

Episode 4
Final Shoot Draft
(Pushpavalli S2)

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EXT. LIBRARY LAWN- GOLA CART - DAY 1

Pushpavalli is making a gola on the manual gola maker. A kid is standing there. Few kids are sitting around eating gola. The gola maker gets stuck. Pushpavalli struggles with it. Nikhil enters.

NIKHIL (V.O.)
You need a hand?

PUSHPAVALLI
Oh! Hi!...Yeah sure (backs off)

Nikhil starts clapping. Pushpavalli and the kid stare at him.

NIKHIL
(laughing his ass off)
Get it?

Pushpavalli continues looking at him incredulously.

NIKHIL (CONT'D)
Get it? I am giving you a hand!

Nikhil continues laughing.

PUSHPAVALLI
Okay...

NIKHIL
Let me help you-

PUSHPAVALLI
No its fine-

NIKHIL
No let me-

PUSHPAVALLI
No its really fine.

Pushpavalli continues working on the gola machine.

NIKHIL
Hey listen, thanks again for
getting me those doctors notes.

PUSHPAVALLI
Oh I also dropped Arhaan-

NIKHIL
-Yeah thanks for that too-

PUSHPAVALLI
Also got you change-

NIKHIL
I got it. I owe you one-

PUSHPAVALLI

-You owe me three-

NIKHIL

-You stole my dog-

PUSHPAVALLI

-Fine we're even.

NIKHIL

That's what I thought.

PUSHPAVALLI

So... How's work? Uh consignments cancelled or...

NIKHIL

Oh yeah yeah we're back on track now... hopefully-

PUSHPAVALLI

Hopefully?

NIKHIL

My Wuality Manager. He seems to have a problem with everything. He has problems exporting to Europe, he had problems with documentation He has problems with reading a water report-

PUSHPAVALLI

He doesn't know how to read a water report? Anyone can read a water report. Just download the standard and then compare numbers. I mean I could do it for free.

NIKHIL

Really?

PUSHPAVALLI

Yeah. (gives gola to kid) 200 rupees.

Pankaj enters the lawn, notices Nikhil and Pushpavalli talking. He is not happy.

NIKHIL

One second. Youll read my water report for free but youll charge that kid 200 rupees for a snowcone that too in a plastic cup?

PUSHPAVALLI

... Did you just call it a snowcone?

NIKHIL
Yeah... Why?

PUSHPAVALLI
It's a gola.

NIKHIL
A what?

PUSHPAVALLI
Gola... its very easy. Say gola!
Its very important

NIKHIL
No no no...

PUSHPAVALLI
You will not be accepted in this
country

<p>NIKHIL I am not saying it. Its a snowcone</p>	<p>PUSHPAVALLI (CONT'D) You cant say snowcone</p>
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Nikhil and Pushpavalli continue arguing. Pankaj, who has walked up the gola cart, interrupts them.

PANKAJ
The Beijing in pollutions pretty
bad huh

Pushpavalli and Nikhil look confused.

NIKHIL
What?

PANKAJ
(realising his mistake)
The pollution in Beijing's pretty
bad. Whatever. You should Swati to
get a pollution mask you know...

NIKHIL
... Okay I will. (to Pushpavalli)
Its a snowco-

PANKAJ
You speak to her is it?

Nikhil turns to Pankaj.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)
Whenever... if you speak to her,
let her know.. if and when.

NIKHIL
I will

PANKAJ
If and when you speak you know.

NIKHIL
I will.

PANKAJ
Keep in touch?

NIKHIL
(to Pushpavalli) You know what-

PANKAJ
Keep in touch much?

Nikhil throws him a look. Pushpavalli smiles.

NIKHIL
(to pushpavalli) I am going to
leave. Ill see you tomorrow, Bye.
(starts to leave)

PUSHPAVALLI
Nikhil!

NIKHIL
(turns back to her) Ya?

PUSHPAVALLI
You forgot something.

NIKHIL
Okay fine. Thank you so much Lee
for everything that you have done.
I really appreciate it. Your help
has been tremendous and (points at
the gola) its called-

PUSHPAVALLI
Arhaan.

NIKHIL
Right... (shouts) Arhaan!

Arhaan runs to Nikhil.

NIKHIL (CONT'D)
(to Arhaan) Why do you keep
forgetting to go with me?

Arhaan and Nikhil leave.

