

STYLUS

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(Original Screenplay)

INT. KIDS ROOM - MORNING

Summer vacations have just begun. It's 9 am and 11 year old Diya and Siya still in their beds.

MUMMY (V.O.)

Siya Diya get up. 9 baj rahe hain,
kab uthoge!

They've been up but lazying around. As they hear mummy approaching, they exchange glances and quickly duck beneath the sheets while trying their best not to giggle. Mummy enters the room and pretends as if they are asleep.

MUMMY

Arre dekho dekho Diya Siya to abhi
bhi so rahe hain!

Mummy starts tickling Siya. She resists for sometime but soon gives way to laughter. Diya also jumps out of her bed and joins the fun. Dad enters the room carrying two mugs of milk and singing

DAD

Sote sote, hansana seekho, hanste
hanste sona...

Music takes over (building up on the same tune) and there's a small sequence of fun and laughter as kids play around with parents, pillow fight, fussing over milk, settling down to have it, making milk moustache and posing and finally going to the washroom to freshen up. They shut the door.

MATCH CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

Microwave opening. Mummy takes out a bowl.

MUMMY

Maine Bhindi ki sabzi bana di hai
aur masoor aur chawal bhigo ke rakh
diye hain. Aap bas ubal kar chhaunk
laga le na

Meanwhile, Dad has settled on his Yog mat and doing Kapal-Bhanti. He nods.

Mummy looks at him amused and then asks

MUMMY (CONT'D)

Breakfast?

They stop midway through their excitement

DIYA & SIYA
But...?

DAD
But after breakfast

DIYA & SIYA
Nooooo

DAD
Yessss

DIYA & SIYA
Nooooo

DAD
Yessss

DIYA & SIYA
(grudgingly)
Alright

SIYA
But uske baad TV

Dad nods a yes

A wall clock needle moves fast to show time gap of two hours from 10 to 12

DAD (VO)
Times up! Are we done?

Dad comes out of the study and leans against the wall looking at the girls lying on the sofa watching TV

DAD (CONT'D)
1 ghante se upar ho gaya hai madams. Ab kuch padhai?

DIYA
Oops. Chal Siya band kar TV

SIYA
But aap ne kaha tha 2 ghante dekh sakte hain

DAD
Ji nahi, maine kaha tha 2 episode dekh sakte hain

Siya-Diya look at each other and reluctantly get up. Dad approaches to tickle them and they have little fun.

INT. KIDS ROOM - DAY

All three are standing at the door and see the whole room is strewn with clothes, hair clips, accessories, toys, books etc.

DAD
Half an hour. Room should be...

DIYA & SIYA
(sheepishly)
Spick and span

Siya and Diya stare at each other. They start picking up things one by one.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Dad is in the kitchen cutting fruits and arranging salad for kids when suddenly there's a loud shriek

DIYA (V.O.)
(screams)
Papa...!!!

Dad is alarmed and rushes to the kids' room. Both the girls are staring at him. Siya is disgruntled while Diya is remorseful

DAD
Kya hua??

SIYA
Diya ne apna stylus kho diya

DIYA
Kha diya nahi... kho gaya

Dad is relieved that nothing serious happened. Dad and Siya look at each other.

DAD
(kneels down in front of
Diya)
Achha...ok! Now relax aur thande
dimaag se socho last tum ne kaha
dekha tha

Diya thinks but is unable to recollect.

DIYA
Papa, mummy kab tak ayengi?

Door bell rings. Kids rush to the door "mummy, mummy, mummy!!" They open the door. It's Aadi, their friend

SIYA
(surprised)
Aadi!!

DIYA
Humein laga mummy hain, haha

SIYA
Aadi dekh hum ne kya banaya hai

Diya is proudly holding her handmade stylus. Dad is on the sofa working and amused by their talk

AADI
(puzzled)
Ye kya hai?

DIYA
Stylus hai...aur kya! Ye kaam bhi
karta hai, ye dekh

And she demonstrates it on her tab. Aadi is surprised

SIYA
Diya ka stylus kho gaya tha na to
hum ne apne aap bana liya

AADI
Wow...Lekin...

SIYA
Lekin...kya?

AADI
Lekin...

DIYA
Arre kya lekin lekin...bol na

Dad also looks over to what he has to say

Aadi is reluctant but both get after him (*like the 'Dangal' brother and the two girls*)

AADI
Err...ye...

DAD
How was the meeting?

Drinking water, she gestures thumbs up

MUMMY
Bachhe?

He gestures "asleep"

Mummy opens the door of kids' room. Dad comes from behind. They look at them lovingly and smile.

MUMMY (CONT'D)
How was the day?

DAD
Day! Aao batata hoon

They close the door.

Pan to a pen stand on table. The real stylus and DIY stylus, both are kept next to each other as if smiling at each other.

FADE OUT