

Characters:

Nisha(mc) - Ambitious, self loving,

Her mom - nurse, goal driven, couldn't become a doctor and had to suffer a lot so wants her daughter to become one, knows she(Nisha) is under pressure but wants her to know stress from early on.

Her dad - Sales manager, Doting/loving father and husband, knows she is under pressure but wants his daughter to have a clear future as well.

Mansi(Elder cousin) - Understanding, humble, mature, good listener and advisor.

Target audience - Late teens

Duration- 4-8 minutes

Message - Follow your dreams, they know the way.

INT. NISHA'S ROOM- NOON

CAMERA SLIDES TO THE COMPETITIVE EXAM BOOKS PILED UP ON THE BED.

NISHA (On Call)

(HESITATINGLY)

Hmm..Nahi mai to...badiya hi hu

Hmmm...

Bas aane wala hai...

NISHA'S MOM (Voice Over)

Bas tu chinta na kar...pakka ho jaega tera...

Bas 650 se jyada bhi jyada aa jaye to chalega.

Hum tujhpe 700 lane ka pressure nahi dalenge.

Don't worry!

She says to someone else.

Are, mai baat kar to rahi hu. Tch..

Le tere papa bhi kuch keh rahe hain..

NISHA'S DAD (Voice Over)

(Excitedly)

Nisha beta, tum na tension mat lo bilkul

bhi. Tumne apna best diya hai na to kyu

nahi hoga. Iske baad na bas fir na tum ghar aa jana..

Maine laddu pehle se hi taiyar karwa

rakhe hain baantne ke liye..

Her eyes fall down and her smile disappears for a second but it is quickly replaced with an ambitious expression. She desperately tries to sound natural to her clueless parents.

Nisha

(Jokingly)

Jab tak mai ghar aungi aap sare
waise hi kha chuke hoge pitashree.

They all chuckle along.

Nisha's dad
(Excited tone)

Aur Nisha beta apne sir se kehna
aaj hum bank gaye the to payment kardenge pakka...
Aur tum chinta mat karna paise ki...
Agar tumne pparty karni hai selection ki
to tension free ho ke karna...

She frowns knowing full well where the money is coming from. When suddenly the computer screen displays something.

Nisha
(Shaky Voice)

Umm..I think ab aa gaya hai.

Her shaky hands barely moving onto the mouse.

CAMERA FIXATED ON HER MOUTH.

Nisha's mom(On-call)

So, how is it sweetie?
650 se to jyada hi hai na atleast.

Nisha
(Biting her lips)

I'll..
I'll call you guys..
later..

Nisha's dad(On-call)

Magar beta-

Nisha
(Trembling Voice)

Pl..
please..

Nisha's mom(On-call)

Ok, bye sweetie..just don't
be too hard on yourself.

CAMERA ROLLS DOWN AS SHE DISCONNECTS THE CALL AND CAMERA MOVES UP
FROM HER PURSED LIPS TO HER FACE COVERED IN A POOL OF TEARS.

She stoops down on the table, sobbing hysterically and thinks to herself.

Nisha

(Crying a flood of tears)

I could've..done better..

If only I had more time..

If..I just worked a little harder..

Takes a pause and says clenching her fists tightly in frustration.

If..I wasn't such..a loser..

THE CAMERA FADES INTO HER BACK TO THE TIME WHERE SHE HAS CALMED HERSELF.

TRANSITIONS TO:

Nisha's face is worked up from all the waterworks/tearing up she did earlier. But she is now calm. Her face features showing undeniable proof of just how much she cried, yet the spark in her eyes is still unfazed. DING! Her phone chimes, she picks it up and a gentle smile crosses her face as she stares into her phone and starts typing.

WhatsApp messages

Mansi didi:

hey buddy

how's it going?

Me:

Bas Zinda hu..😞

Mansi didi:

Bas utna hi kafi hai.😄

Me:

Umm..Didi..

Her head is running a million miles per second, clouded by intrusive thoughts. Busy in her own train of thoughts. She thinks to herself laying on her stomach on the bed.

Nisha

(Worried)

Should I tell her..

Would she understand..

What if she thinks I'm

childish too and-

She is interrupted by her phone chime. She looks down and her face suddenly blooms.

Mansi didi:

Hmm velli bol..