NIKHIL (CONT'D)
(to Pushpavalli) See you!

PUSHPAVALLI
Bye!

Pankaj, who has been watching all this, walks closer to Pushpavalli.

PANKAJ

Enjoying?

PUSHPAVALLI

He came to me!

PANKAJ

Oh yeah?

PUSHPAVALLI

He wanted to talk about his work with me. It was professional.

PANKAJ

Oh... I am sorry is he paying you to talk about his work?

PUSHPAVALLI

No but-

PANKAJ

Then it's not professional.

PUSHPAVALLI

Ya But it was still work related.

PANKAJ

No No No, see if I pay a hooker to sleep with me that's professional as long as she is sleeping with me alright. But in the middle of the sex I start talking about this months reading list, then it gets personal... and weird

PUSHPAVALLI

Did you just call me a hooker?

PANKAJ

Pfft... You wish! Can't even walk with your back straight.

Pushpavalli straightens her back as Pankaj walks away.

PACKAGING ENSUES

INT. PG- KITCHEN- EARLY MORNING- DAY 2

Pushpavalli enters as her phone rings. Its her mom.

PUSHPAVALLI

Haan sollu ma

PUSHPAVALLI'S MOM
Pushpavalli have you eaten?

PUSHPAVALLI
Dont worry ma. I am not eating.

PUSHPAVALLI'S MOM
Good good. Have you slept well?

PUSHPAVALLI
Ya I slept for 8 hours-

PUSHPAVALLI'S MOM
Why! I told you to sleep for only 6 hours. Why did you sleep for 8 hours? Already paakarthukku pooshnikai maadri irrike. Now you'll like one water balloon.

PUSHPAVALLI
Seri ma Seri, I wont sleep.

PUSHPAVALLI'S MOM
What about your inlaws? Did you meet them?

PUSHPAVALLI
Actually ma. I dont know what to do. That Vidyuth went on some trip. He didnt even say bye. And then I keep calling my in laws. They keep giving excuses saying they are going to this temple that temple. So I left them alone.

PUSHPAVALLI'S MOM
Yenne di iddhu. Chennai ki illiyam, chembukku illiyaam. Arakeerai ki vandudu sorichalngara maadri pesarai?

PUSHPAVALLI
Meaning?

PUSHPAVALLI'S MOM
If you want something means they eont comr and scartch for you. You have to scratch yourself

PUSHPAVALLI
Yenne ma solre!

PUSHPAVALLI'S MOM
I dont care if you have to pitch a tent outside that temple. Meet your inlaws and make them like you before they find out what a mistake you are.

PUSHPAVALLI

Seri ma seri. Ill meet them okay.

PUSHPAVALLI'S MOM

Pushpavalli!

PUSHPAVALLI

Ma please ma (makes disturbance noise) ma kekave illiye ma!

PUSHPAVALLI'S MOM

Pushpavalli?

PUSHPAVALLI

(makes disturbance noise) network problem oh? (cuts the call)

PUSHPAVALLI'S MOM

Ippo kekaade. Adhiga prasangi.

Pushpavalli turns to leave but notices the fridge and opens it. She looks for something inside. She finds butter hidden in the vegetable crate. She takes a slab of butter, bites

SRISHTI

Kya kar rahi hain

Pushpavalli gets startled.

TARA

Tuh bhook hadthaal pe hai na jab tak Nikhil se badla nahi le leti?

PUSHPAVALLI

Haan! Main khaana nahi khaati par jab mujhe bahut bhook lage toh main thoda sa butter kha leti hun.

TARA

Isse revenge chahiye ki revenge body?

SRISHTI

Dono... ladke bhi toh doh doh hain.

Pushpavalli's phone rings, startling her again.

TARA

Phone silent pe bhi nahi rakhna.

SRISHTI

PG mein Chupke se bhi rehna

TARA

Phone uthaegi! Yaa Vasu ko uthaegi.

PUSHPAVALLI
(picks up) Hmm...Aaj hi...hmm..2
kam honge, charo dal... (cuts call)

SRISHTI
Kya daal?

PUSHPAVALLI
Chaaro-

TARA
-Bakwaas mat kar, kabse humein
chaara daal rahi hai.

SRISHTI
Kiska phone tha?

PUSHPAVALLI
T-boi.

TARA
Woh jo poora time khush ghumte
rehta hai Jaise baap ban gaya ho.

