

5. Interaction. Half Confession
Before Luv.
Conversation between Shruti & Dhruv
Location: Swimming Pool - Sit Out

Shruti and Dhruv continue their conversation.

They sit at the pool with legs dangling into the pool water, just like kids.

Shruti does not end her interrogation of Dhruv. She continues.

SHRUTI

So, what have you become of
after all these years of celibacy?

My dear friend.

DHRUV

I teach political science at
University of Hyderabad.

SHRUTI

(Makes a Yuck face)

That's so yucky.

It's so boring.

It so suits you. Good for you.

I hate such drab subjects.

I stay 50 miles away from politics.

(smiles)

DHRUV

Yes, what you said is very true.

It's a very bland subject.

But I could only manage that.

With my levels of intelligence.

SHRUTI

Don't play humility with me mister.

You were the topper of the class.

I used to copy from your paper.

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So don't give me that humility shit.

DHRUV

(smiles)

By copying from my papers.

You used to score better marks than me.

How is that possible?

SHRUTI

That's called smartness.

You will not understand such

High-level concepts.

(gives an evil laugh)

DHRUV

So, what are you doing in Vellore?

SHRUTI

To attend a boring conference.

I am an Anesthesiologist at JIPMER, Pondicherry.

(with a sad face)

Boring right?

DHRUV

Really?

Are you joking Shruti?

You flunked twice in Biology and Zoology

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My Mom, pushed me into this.

But, surprisingly - I love the subject.

(smiles)

DHRUV

So why are you not attending the conference?

SHRUTI

You see Dhruv.

Our kind come to the conference to

Look at Boys, Enjoy Food, Roam around the city,

Do a lot of shopping etc.

Attending conferences is for your kind of dummies.

Not for us.

If you want, I will give you my ID - You can go attend
the conference on my behalf.

And if you plan to attend. Just give my attendance proxy too.

DHRUV

Hey, even if I attend.

How will I follow the subject? It's so alien to me.

SHRUTI

Isn't it?

So why do you ask me?

Such moral questions.

Chill.

So, what are your plans for today?

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And why did you follow me to Vellore?
(looking at him accusingly)

DHRUV

Hey, I am in Vellore.
To give a guest lecture at VIT.
And why do you think I am following you?
(smiling)

SHRUTI

I know you had a crush on me.
In our kid days.
Isn't it?
(Questioningly looking into his face)

DHRUV

(Smiles)
No way.
I was just a good friend to you.
(with a doubtful face - as if caught)

SHRUTI

I know that's a lie.
You do not know girl power buddy.
We have the 6th Sense called - Crush Detector.
And it is never wrong.
You never lied when you were a kid.
Now you look like a professional liar.
(smiles at him)

Dhruv just smiles at her and looks away from her.