Nisha

(Chuckling to her own foolish thoughts)

Mai bhi kya soch rahi hu..
Di aisi nahi hain..
Wo mujhe maar dalengi if she
knows mai ye soch rahi thi.

Shaking her head and taking a deep breath again, she starts typing.

Me:

You know..
aaj mera result tha..

Mansi didi typing...

Yeah i knew..
So are you ok?
YOU want to meet??
I'm free after 7...chal uss chinese restaurant mai chalte hain jiske
owner pe tera crush BILKUL BHI NAHI HAI...🤔🤔🤔😂

Nisha

(Chuckling and frustrated)

Yaar..
mujhe batana hi nahi chahiye tha inhe..

Me:

Nah, aaj nahi, di...

Mansi didi:

Firste aankhon ka beda garak kar liya kya ro ro ke..😏

Nisha

(Irritated)

Why does she know me so well again?!

Me:

I'm feeling all good now..don't worry!
Mujhe bas aapse kuch poochna tha...are you free?

Mansi di:

Jab tak ye mere cute boss ke bare mai nahi hai, I will answer
happily.😁

Me:

No..😏but how is he doing!

Mansi di:

I'm coming to your place.!!

Me:

Sorry sorry..mazak tha...😁
Actually...mujhe...

Letting out a deep exhale, Nisha manages to type the words she has
been keeping caged up in her heart. The words that made her

parents think that 'she is not mature enough to decide what's actually good for her stable future'.

Actually mujhe digital artist banna hai...mujhe MBBS nahi karni hai...

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I know it's stupid..magar...mujhe...

Ghutan mehsoos hoti hai...

INCOMING MANSI DI CALL displays on her screen. But Nisha's expression turns the sickest shades of blue. She declines the call clenching the phone tightly in her hands.

Me:

Di..sorry..please bhool jao maine kuch kaha...mai bas thodi sad thi result ko leke..to aise hi bakwaas maar di...😂😂

Please mummy papa ko mention mat karna ye...wo bas chinta mai aa jaenge...😭😭

Mansi di:

Nishi! I am so sorry... Its ok..tujhe mujhse kuch chupane ki jarurat nahi hai...

I will always be there for you...

have some faith in me...please..

CAMERA CUTS TO NISHA'S GRIP LOOSENING AND PHONE DROPPING IN HER LAP. HER TEARS DRIBBLING DOWN, HER SOBS HEARD. MOVES TO THE BACK OF HER HEAD AS SHE KEEPS SOBBING. THE PHONE STILL CHIMING FROM INCOMING MESSAGES VISIBLE TO CAMERA. BUT NISHA'S MIND IS PREOCCUPIED WITH HER OVERFLOWING EMOTIONS.

Mansi di:

kuch na kuch to kar sakte hai hum iske bare mai...sab akele karne try mat kar...

Kaha gayi??Yahi hai na?

Nisha(Voice over)

(Thinks to herself)

Mujhe abhi bhi yaad hai..

Pehli baar mere aansuon ne mujhe dhoka diya tha....

Kise pata tha kuch SHABD sun ke mere wo emotions bahar aa jayenge jo mujhe bhi nahi pata the, maine kab se apne andar kaid kar rakhe the...

Mansi di:

Let's not give up just yet and do our best!

Together...

Nisha(Voice over)

Aaj bhi mai pachtati hu..kaash..

Agar maine kuch alag Kiya hota...to kya mai abhi...

HER VOICE IS CRACKED AND THE SCENE CUTS TO HER SCROLLING STARRED MESSAGES THROUGH HER WHATSAPP.

CUTS TO:

WhatsApp Starred messages

Mansi di: (5/June/2019)

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MANSI (Voice over)

(Deep trembling voice coughing in between)

Hey champ!

Mansi di: (7/sept/2019)

Happy 19th birthday granny... (12:00am)


Let's go to the movies..yay..



Mansi (voice over)-continuous

Ek kahani sunau?

Haan ya na, mai sunane to

waise bhi wali hu...


Me: thank you..

But Sorry di... I have a ranker test tomorrow... next time milte hain na...

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

Meri ek bachpan mai ek friend thi, use bachpan se hi competition pasand tha, use sab jeetna pasand tha.

Mansi di: 10/December/2019

Hey buddy! Aur ki haal chaal

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

Chahe annual day tha, chahe 12th boards... she won at everything...but still she never felt whole...

Mansi di: Aur putar kya chal raha hai..