SRISHTI
Usse plan ki poori khabar hain.

TARA
Tere baal jalte hue dekhe woh

SRISHTI
Nikhil ki maa ko dhakka de woh.

TARA
Aur humen bus baal jalne ka video
mila

SRISHTI
Aaj ka plan bata de

TARA
Warna hum tera aaj ka plan bana
dete hain

SRISHTI
Doosri PG dhoondne ka

PUSHPAVALLI
Nahi guys-

TARA AND SRISHTI
Shh!

PUSHPAVALLI
Kya?

Vasu enters and faces Pushpavalli who looks scared.

VASU
(sleep talking) Yen aayithu mama
yen aayithu... Aiyo heart attack-
aah?

TARA
Woh neend mein chal rahi hai.

SRISHTI
Ghoomke vaapas chali jaegi.

VASU
You want water? Ill give.

Vasu turns to the water canister.

VASU (CONT'D)
Alla if you want water means simply
just no mama why you had to do
heart attack and all...

Vasu walks out.

VASU (CONT'D)
Now I have to call the ambulance or
what? Hospital nann thaathan-da?

INT. PG HALL- EARLY MORNING- DAY 2

Vasu stands with a glass of water in front of the sofa. The
girls sneak out in the background.

VASU
Beka mama neeru? But I am really
thirsty mama... Summer alva..Tumba
hot. Thats why I said put AC put AC
put AC.... but youre such pittasi.
I'll drink water and then call the
ambulance mama...you'll be fine no-

The girls reach their room door, Pushpavalli's phone rings,
waking up Vasu, who drops the water and wakes up completely.
The girls manage to run to the room.

VASU (CONT'D)
(calm) Aiyaiyo, So much water I
spilt. Overacting I did off this
time.. Maavaiya is cursing from up
above? (looking up) yaar clean
maadoudu idhu? I only have to
clean. (walks to the kitchen)
Morning morning one workout has
happened.

INT. PG- KITCHEN- EARLY MORNING- DAY 2

Vasu walks in and notices the open fridge.

VASU
But why I opened the fridge? Mama
doesn't like ice water...

She notices the butter, realises whats going on, mutters to herself as she takes a cooker and bangs it with a spoon

VASU (CONT'D)
Eh Raakshasigala! Come out! Come
out of all of you! All robbers
stealing from Vasu's Fridge? You
think you'll escape? You brabarian
butter biting bandits!!

EXT. LIBRARY LAWN - DAY

Pushpavalli stands with some kids around a face painter.

KID 1
Aunty see! Butterfly!

PUSHPAVALLI
So pretty. Next time get a
scorpion. Dont get butterfly.

She turns to face the library where a BDA official exits smiling and talking to Pankaj.

EXT. LIBRARY- AT THE DOOR- DAY 2

MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL (CHENGAPPA)
Illa illa lunch beda... dabba-li
majigehuli ide. Majigehuli
gothalva?

PANKAJ
(smiling a lot) haan haan haan!

MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL (CHENGAPPA)
Majigehuli yen beauty andre...
correct blend beku...majige mathe
huli... yeradu otige bandidre !Yen
Sakath combination!

PANKAJ
Correct sir! Haha. Sir that three
phase connection?-

MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL (CHENGAPPA)
Haan haan. neevu baruvaara
barthiralva?

PANKAJ
Baruvaara?(laughs) ya ya ya correct-

MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL (CHENGAPPA)
(serious) correct illa... nivu
municipal office ge barthiralva?

PANKAJ
(serious) huh? Haan haan haan! Ill
come to Municpal office sir!

MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL (CHENGAPPA)
(leaving) ok ok barthini-

Pushpavalli sneaks up from behind Pankaj

PUSHPAVALLI
What were you guys talking about?-

PANKAJ
-Holy fuckin ostrich man, relax!
Dont sneak up on me like that!

PUSHPAVALLI
Was that the electricity connection
guy?

PANKAJ
Ya...

PUSHPAVALLI
Why were you guys were talking
about the butter milk dish?

PANKAJ
What? Is that what he was saying? I
thought he was talking about my 3
phase electricity connection man!!

PUSHPAVALLI
Why would he be passionate about
electricity connection?

PANKAJ
Then why was I kissing his ass this
whole time?

PUSHPAVALLI
I dont know

Arhaan walks over with a large joker smiley face painted on
him and a messy shirt. He appears to be sobbing loudly.

