

Samjhota
(Quality Time)
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Cast of Characters

GUL :

SHARMEEN :

ACT IScene 2

Gul is sitting in the living room, reading a newspaper. Sharmeen comes in the living room carrying a tray with a teapot and cups on it. She places the tray on the table, pours tea for herself and Gul and sits on the sofa reading her recipe book. Gul, super engrossed while reading the newspaper that he bends down to pick up the cup and the tea accidentally spills over his hand and his kurta. Gul shrieks in pain.

(Gul:exclaims in pain, shaking his hand a bit and standing up from the sofa)

AAA.. shar..Sharmeen

(Sharmeen: quickly stands up from the sofa and places tissue on Gul's hand)

Uff Allah- yeh kia hogaya- acha acha yeh tissue rakhay may jaldi say first-aid layati huin.

Sharmeen quickly stands up and runs to get a first-aid box from a drawer of the table in the living room.

(Gul:in agitation)

yaar jaldi karo.. aaaa.. jaldi chal lo kabhi

Gul:yeh tissue ko tou payko yaar- tissue kon rakhta hay zakhm per

Gul throws the tissue. Sharmeen comes and quickly opens the first-aid box and starts bandaging her husbands hand.

(Sharmeen: while bandaging Gul's hand)

acha acha ap baithay tou sahi. bas abhi theek hojayegha- itna chilayee maat-umer uth jayegha, abhi kuch dair pehlay soya hay.

Gul pulls away his hand in anger and ask Sharmeen to stop

GUL:

choro.. aaa..hatoe yahan say may khud hee karlungha.

(**Sharmeen:** annoyed)

Gul aisa kia hogaya hay- nahi hopayegha apsay- may kardayti huin.

Gul is almost done with his bandage.

GUL:

Tumara ehsaan ab nahi layna- maaf kardo mujhay- karli marham patti khud. aik kaam karo yahan say chali joe.

SHARMEEN:

taameez say baat karay Gul- koi nokrani nahi huin iss ghar ki- biwi huin apki. aur koi nokrani say bhi aise baat na karay jis tarah ap mujhsay karrahay hay. itna barak maat jaya karay.

GUL:

biwi? kesi biwi? konsi biwi? ajeeb biwi ho yahan shohar ki cheekhain nikal gayi aur tum yeh kehrahi ho kay itna mat cheekay umer uth jayegha- kia jatana chahrahi thi? kay mujhay fiqar nahi hay umer ki? sirf tumaye khayal hay hamaray bachay ka? aur mujhay kisi kuttay na kata kay may jaan bhooj kar cheekhain nikalu- garam chai gir gayi thi meray hathoun per- insan huin hawain nahi kay dard na ho

SHARMEEN:

ismay koi shaq nahi kay mujhay kitna khayal hay meray bachay ka- wo aik wahid waja hay jho mujhay ap jaisay haiwan kay sath rehnay per majboor karraha hay. warna jis andaaz say ap meray sath paish atay hayna- may aik minute bhi nahi ruku yahan per.

GUL:

kyun ruku wi ho idher phir? joe apni maa kay ghar? umer ko may bhi paal lungha- tumari meherbani ya koi bhi ehshan nahi chahyeh.

SHARMEEN:

meherbani? ehsaan? iss ghar ko maynay 10 saal diye hay- khana peena, ghar ki safayi, ghar may mehmaan ko dekhna, umer ka diaper change, raatoun ki neend qurban karkay takay umer ko koi takleef na ho, tumaray har din kay kapray stree karkay tayyar rakhna, maasi ko dekhna, haar cheez apni jaga per rakhna aur saaf sutri rakhna- Gul maynay apnay 10 saal diye tumaye aur hamaray bachay ko aur hamaray ghar ko aur tumnay itni asani say kehdiya kay yeh meherbani thi? yeh ehsaan tha? kabhi tumnay mujhsay poocha Sharmeen tumaye madad chahyeh tou batoe? tum

aram karlo may aj umer ko dekhlaytha huin? in 10 saaloun may nahi kaha tou ap samjhana ya apsay koi umeed lagana bewaqoofi hay.

(**Gul**:stands up clapping)

Taaliyan...bhaye taaliyan hojaye ap kay liye. apko award dun koi? tamgh-e-imtiyaz laakar paish kardun apki khidmaat kay liye? Apka farz tha yeh kay ap yeh ap yeh apnay shohar aur bachay ki khidmat karo- koi pahar nahi tore liye yeh karkay. aur haan jahan tak madad ki baat hay- bhoolo maat umer kay paida hona kay baad maynay bhi apni raatein qurban ki hay aur phir neend poori huwi beghair kaam per gaya huin. tumaye kaafi ghoomaya bhi hay- tumaray sath khara tha pregnancy kay waqt tou yeh maat bhoolo sharmeen kay jitna tumnay meray liye hay ussay barqar maynay tumaray liya kia hay.