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

sabhi bache chahe kharab performance dete the, magar fir bhi saath mai maze karte, haste khilkhilate the...

Mansi di: On a scale from 1 to 10 kitna miss kiya tune mujhe?...

Me: -100 😊

Mansi di: 😞😞

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

to wo waha par ho kar bhi nahi hoti thi.
Jealousy, pachtawa, emptiness... that's all she felt.
Usne jo, har raat padkar, un bacho se jyada mehnat ki...

Mansi di: Guess kar kisne tere Ghar ke aage dera dala hai...
darwaza khol kameeni...

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

jo tareefein uske parents, rishtedaaron ya teachers ne ki
...wo sab khokhli lagti thi uss khushi ke samne
jo baki bacho ke paas thi... wo sab Jo usi pal mai
jee rahe the...

Mansi di: Hey!

Suna tune aaj modiji ne bola hai Ghar se bahar nahi nikalna... 😞
Are, ye sab government ki schemein hai tujhse bholi duniya ko
bachane ke liye! 🙌😁

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

So, she left it all... she told her parents "I quit".
Badle Mai uske poora bachpan ki keemat chukani padi use...
It was not easy at all. But it was definitely worth it!

Mansi di: Hey Nishi!

I have something to tell you!
Mai tujhe..
khud batana chahti thi...

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

Logo ne use bewakoof bola, but she doesn't care now.
Kyuki pehli baar use khokhla feel nahi ho raha tha...

Mansi di: Aaj reports aayi...

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

pehli baar usne notice Kiya ki aasman kitna
khubsurat hai..

Mansi di: I am...

Corona positive...

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

asman- jise dekhke use sirf pehle
ye yaad ata tha ki wo is badi duniya mai
kuch bhi nahi hai.

Mansi di: Hey cheer up!

Tu aa nahi sakti to kya hua. Hum video call pe baat kar sakte hain...

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

Magar ab pehli baar she was
happy with just being "nothing"!

Mansi di: Oye aaj maine teri digital art ek nurse ko dikhaya...
she loved it!! 🥰

Mujhe to doubt hua kahi unki nazarein kharab to nahi hai!?
Anyway, wo keh rahi thi ki wo apne husband ki company mai
internship program ke liye tujhe lagwa sakti..

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

Uss din jab tune mujhe apna sapna
bataya tha...pata nahi kyu, magar..

Me: Di I'm sorry but exams sirf postpone hue hain...
magar honge jarur... aur maine itni mehnat ki hai to ab kaise chod
du!

Besides humne advance fees di thi loan leke..
To paise wasool kare Bina nahi Jane wali mai... 🤔👉

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

I had this warm feeling in my heart...
Mai shayad khush thi ki finally tune
mujhme vishwas kiya..

Mannsi di: oye kameeni!

Next time aegi to gulab jamun lekaiyo... khali haath aayi na... to
khaans dungii by God mai tujhpe...

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

Finally, tune himmat Kari apne man ki baat kehne ki...
Mujhe bas tujhe gale laga kar..
bas 'Everything will be **just** fine' kehne ka man tha...

Mansi di: Hey sweetie! 🥰

I think ab mai baat nahi kar paungi!!
Will miss you a lot...

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

I know you are unsure for your future...
Magar aasman bohot bada hai, limitless hai..
Galti karne se dar kar kuch na karna

sabse badi galti hai, Nishi.

Mansi di: VOICE MESSAGE: PLAYING

The tears Nisha has been caging up, starts flooding down. She cries hysterically.

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

If you are crying again... please don't...
jaisa ki maine kaha tha...
Mai hamesha tere saath hu Nishi...

Her mouth dissolves into a warm smile. Her tears still refusing to stop.

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

Bas mere cute boss pe Nazar mat daliyo!!

She chuckles. Sniffles and wipes her tears. She starts typing something in her phone.

Mansi (voice over)-continuous

LOVE YOU ALWAYS.

CAMERA ROLLS FROM HER LEGS TO JUST HER LOWER BODY LAYING ON THE BED. THEN, FOCUSES ON THE TEAR ROLLING DOWN HER EYES WHILE HER EYES ARE CLOSED AND HER FACE IS PALE.

AT LAST THE CAMERA CLOSE UPS TO HER PHONE WHERE A MESSAGE 'I QUIT' IS SENT TO HER MOTHER.