

**Author's POV:**

Arjun and Diya sat there lost in their thoughts. Diya was thinking about what his decision would be while Arjun was in a dilemma. They were brought out of their thoughts by a knock on the door.

"Everyone is waiting for you", saying that, Maya went away from there.

Arjun and Diya moved down and saw everyone looking at them hopefully. She passed them a small smile and sat beside Veeru. While Arjun went and sat in between Arpita and Yash. Yash nudged him slowly and raised his eyebrow at him. Everyone looked at him for an answer.

Arjun smiled nervously at them and told them/ "need some time".

Saying that, he looked at Diya who blinked her eyes, to which he passed her a small smile. Everyone looked at them and sighed. Though they were a bit disappointed, but they understood his dilemma.

Everyone got busy in their talks, when Diya cleared her throat gaining their attention.

"I have to attend an important surgery in the evening, so I'll be leaving now", Diya said, looking into her lap and playing with her fingers.

While Veeru looked at his sister amused as she was not a shy type. And from the last week she seemed to be lost in her thoughts and quite silent, which is not so her.

"No problem, Diya. Arjun will drop you. He told me that he had an important meeting to attend the next day", Arpita said, hiding her grin.

While Arjun looked at his sister as if she had grown two horns. Arpita just shrugged her shoulders and sat there as if nothing had happened.

"Okay!" Said Arjun.

"I'll change my dress and come", saying that, Diya moved to her room.

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Arjun was driving the car. He glanced at Diya who was sitting silently, which was quite unusual.

Diya was sitting beside Arjun and looking outside and enjoying the ride.

**Arjun:**Diya!

**Diya:**Haa, she said turning towards him.

**Arjun:**s everything okay? He asked her with a concerned look on his face.

**Diya:**es! She said smiling at himBy the way, why did you get that doubt?

**Arjun:**ou look dull. And you are sitting silently without speaking a word. That's quite unusual, you see.

**Diya:**m really fine, Arjun. I'm just tensed about the surgery. It's pretty complicated.

**Arjun:**re you sure? He said looking at her for a while and again concentrated back on the driving. It's regarding the surgery but not with my decision, right.

"Ayyo! I'm telling you, right. It's about the surgery. And, regarding your decision. I can understand your dilemma, Arjun. I know it's not easy to get over the past. But that doesn't mean we should keep on sticking at the same point. Life goes on, Arjun, it doesn't wait for us, we have to run along with it. She happily moved on with her life, Arjun. But you were still standing in the same place where she le you behind. When she is leading her life happily without any regrets, then why are you still thinking about her and drowning yourself in the darkness? You once took a wrong step in your life. So, now take your own time, think wisely and make your decision. Whatever the decision, maybe just remember I'll always be the best-friend of yours. Be it a yes or no", Diya told him calmly.

Arjun listened to her keenly and was lost in his thoughts. Seeing him lost somewhere, she placed her hand on his and told him,

**Diya:**Don't think too much about it. Everyone just wants your happiness. So, don't stress over it unnecessarily. Arjun smiled listening to her.

With that, both of them got busy in their talks. Soon, they reached the hospital. He parked the car and both of them got down.

**Diya:**Thanks, Arjun.

He raised his eyebrow at her.

**Diya:** know you don't have any meeting tomorrow. Arpita vadina (sister-in-law) told you to drop me so that we could spend some time together.

He smiled at her sheepishly.

**Diya:**Chalo, I'll leave now.

**Arjun:**'ll meet Anitha aunty and go.

**Diya:**Okay!

With that, both of them made their way inside the hospital. He went to meet Anitha while she moved to her cabin and told the nurse to make everything ready for the operation. She was going through some files and was looking tense when Arjun entered her cabin.

**Arjun:**hey!

**Diya:**ii, Arjun! She said, looking up at him surprised.thought you le .

**Arjun:**Jmm, I thought to meet you once before going.

**Diya:**Oh!

Looking at her tensed face, he asked her,

**Arjun:**What happened, Diya?

**Diya:**Nothing, Arjun.

He went and kneel down in front of her and took her hands in his and asked her,

**Arjun:**Then, why do you look tensed?

**Diya:** don't know. I've performed many surgeries before, Arjun, but this one is pretty complicated. We can save either the baby or the mother. It's 50-50 chances. I know, I still have a chance to save the both of them, but I'm losing faith, Arjun. She said closing her eyes.