PANKAJ
What are you laughing at?

PUSHPAVALLI

I don't think he's laughing Pankaj.
Your betu boy's been sulking all
day because he misses Swati. Call
her no.

PANKAJ

When did you last speak to her?

ARHAAN

Yesterday

PANKAJ

Ya so you can speak to her
tomorrow. (to Pushpavalli) He's
allowed to speak to her only once
in 2 days. Its part of the routine.

PUSHPAVALLI

Pavam... Just call her no.

PANKAJ

No. She knows whats good for him.
Also... I dont want to get into
this....

PUSHPAVALLI

You're right... (to Arhaan) Arhaan!
When Nikhil uncle comes to pick you
up, tell him to call your mother-

PANKAJ

-Ok it'll be late in Beijing by the
time he comes to pick him up so...
I'll call her (starts taking Arhaan
in)

PUSHPAVALLI

Are you sure?

PANKAJ

I'll make the call!

PUSHPAVALLI

Youre sure right?

PANKAJ

I will... just... I am sure man..
(to arhaan) Come betu boy

PUSHPAVALLI

What?

PANKAJ

Arhaan dude... Shit... relax!

INT. PG HALL - DAY- DAY 2

Butter bars are spread on the table. Girls are huddled up.

VASU

Number one, shut off your phones.
Number two. Someone in Vasu's PG is
stealing the community butter from
Vasu's kitchen for the last 3 days.

REHNA

Kal toh butter tha fridge mein

VASU

Thank you ma Myna.

REHNA

It's Rehna.

VASU

Thats number three. If you steal
one full bar of butter, I
understand. Maybe you are making a
surprise thank you Vasu best PG
cake or something. But what is
this?? (holding up butter with bite
marks) But what is this brabrarian
butter biting attitude ma? yaar
amma maadididdu?

Tara, Srishti and Pearl exchange glances.

VASU (CONT'D)

You will not say? Helalva?
Irilibidi! To Find this sick
person, Vasu will become a forensic
person. Now each one of you will
take a bite from these freshly new
butter bars and then I will compare
the butter marks and find out who
the thief is. Come on. Banni

Tara Srishti smile.

TARA

Vasu... Agar sab butter kaatenge
toh butter khatam ho jaega na.

SRISHTI

Isse acha tuh humen saabun laakar
dede.

TARA AND SRISHTI

(Turn their head in unison)
Hum usse kaat denge.

VASU

Ohoooo! Kokarako cocky chickens
with cocky ideas wanting to start a
cocky revolution! You want to
finish my soap also!

PEARL

I am not fucking biting anything-

REHNA

Ya this is ridiculous.

VASU

Okay. No trust huh! Fine no trust
means no service. From today I am
not buying groceries for this PG.
Mugith kadhe

PEARL

And what is the cook supposed to
cook with?

VASU

Ah logical rani is making very very
good point. Thank you ms (picks her
phone and makes a call)

REHNA

Vasu what are you doing?

Vasu makes a face to shut Rehna up

VASU

(walks away) Hello Deepak? Where
are you? Bus stand all iddiya? Do
one thing, take one auto and go
straight home! Ayitha?

Girls protest.

INT. LIBRARY- DAY- DAY 2

Arhaan holds the phone up to his face as Pankaj watches.

SWATI (V.O.)

And once you get home betu boy,
cuddle up with Grammy and go to
sleep okay? Mamma will arrange for
another shirt for you and I'll talk
to you day after tomorrow. B

ARHAAN

Okay mama, bye!!

He is about to cut the call when Pankaj grabs it from him.

PANKAJ
Oooaaaaii! (faces Swati) Hi.

Arhaan resists.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)
Give me the phone! Its my phone. Go play.(to Swati) hey hi.

SWATI
(stoic) Pankaj, how have you been?

PANKAJ
Uh... Good... good... uh.. Today the BDA guy came for-

SWATI
-The electricity thing...

PANKAJ
Ya... Ya so.. so I might have to go to the BDA to finalise it... anyway...uhm...how's China?

SWATI
Oh how's china... so you care?

PANKAJ
About China? I mean, the economy is rising like a dragon-

SWATI
-Pankaj, please. If you really cared, you wouldn't be tailgating my son's phone call to talk to me.

PANKAJ
I..I didn't know if you wanted to talk to me.

