)
Is it ringing?

PANKAJ
Ya...

Vidyuth answers the call.

VIDYUTH (V.O.)
Hello?... Hello? Yaar pa idhu?

Pankaj is about to answer but Pushpavalli interrupts.

PUSHPAVALLI
Listen can you just apologise to
him that I betrayed his trust by
telling a 3rd person about
something that should have stayed
between him and me?

VIDYUTH (V.O.)
Who is this?

PANKAJ
(into the phone)
Vidyuth?

VIDYUTH (V.O.)
Ya who's this?

PUSHPAVALLI
Pankaj also tell him I am really
embarrassed that I couldnt get
enough money for my ring. So he
needs to sell his ring as well. Can
you please tell him that?

VIDYUTH (V.O.)
Yo! hello!

PANKAJ
(into the phone)
Uh...

PUSHPAVALLI
Aplogise... and then embrassed

VIDYUTH (V.O.)
Hello yaar pa idhhu?

PANKAJ
(into the phone)
Uh... I

PUSHPAVALLI
I am apologising... and then
embrassement.

PANKAJ
(into the phone)
I... just wanted to say happy
married life man

VIDYUTH (V.O.)
Thank you! But who is this?

PUSHPAVALLI
(waving) Pankaj?

PANKAJ
(into the phone)
She is a good catch.

VIDYUTH
Thank you but why are you calling
this late?

PANKAJ
(into the phone)
Ita a weird time to call I know...
See ya man

Pankaj hangs up

PUSHPAVALLI
Pankaj apologise and embarassed.
Pankaj why didnt you...?

PANKAJ
(raises his voice) Dont push it!

PUSHPAVALLI
Shhh... Arhaan's sleeping.

Pankaj looks irritated. Pushpavalli gives a look.