He made her stand up and hugged her tightly, making her breath hitch. He kissed her forehead and told her,

**Arjun:**Calm down, Diya. Look at me. She looked at him with innocent eyes I trust you, and I know you'll make it. Don't lose your faith and trust your heart. If you lose your hope and become weak like this, then think about that mother. She is carrying the baby inside her even a er knowing that both of their lives are at risk. So think about her, what she must be going through? So, be strong and control your emotions, okay. He said cupping her cheeks and wiping her tears

Diya nodded her head and smiled at him. A nurse knocked on the door at the same time and told her everything was ready. Soon Diya went to the operating theatre while Arjun sat there waiting for her.

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**A er five hours,**

Diya came out of the operation theatre with a small smile on her lips. She looked at the lady's family and greeted them.

**Diya:**Congrats, she delivered a beautiful baby girl. Both the mother and baby are safe. But the baby is little weak, and we have to keep her under observation. Saying that, she went to her cabin.

She got surprised seeing Arjun there. He was sleeping by keeping his head on the table. She moved towards him, and she was about to touch him. But she stopped herself and went to the washroom to clean herself first. She came out and looked at the time, and saw it's 11:30 PM. She ordered light food for both of them. She stood near him and caressed his hair. She sat in her chair admiring him.

Soon the food arrived. She looked at Arjun who was sleeping peacefully like a baby. Though she didn't want to wake him up, but she shook him as they didn't even have their lunch. He woke up, and both of them sat having their food.

**Diya:**Jmm, we'll stay here for the night and go to your village tomorrow as we both are tired.

Arjun nodded his head and a er their dinner both of them moved to her house. She showed him the guest room and gave him Veeru's clothes.

**Diya:**f you need anything, just call me. Saying that she turned around to go to her room, but she stopped and went back and hugged him tightly. She broke the hug and told him,

**Diya:**Thank you for upli ing me and for trusting me. You know, Arjun, the moment I took the baby in my hands, I felt so happy that I can't describe that feeling in words. Thank you so much. She kissed him on his cheeks and ran away to her room.

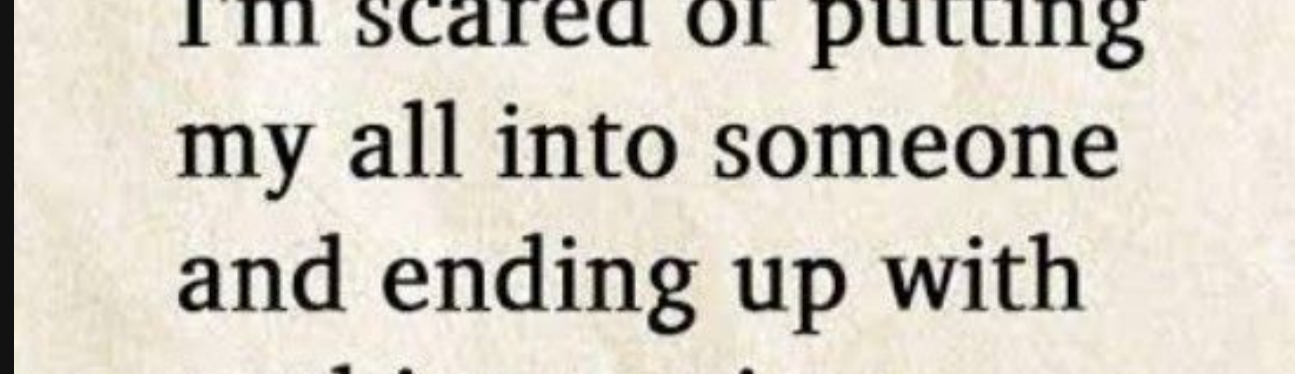
Diya got freshen up and sat on the swing near the window, writing her dairy. She slept in the same position thinking about Arjun with a content smile on her face.



While Arjun stood there in the same position. He slowly moved to the washroom and stood under the shower. He ran his hands through his hair in frustration. He came out and changed his dress and lied down on the bed. He closed his eyes to sleep but sat with a jerk as all the past came in front of his eyes. He tried his best to sleep but sighed as he wasn't getting the sleep. He moved to the balcony and sat on the chair thinking about his life.

How happy he was until she entered his life? She came into his life like a storm and created havoc and le him in the darkness. It took him a lot of time to gather all those broken pieces of his heart and stand strong. Somewhere deep down his heart craves for someone who will accept him with all his flaws and see his true self.

To be continued....



**I'm not scared of commitment, I'm scared of putting my all into someone and ending up with nothing again.**

Keep smiling and take care.