

MY SISTER'S WEDDING

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INT-BEDROOM ROOM - DAY

MALLIKA, 25 year old female, walks up behind her sister and attaches the last curler with a bobby pin. REYNA, a 22 year old female, wears a robe with curlers in her hair. Reyna sits in the chair in front of her makeup mirror. Mallika walks behind her and fidgets with the curlers and the collar of the robe.

MALLIKA

Big Day!

REYNA

We dreamed about it as girls. I never would have guessed that I would be the first to be married.

MALLIKA

Yes, I too am surprised. It happened so fast.

Reyna applies powder to her face.

REYNA

Just like in the stories, love at first sight. Heart flutters, knees melty and all that stuff.

MALLIKA

It could be lust and not love.

Reyna stops and looks at Mallika in the mirror.

REYNA

Are you not happy for me?

Reyna slams down the powder brush.

REYNA (CONT'D)

Are you jealous?

MALLIKA

No, no, no. I am just worried that you are rushing into this...maybe?

Mallika takes out the curlers on the back of Reyna's head.

REYNA

Just say it.

MALLIKA

Reyna, Rohan, your Fiance, hit on me last night.

REYNA

You are jealous! You misunderstood what he said. The music was very loud last night.

Mallika takes out the rest of the curlers and runs her fingers through Reyna's hair. Reyna picks up the hair brush and brushes her hair.

MALLIKA

I heard him very clearly. He told me he had a dream about me and he whispered it in my ear.

Reyna stops brushing her hair and stares in the mirror. Mallika puts her hands on Reyna's shoulders.

MALLIKA (CONT'D)

I thought you should know. You don't have to go through with this. I can drive us to the beach and we can hide out until this all blows over.

Reyna cries, little tears.

REYNA

I'm pregnant.

MALLIKA

Oh Reyna!

Mallika hugs Reyna from behind and they both look in the mirror. The door opens and ADITI, 50 year old female, mother of Mallika and Reyna walks into the room. Aditi walks toward Reyna and plays with her hair.

ADITI

Reyna darling, What's wrong? Is it the hormones?

Mallika takes a step back in surprise.

MALLIKA

You knew she was pregnant?

ADITI

Yes, but she is marrying into a good family.

MALLIKA

You mean an advantageous marriage.

ADITI

Yes and also true love. Isn't that right Reyna?

Reyna cries harder.

ADITI (CONT'D)

What's wrong dearest?

MALLIKA

I will tell you what's wrong, her 'good' fiancé hit on me last night.

Mallika uses air quotes to emphasize the word good.

ADITI

That is ridiculous, you must have misunderstood.

REYNA

That's what I said!

Reyna wipes the tears from her eyes.

MALLIKA

I didn't misunderstand that he really wanted to do both of us together but would settle on just me because I was the spinster and he was doing our family a favor by marrying Reyna.

Aditi scoots Mallika aside and stands behind Reyna. She runs her hands through Reyna's hair.

ADITI

That's preposterous. He must have had too much to drink and didn't know what he was saying.

Mallika puts her hands on her hips.

MALLIKA

Mom, just because you turned a blind eye to Dad's wandering gaze doesn't mean we have to accept that in our marriages. It is 2024. Reyna what do you want to do?

REYNA

I don't know.