SWATI
Why wouldn't I want to talk to you?

PANKAJ
Why wouldnt... Because... Do you even remember? We fought, because you rejected the advance of my...(embarrassed hushed) *kiss*...

She looks at him confused and judgemental.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)
Don't look at me like you don't... the (hushed) *kiss..that you rejected and..* We fought about it.

SWATI

Oh so when people have an argument they're not supposed to talk to each other after that? They are just supposed to sulk in a corner. I am sorry I didnt know you were this juvenile. Let me hang up right now-

PANKAJ

No don't hang up!

SWATI

No, let me hang up, I didnt know that you think people can never resolve issues if they have a tiff and that you should give each the cold shoulder for eternity.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)

No no thats not what I meant.. I am... I am sorry... I am sorry I didnt call.

They stay silent. Swati is static.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)

Hello? Hello... Are you there?

SWATI

Yes I'm here. But I need to go. The conference is starting...

PANKAJ

Okay. Can I call you later?

SWATI

(smiles) Ill wait for it...Bye Kaju.

PANKAJ

(hangs up) Still got it!

He turns around notices Pushpavalli standing there.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)

What are you doing here?

PUSHPAVALLI

..waiting for a kiss...Kaju...

She can't keep it in and begins giggling. Pankaj is enraged and throws something at her.

EXT. LIBRARY LAWN - DAY

CUT TO A kid catches a ball and runs around a face painter who is wrapping up the activity.

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)
 No no no. No running around! Just
 go inside and read

Pushpavallin walks, holding blue tarpaulin sheet, across
 camera as a wipe

INT. LIBRARY- DAY- DAY 2

CUT TO Tarp wipe clears to reveal Pankaj dropping books on a
 blue table and keeping another set of books on the shelf.

PANKAJ
 Four to five.. four to five...
 these are for ages... four to five.

Some books fall, he bends to pick them up.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)
 Ah... suck on a shit ass

Nikhil walk past window. Pankaj notices.

PANKAJ (CONT'D)
 Fuck me with a corkscrew, this
 bastard.

NIKHIL
 (enters) Hey... I'm supposed to
 give this to you, uhm where's
 Pushpavalli?

PANKAJ
 What is this some kind of joke?

NIKHIL
 What?

PANKAJ
 (looks at the shirt
 angrily)
 What is this some kind of a joke?

NIKHIL
 What?

PANKAJ
 What is this man? Just because I am
 shorter than you, you'll buy me a
 small shirt. Is this supposed to be
 some kind of prank? You know
 anybody would look short next to
 you alright. A ladder would look
 short next to you!

NIKHIL

Thanks?

PANKAJ

Thaanks?? Does this sound like a compliment? Oh what you were the captain of the basketball team?

NIKHIL

Actually I was-

PANKAJ

Oh you were is it? Then dont fucking show off. Even I can do a lay up. Just lost touch. (notices shirt) I DONT EVEN WEAR CHECKS!

NIKHIL

(irritated) Look, Swati asked me to give you that. It's for Arhaan. Do you know where Pushpavalli is? I really need to talk to her.

PANKAJ

(hurt) Why would Swati... What did buy this on the way?

NIKHIL

I really need-

PUSHPAVALLI

(entering) Pankaj one of the kids swallowed a bottle of red paint (notices Nikhil) oh...hi...Arhaan's outside, ill get him.

NIKHIL

(to pushpavalli)
No no dont worry about him, Ill pick him up later... Listen can you help me read my packhouse's water report?

PUSHPAVALLI

Where's your Quality manager?

NIKHIL

Lets not get into that... Can you help me or not?

PUSHPAVALLI

Ok give it to me.

Pankaj, angry, is watching Nikhil and Pushpavalli's chat.

NIKHIL

I dont have it on me right now. Its
at the packhouse. Will you come
with me?

PUSHPAVALLI

Ok... come

Pushpavalli and Nikhil start to leave. Pankaj stops them.

PANKAJ

You need to wash the paint off the
lawn.

PUSHPAVALLI

Oh I put a tarpaulin sheet before
we started the activity.

PANKAJ

Update the reading list then.

PUSHPAVALLI

I did that yesterday-

PANKAJ

-Put the books back on the shelf.

PUSHPAVALLI

I'll do that tomorrow.

PANKAJ

No. Now.

