

Darar
(Physical Touch)
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Cast of Characters

MINHA ::

FAIZAN ::

ACT IScene 4

Minha is sitting in the living room, working on her laptop with a cup of tea by her side. Faizan enters the room, hugs her from the back and gives her a cheek kiss and sits on the other sofa. Faizan opens his laptop and starts to work.

MINHA:

oh faizu! i need to tell you something. it literally slipped my mind.

FAIZAN:

yes baby what's up?

MINHA:

do you remember I told you about the client who we need to have on board with us like that client is super dooper important to the agency? that client is huge faizu and is like an invaluable asset to the agency

FAIZAN:

yeah i remember jaanu- what about that?

MINHA:

sooooooo.. guesss what?

FAIZAN:

can you spill it already? you're taking ages to tell me????

MINHA:

okay okay I'm sorry so today is a BIGGGG day that client has finally agreed to meet so we are going for a dinner with her to talk about the details. thora late bhi hojayegha tou tum order karlayna ya kuch banalayna apnay liye ok?

FAIZAN:

minha but..

MINHA:

also also I'm so sorry yaar mujhay bilkul time nahi mila aj khana pakanay ka because was super caught up in sending emails and making reservations waghira

FAIZAN:

minha aik tou tumnay mujhay itna last moment per bataya hay kay tumaye jana hay uper say khana bhi nahi banaya hay?

MINHA:

haan tou konsi itni baari baat hogaye? sirf aj aik din khana nahi paka wo bhi isliyah kyunkay mujhay time nahi mila tha warna hardin tou har cheez karkay rakhti huin yaar. kia masla hay?

FAIZAN:

baat sirf yehi nahi hay Minha kay khana pakaya hay ya nahi tumari adat hay yeh tum apnay kaam may itni masroof hojati ho kay bhool jati ho tumara shohar bhi hay

MINHA:

kis tarah ki baatein lay kar agaye ho faizan? i do make sure that that the trash is out, dishes are washed, laundry is done, breakfast is made, har cheez ka dihaan rakhti huin- bhool gaye ho yeh sab cheezain? ya nazar andaaz kardaytay ho? yahan tak kay maasi ko bata kay bhi jati huin kay kia karnay hay aur kab chalayjana hay.

FAIZAN:

minha koi ehsaan nahi karrahi ho mujhper yeh sab kaam karkay- agar akhir may jatana hota hay tou please maat kia karo. aur adha time tou haam donoun aik sath ghar ka kaam kartay hay phir aisay..

MINHA:

faiz..

FAIZAN:

nahi nahi aisay mat zahir karo kay sara ghar ka kaam tum per agaya ho. pata masla kia hay minha? tumara poora focus tumara kaam hay baqi ghar aur may bhar may jaye.

MINHA:

faizan! itni baat ka patanghar na banoe aur tameez kay dayray may reh kar baat karo- konsa khunus nikal rahay ho? jahan tak help ki baat rahi sirf raat ko bartan dho daytay ho woh bhi itni minnatoun kay baad baqi sara ghar ka kaam may hee karti huin aur yeh may jatanay kay lihaz nahi balkay ehsaas kay lihaaz say batarahi huin.

FAIZAN:

chalo maan liya may ghardari may tumara itna sath nahi dayta. tou tum konsa abhi maa banana kay liye tayar ho minha? tumnay tou bila koi jijak kiye beghair maa bananay say inkar kardiya?

MINHA:

chullu bhaar paani may khud joe faizan! hamari iss per baat hogayi hay pehlay tou ab yeh baat laana ka koi tuq nahi banta jab tumaye pata hay kay mujhay jana hay. aur jahan tak bachay ki baat hay- we both decided that we don't want to bring a baby right now at this point in our lives.

FAIZAN:

nahi minha.. we didn't. .. it's been 6 years.. 6 fucking years.. in 6 saloun may aik bacha paida hokar bara bhi hojata hay minha! also also it's you who decided and because of you i said okay only to make you happy but ab mujhsay yeh dikhawa nahi hota. and just by the way its always you minha that have has issues with me be being physically affectionate. 'faizan don't hug while I'm brushing my teeth' or 'faizan dont give me a peck while I'm working.' 'I get distracted or I don't like this' 'don't hold hands out in the public-loug dekhlaingaye blah blah' jab shohar ko khush hee na rakh poe tou faida kia iss shadi ka?

