

Introducing

Saloni

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Love story with a *Dharmic* Twist

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Vidushi's time at *Hridayalaya* just didn't revolve around such food-for-thought discussions. There was an adventurous side to their everyday activities as well. She accompanied Saloni and Vinay multiple times to the shoreline to collect seashells. Gradually, she learned to find the proper footholds on her own, and the trek, or rather the rock climbing, became manageable and even fun. She was impressed by Saloni's knowledge about seashells and aquatic life. Additionally, she was a terrific swimmer and could easily outdo Vinay.

Vidushi couldn't understand why then Saloni made a fuss about strength and resistance training. She soon learned that it was simply her way of annoying Vinay for fun. And seeing the way they bonded, Vidushi realized how well Vinay bonded with the people he cared for. The fact that Saloni ate *rasgullas* only when Vinay made it felt crazy to her. In fact, he had to feed her the first one. The others weren't even allowed to touch it until she had had to her heart's content in the first serving. And Saloni could eat twenty-three *rasgullas* in one go.

'I wonder what will happen if Vinay gets a wife who is madly in love with *rasgullas* and comes and snatches your right of having them exclusively until your stomach is filled,' Prema, Vinay's mom, teased Saloni as she gulped her 24th *rasgulla*, making others wait as she wasn't yet finished.

Momentarily, Vidushi had a crazy thought that came out of nowhere, however, she held her tongue. For a moment, Vidushi couldn't believe she had actually conceived such a thought and warned herself to be more mindful of her thoughts. She slapped her forehead and shook herself back to reality as she saw Vinay heading to the kitchen to prepare more as he was confident Saloni would polish off the remaining sixteen also in this sitting. Even if she didn't, it would leave very little for everyone else. It seems like he had anticipated this.

Finally, when Saloni swallowed her 24th piece, she said, '*Bhaiya*, you won't let such a thing happen, no. Everyone

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should eat *rasgullas* only after I eat, no.'

'Hmm,' Vinay said from inside the kitchen.

'*Dekha*,' Saloni said teasingly to Prema, who went out, fully aware that she may not get to eat the syrupy dessert anytime soon the way Saloni was attacking them.

Over time, Vidushi learned that Saloni did all this despite making better *rasgullas* than Vinay. In return, Saloni gave Vinay *Bar-One* chocolates, which he never shared with anyone.

A kind of assuring chemistry existed between the siblings, even in the little things they did together, like doing Saloni's hair. Vidushi was surprised to know that Vinay not only knew about French braid, three-strand braid, fishtail braid, Dutch braid, and many other types of braids and hairdos, but he could do them very well too.

Now you realize, how upset I will be if Vinay Bhaiya didn't let me know what was *Operation Sambhav*, despite all the bond we share.

Anyways, getting back to you,

Is there anything specific that you guys share only with your sibling or a best friend? (And strictly, FRIENDS ONLY, You see I am only a Class 8 girl, no.)

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Also, I want to ask your friends as well, if I am justified in getting upset with Vinay Bhaiya? Please, let them also know about me.

And, in case you want to know about other people in Vinay Bhaiya's life, you can get to know them at:

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