PUSHPAVALLI

Pankaj Ill come early and do that
tomorrrw-

PANKAJ

I'm sorry who is paying you to
clear your fiance's debt? Huh?

Pushpavalli is shocked.

NIKHIL

Lee its ok. I'll figure it out.
I'll call you if I need your help.
(leaves)

Pushpavalli stares Pankaj down, thrpws the tarp. She starts
putting books back angrily. Few moments pass

PANKAJ

Fine go...(no response) Just go man
.. I shouldn't have said that
alright... I'm sorry.

PUSHPAVALLI

You didn't have to embarrass me, especially in front of him. I have done that enough for a lifetime

PANKAJ

I wasn't trying to embarrass-

PUSHPAVALLI

You treat me like shit in front of everyone, that's fine. But you treat me like shit and embarrass me in front of him? That's not okay with me.

PANKAJ

I wasn't angry with you, alright. I was angry at him and then I... I wasn't even angry with him, I was angry with Swati and I took it out on you-

PUSHPAVALLI

Why because she called you Kaju?

PANKAJ

No because.. We are a thing okay.

PUSHPAVALLI

Ya I know... you've had a crush on her forever.

PANKAJ

Ya and then we kissed after that.

PUSHPAVALLI

(drops the anger, smiles excitedly and runs to Pankaj)

What!? You kissed! (holds his shoulders)

PANKAJ

Eh chee don't touch and all dude-

PUSHPAVALLI

-When did this happen? And you're telling me this now??? Was it at the library? Did she lean in? Did you also lean in? Was it together? Was it like a frenchie?

PANKAJ

Ok relax you Pervert!... It was astronomy night here... Apparently you could see Jupiter with binoculars.

(MORE)

PANKAJ (CONT'D)

But all these kids forgot to bring binoculars and there's too much light pollution. Anyway, the kids fell asleep on the lawn...and Swati was lying down next to me... and we did some shit...

PUSHPAVALLI

What did you do?

PANKAJ

What do you mean? Like I braided her hair. We kissed man

PUSHPAVALLI

Thats so sweet I am so happy for you! (drops smile) Wait so if you and Swati are a thing then why is Nikhil picking up Arhaan?

PANKAJ

Because we're not a thing thing!...we're casual thing-

PUSHPAVALLI

Youre okay with casual?

PANKAJ

No I am not... Thats whats pissing me off! How is she ok with <makes kissing gesture> with me. But then they have a little pick-my-kid-up-and-drop-him-at-the-library shit She could have asked me to do it! Is that not in the casual category?...What is this shit man!... Fucking with my head.

They stay silent.

PUSHPAVALLI

You guys kissed... and then?

PANKAJ

Then we went to the ice cream store.

PUSHPAVALLI

Oh my god! Then?

PANKAJ

Ya... we had this little flavour of ice cream. I dont know if youve heard of it. Its called mind your own fucking business. You should try it out sometime. Its damn tasty.

Pushpavalli drops the smile and moves away. Comes back to hug him

PUSHPAVALLI
I am so happy for you!

Pankaj is disgusted and moves away.

Writers note: Naveen and Sumukhi improvised the above ending which made it to the final edit instead of what the writers wrote. Frankly the writers are tired of Naveen and Sumukhi wanting to improvise all the time.

CUT TO:

INT. PACKHOUSE - SORTING AREA- DAY- DAY 2

Pushpavalli enters. As she's walking in T-boi joins her and begins to mutter in hushed whispers

T-BOI
Kul milaake 200 crate hain.. Toh
main 10 packet zinak khareed loon?

PUSHPAVALLI
Hmmm

T-BOI
Zinak ya zinak ka namak

PUSHPAVALLI
Namak

She reaches the main area only to see, Nikhil is talking to the guy we saw at the Tea stall . He is the QA Manager.

NIKHIL
This is the third time in one month
that we are changing the RO filters-

T-BOI
Madam sakthi!

PUSHPAVALLI
Ja yahan se!

T-BOI
(looks away, brighten expression)
Sir tea sir!

Pushpavalli watches Nikhil and the QA Manager.

QA MANAGER
-Yes sir..but filters are getting
damaged means what to do sir.

NIKHIL

Ramesh when we installed it you said we have to change the filters once in 6 months maybe-

QA MANAGER

-That's why I am saying better change the RO system only. Inspection also is in 2 weeks-

NIKHIL

-But why are the filters getting damaged?