SHARMEEN:

farz tou namaz bhi hay laqin iss umeed may yeh farz ada kartay hay kay khuda uska kabhi na kabhi ajar dayegha. laqin may hee bewaqoof huin kay maynay tumjaisay insaan say kabhi koi tawaqo bhi lagayi. tum kabhi iss kabil hee nahi thay Gul. ghoomanay phiranay say kia hota hay Gul wo tou may apni dostoun kay sath bhi karlu

GUL:

kia hota hay? tumaray sath waqt beetata sirf aik maqsad kay tehad kay mujhay pasand tha waqt betana tumaray sath. laqin ab hamara rishta aisa nahi raha. ap waqt beetanay ka kia tumsay baat tak karnay ka dil tak nahi chahta.

Gul lets out a low-pitched shriek because of his hand burnt

SHARMEEN:

jitna dukh tumnay mujhay diye hay Gul- yeh hatoun ka dard uska muqabla bhi nahi karsakta. mera dil dukhta hay hamaye dekh kar kay haam kia tha aur haam kia hogaye hay.

GUL:

poorani baatein dooran'nay ka koi faida nahi hay ab Sharmeen. raat gayi baat gayi.

SHARMEEN:

shaadi koi gudda guddi ka khel nahi jho 'raat gayi baat gayi' wala mamla ho. poori zindagi ka mamla hay.

wo shuru kay paanch saal kahan gaye hay Gul? wo shuru kay 5 saal 'sharmeen aur Gul ki jori' kahan margayi? uljan hoti hay ab Gul mujhay tumaray sath reh kar. Meri bardasht khatam horahi hay ab.

GUL:

kon kehraha hay tumaye bardasht karnay ko? maat karo bardasht? Kon karraha hay bardasht ab? shaadi kay pehlay saal achay guzargaye shukar karo. aik chaat kay neechay rehtay hay Sharmeen aik kamray may sath nahi rehtay tou apni uljan ka illaj karwoe. Yeh baat tumaye bhi pata hay kay sirf umer kay liye haam aik sath reh rahay hay.

SHARMEEN:

tumara kabhi dil udaas nahi hota hamari yeh halaat dekh kar? may putla nahi hay koi.jeegta jagta isaan huin. jazbaat hay ehssaas hay meray andar jho ab khatam hogaya hay. hairaan huin iss bata per kay kabhi tumnay yeh izhar nahi kiya kay sharmeen haam apnay apko aik aur mauqa day kar dekhtay hay.

GUL:

sharmeen baat yeh..

SHARMEEN:

baat tou yeh hay kay ham donoun ab sirf hamaray bachay kay tehad aik samjhota karrahay hay.

GUL:

tou kia karay aur sharmeen? pehlay kay 5 saal haam donoun nay aik doosray ko khush rakhnay ki bayinteha koshish ki. haamnay waqt sath beetaya, tumnay ghar ki zimadari itnay achay say libhayi phir mujhay abhi nahi pata kay aisa kia hogaya jis say itni narazghi aur baydili paida hogayi hamaray beech may.

SHARMEEN:

tum masroof hogaye itnay kay ghardari ko bhool gaye- Gul tumaye meri qadar kabhi aye nahi aur ab jakar tou kabhi nahi ayeghi. maynay abhi parhai choreedi sirf hamaray bachay kay liye kay haam ghardari aik sath nibhayegaye. saath saath chalayegaye laqin in saaloun may tum khuwaboun ki dunya may itna masroof hogaye kyunkay tumaye pata tha kay ghar may aik naukrani tou rakhi hay jho ghar ko sambhal rahi hoghi

GUL:

Sharmeen tumara dimagh kharab hochuka hay aur baas kardo ab- nahi suna tumari baqwaas ab. fazool baatein laykar baith gayi ho.

SHARMEEN:

baatein baqwaas hee laginhi jab jawab nahi hogha koi.

GUL:

May jaraha hui yahan say aur khuda ki qasam agar hamara bacha nahi hota tou aj may bhi yahan nahi hota.jho karna karo meri bala say.

Gul angrily exits the room and Sharmeen sits down extremely dissapointed.