MINHA:

stop spewing shit faizan! enough! do you wanna do this right now? like do you want to fight with me now? lets fucking do this!

FAIZAN:

stop overreacting Minha for god's sake! and for once in your life calm your self and listen to me

MINHA:

listen to you while you frame me as the culprit? i just shared it with you faizan that right now its not the time i'm ready for a kid and i'm not mentally prepared for pregnancy and you backfired today after giving me a fucking 10 mins straight up lecture on how you understand me? and how you will give me space and time for this? screw you faizu for blaming me of how I don't want to become a mother! screw you so bad!

FAIZAN:

listen. your hormones are acting up are you pmsing?

MINHA:

typical of trashy men to blame our anger on periods rather than having the balls to accept their fault.

FAIZAN:

did you.. did you just call me trashy..? listen now

MINHA:

damn did it hurt your fragile ego? because i just spilled the fact oops

FAIZAN:

stop being passive aggressive and listen to me. I wasn't used to helping my mom in domestic chores- mujahy kabhi yaad nahi parta Minha kay maynay kabhi apni ami ki help ki ho in washing dishes ya laundry ya cooking but for you i did it. for you minha i altered my ways and started helping you takay ghardari ka bhoj tum per na aye. so that you dont feel pressured or anything of that sort.. what did you do minha? kia tum yeh nahi kehsakti hay kay okay faizan i'll try to work my ways around and lets have a baby only because you really want it. kabhi meray liye jhuk nahi sakti thi? kabhi meri khushi kay khatir kuch karliya hota minha tou yeh na hota

MINHA:

faiz.. faizan do you.. do you even hear your self right now? how insanely self-centred you sound? tuum mujhay kehrahay ho kay maynay tumari khushi kay liye kia kara? agar maynay mana kardiya hay kay abhi baby nahi karna tou usmay kia hogaya hay? is your love this conditional faizan? just because i straight up refused for pregnancy right now has your love decreased for me? aur aik aur baat- jahan tak aik doosray ki khushi ki baat hayna you knew it since the beginning that I am not fond of physical touches- i express my love through actions and a lot of actions. agar may ghardari karti huin wo ishi waja say karti huin takay tumaye koi shiqwa ya gila na ho but for you, faizan i have also made my myself understood that it's okay to hug randomly and hold hands or a casual and sudden peck every now and then. I have made myself..

FAIZAN:

Minha baat ko idher say udher maay layjoe.

MINHA:

no listen... baat ko kahin nahi layjarahi. baat tou yeh hay faizan kay i did change my ways only to make

you happy but like you said pehlay 'mujhsay dikhawa nahi hota' ab mujhsay bhi dikhawa nahi hota.

FAIZAN:

tumaye jho samjhna hay samjho- kabhi meeri baat say itefaq kia hay? hamesha apni hee chalayi hay? aur kehti ho kay tumnay apnay apko change kia hay? khaak change!

MINHA:

faizan tumari umeedain say mera dam ghut'ta hay. mujhay itni ghuten hoti hay kay may saans nahi lay pati huin. itni ummedain lagaye baithay ho kay pyaar karna bhool gaye ho tum. tum say baat karna, tumaray liye kuch bhi karna, tumaray souchna sab fazool aur beqaar hay.

minha checks the time

MINHA:

mera mood barbad karnay ka buhat shukriya. aur akhir apni sari khunus nikalnay ka bhi buhat shukriya. mujhay aj andaza hogaya hay kis tarah kay insaan ho tum. Apni fazool umeedoun say apna pait bhar layna.may jarahi huin

FAIZAN:

haan haan khud kha sakta huin- allah kisi ka mohtaj na karay kisi ko aur joe yaar. akhir tumara kaam kia hay aur- bas ghoomna phirna

MINHA:

sahi kehraha ho. jarahi huin. dinner kay baad ghar nahi aoenghi faizan. I can't live with you anymore...khula ka notice buhat jald tumaye phonchadunghi.

FAIZAN:

jaan chutayghi meri akhir kaar! Allah Hafiz!

*Minha pick up her bag and leaves the room.
Faizan is standing there, scratching his head
and thuds on the floor.*