QA MANAGER

....Kaveri water is coming in full force no sir. Maybe thats why-

PUSHPAVALLI

(interrupts) That doesn't make any sense....Its not like Kaveri water is coming directly to the RO. It gets collected in your tank. So Have you checked the tank?

QA MANAGER

(guages her) uh... madam...we only have to test final water for export-

PUSHPAVALLI

Ya but your source water has to be fit before it enters the RO plant... so that your RO filters don't get damaged.

QA MANAGER

Source water is fine only... But who are you madam? From RO service?

NIKHIL

(interrupts) When did we check our source water?

QA MANAGER

Some time back, but no need now sir. It's clean only.

PUSHPAVALLI

Where is your tank?

QA MANAGER

(to Nikhil) Sir, there is no need-

PUSHPAVALLI

Why don't you we go check the tank?

QA MANAGER
Sir...better to focus on the
inspection-

PUSHPAVALLI
If the inspector insists on seeing
the tank then?

QA MANAGER
Inspector wont ask all thse things.

PUSHPAVALLI
How do you know?

QA MANAGER
You dont know the procedure mam.

PUSHPAVALLI
I may not know the procedure but
he'll still insist on checking the
tank.

QA MANAGER
Who are you to ask me all thse
things!

PUSHPAVALLI
Doesnt matter-

NIKHIL
(interrupts)
One second! Lets go check the tank-

The three of them start moving to go the tank. The QA manager
looks unhappy. Pushpvalli holds Nikhil back

PUSHPAVALLI
Get me a sterile container from
your lab.

NIKHIL
Why?

PUSHPAVALLI
To test the source water.

Nikhil leans forward and gives Pushpavalli a side hug.

NIKHIL
I am so glad youre here.

Cut to Flashback: Sidehugs and anger

EXT. PACKHOUSE- WATER TANK- DAY- DAY 2

Nikhil walks up to the tank carrying a small beaker.

QA MANAGER

Madam! Madam! What are you doing inside! Please come out!

T-BOI

Sir koi fayda nahi rok ke. Sheher chod deti hain... yeh toh fir bhi tanki hai.

QA MANAGER

(notices Nikhil) Rao sir! Rao sir she is gone off inside-

NIKHIL

Who?

QA MANAGER

That madam!

NIKHIL

What! Then what are you looking at?
! Lee! Pushpavalli! (near the tanks mouth)Are you ok?

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)

(puts her hand out)I am fine! Just give me the container?

NIKHIL

Lee just get out right now!

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)

Just shut up and give me the container!

Nikhil throws it in. It hits Pushpavalli (this really happened on set)

NIKHIL

Sorry!

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)

Got it got it!

NIKHIL

How could you let her go in?

T-BOI

Sir woh...Khadda dekh ke khud hi giri gayi, hum kya karen.

Nikhil throws a look to T-Boi.

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)

Oh shit!

NIKHIL

What! What happened? Are you ok?

PUSHPAVALLI

Can you give me that thing you use
to scoop things?

NIKHIL

What?

PUSHPAVALLI

(hand out and makes cup gesture)
That long thing with a cloth in the
end! You can use it to scoop things-

NIKHIL

Lee what the fuck are you trying to
say!

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)

Just look around no Nikhil!

Nikhil looks around. Notices a long scooper rod.

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)

Are you looking? Can you see?

NIKHIL

Ya got it! Is it this one?

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)

Can I see? No no! Just give it.

He passes the rod to her.

NIKHIL

Ok got it?

PUSHPAVALLI

Ya got it.

NIKHIL

Got it?

PUSHPAVALLI

Ya got it!

The rod is in the well.

NIKHIL

Ok get out now!

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)

Wait Nikhil I am doing something
here! Calm down!

NIKHIL

Lee!

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)

Go away Nikhil!

NIKHIL
Pushpavalli!

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)
Go away!

NIKHIL
Lee... Lee... Fuck it! I am going in.

QA MANAGER
No no sir you don't go... (points at T Boi) Let him go.. Eh jao!

NIKHIL
(removes his watch) Why is he going? One of us should go-

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)
No one has to come! I am...almost done. Just take this container...

Pushpavalli throws the container. Nikhil notices.

NIKHIL
This water is filthy Ramesh. Explain yourself. No you know what... Dont waste my time. I am going in.

QA MANAGER
Sir let this Tea fellow go no sir-

T-BOI
Sir mere kundli mein likha hai ki meri mrityu paani mein hogi-

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)
Someone just take this!!

The scooper is out and nudging Nikhil, he pulls it out.

NIKHIL
Oh fuck are those rats?

QA MANAGER
No sir how will rat and all...oh... yes sir how come there are rats?

NIKHIL
What are you asking how come there are rats?

Pushpavalli starts climbing out of the well.

NIKHIL (CONT'D)
I am asking you! Please explain yourself.

Nikhil swings the scooping rod over to the opening of the tank right above Pushpavalli's face. The water from the scooper drips on her head, she looks up to see what it is and some drops fall into her mouth.

NIKHIL (CONT'D)

She was right about the source water being dirty. If she didn't insist on checking the tank we would have never known!

QA MANAGER

Sir it was clean only! But madam went inside and it became dirty-

NIKHIL

Bullshit! If she wouldn't have gone inside we would have never known there are rats in the tank! If the inspectors would have asked to see the tank, we would have been rejected again and gotten banned-

PUSHPAVALLI (V.O.)

NIKHIL!

NIKHIL

What??

He accidentally shoves the scooper back towards Pushpavalli, who panics and lets go of the ladder and falls into the tank. All three of them run to her. They peep into the tank.

NIKHIL (CONT'D)

Lee are you ok? Lee?

T-BOI

Lagta hai inki bhi kundi mein bhi doobna hi likha tha.

EXT. TEA STALL- NIGHT- DAY 2

Pushpavalli and Nikhil are standing close to the Tea stall. Pushpavalli is wet.

NIKHIL

Ok... hold your breath and gag-

Pushpavalli tries doing it.

NIKHIL (CONT'D)

Gag now

PUSHPAVALLI

This is ridiculous-

NIKHIL
Not as ridiculous as you dying of
the plague.

PUSHPAVALLI
What!

NIKHIL
What did you expect! You just drank
dead rat juice! ... just put two
fingers in your mouth and..
(gestures) You know...

She puts 2 fingers in her mouth. Nikhil starts laughing.

PUSHPAVALLI
Ok you know what... You look the
other way. I cant do this when
you're looking. I look like an
idiot.

NIKHIL
You looked like a bigger idiot when
you moved cities for me so... this
is nothing-

PUSHPAVALLI
Really! You bring that up now!

NIKHIL
Lee! Stop being a baby and just
puke!

PUSHPAVALLI
I am not able to!

NIKHIL
Ok... let me talk about disgusting
things..ok ok....uh.. someone
forgot to flush after they took a
dump.

PUSHPAVALLI
- I live a girls PG-

NIKHIL
Ok ok...someones intestines...
splattered on the road-

PUSHPAVALLI
I took butchery in college-

NIKHIL
(impressed) Really??

PUSHPAVALLI
Ya.

NIKHIL

That must have been interesting.

PUSHPAVALLI

It was good.

NIKHIL

(snaps out) No No! Focus!... Puss from a pimple... maggots on a wound...Pankaj and Swati making out.

Pushpavalli and Nikhil laugh.

NIKHIL (CONT'D)

No no no no laughing! no laughing! Focus! oh... oh puke! Other peoples puke! The smell of it! Paan stains mixes with puke on the wall... on your face!

Pushpavalli starts gagging violently.

T-BOI

Arey Madam, good news?? itna jaldi?

They look at T-boi incredulously.

T-BOI (CONT'D)

Nahi woh.. Sagai ko ho gaye na do hafte... Aur.. Aaj kal toh log kaafi modern hain.. Toh mujhe laga maidam aur unke priyavar ka ho gaya hoga ab tak... nahi? Sir tea?

They continue staring. T Boi walks away. Pushpavalli goes back to trying to puke.

NIKHIL

...So... Have you?

PUSHPAVALLI

... What?

NIKHIL

Have you and.. Whats your fiance's name?

PUSHPAVALLI

Vidyuth-

NIKHIL

Ya... So have you and Vidyuth...you know... done it?

PUSHPAVALLI

... I don't think its any of your business-

NIKHIL

Of course of course its not! Just
that... I am guessing its your
first time...so...Don't rush it...
Because you deserve someone
special...

Pushpavalli looks at him.

Cut to: Flashbacks of Nikhil being sweet.

Pushpavalli looks like she's falling for him again

NIKHIL (CONT'D)

Puke...