

Innocence

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INT. KITCHEN - DAY

2003

Valli (mom, 31 year old) is packing lunches. Karthik (dad, 32 years old) is finishing up his breakfast. Kamala (2 years old) is playing with a toy car.

KAMALA

Amma, where did I come from.

VALLI

What?

KAMALA

Where did I come from?

Valli looks at Karthik.

KARTHIK

You came from an egg.

Valli leaves the room to grab a photo album.

KAMALA

Really?

Valli hands Kamala a photo album with a picture. It's a picture of Kamala sitting in an a large egg at a zoo.

Valli and Karthik look at each other in relief.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Guests, Kamala, Valli, and Karthik sitting on a couch. This scene happens cutting through multiple separate days and guests.

KAMALA

You want to see where I was born?

GUEST 1

What?

Kamala grabs the picture, runs over, and shows GUEST 2.

KAMALA

I came from this egg.

GUEST 3

Really?

KAMALA

Yeah.

Guest looks at Valli and Karthik.

GUEST 4

Awww

GUEST 1

She

GUEST 2

is

GUEST 3

sooo

GUEST 1,2,3,4

cute.

INT. CAR - DAY

2009

Valli, Karthik, Kamala (8 years old), and Arjun (Kamala's younger brother 4 years old) are in a car.

KAMALA (V.O)

Amma should be having kids every few months, but she's not. That means something makes her pregnant. What starts it?

KAMALA

Amma, what makes you pregnant?

Valli starts freaking out.

KARTHIK

Valli calm down.

Kamala.

She takes a pill when she wants to be pregnant.

KAMALA

Ohhh.

KAMALA (V.O)

What do animals do then?

INT. - LIVING ROOM INDIA - NIGHT

2010

The family is watching a serial on TV. A pad ad comes on.

KAMALA
(TO Valli)

What is that?

VALLI
I am not telling you.

KAMALA
Why?

VALLI
You aren't old enough yet.

KAMALA
Amma pleeeaaase.

VALLI
NO!

Kamala goes up to Ananya (her aunt, 17 years old).

KAMALA
What were those things in that ad?

MENNA
I don't know... I don't use them.

Ananya is lying to avoid talking about periods.

KAMALA
Oh...

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

2011

Health class. Kamala is 10 years old.

MR.WATSON
The sperm travels up the fallopian
tubes.

Kamala raises her hand. Mr.Watson calls on her. The whole class looks over at Kamala.

KAMALA

How does the male part get into the female?

MR.WATSON

Umm, I am not sure if I can answer that

I will find out if I can and let you know.

Bell rings. Noah walks up to Kamala.

NOAH

How do you not know this yet?

KAMALA

(shrugs) I don't know.

NOAH

The penis goes into the vagina. Everyone knows that.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Kamala is on FaceTime with Maya.

MAYA

It's so crazy that you can't control what comes out of your body. Why can't you hold it in like pee?

KAMALA

Yeah it's crazy.

My aunt Ananya is in college and she doesn't have a period.

MAYA

Really?

KAMALA

Yeah, That means she can't have kids.

No one is going to marry her.

MAYA

Wait my mom is coming upstairs.

KAMALA

Ok.

A few moments.

MAYA

Okay, she's gone.

KAMALA

So, if it all happens down there for sex, why do you need to take of your shirt?

MAYA

It doesn't work like that Kamala. You have to.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

2013

World language class. Kamala is 12 years old.

MS. SMITH

Turn to page seventy and then go back one page.

Class laughs.

JAMES

I flipped right to the page!

MS. SMITH

Repeat after me. Zero Nihil.

Only a few people respond.

CLASS

Nihil.

MS. SMITH

One ūnus.

CLASS

ūnus.

MS. SMITH

Two Duo.

CLASS

Duo.

MS. SMITH

Three Unus.

CLASS

Unus.

MS. SMITH

Four Quattuor.

CLASS

Quattuor.

MS. SMITH

Five Quinque.

CLASS

Quinque.

MS. SMITH

Six Sex.

Whole class yells.

CLASS

Sex.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY - LATER

World language class continues.

KAMALA

Can you sign my yearbook?

NOAH

Sure.

Noah signs his names and writes "8=D"

Guys around him laugh.

KAMALA

What is that?

Guys laugh.

NOAH

Its a math problem.

Guys laugh.

KAMALA

Oh.

(To Isabel who is sitting next to

Kamala)

Hey, what does this mean? Is it a smiley face?

ISABEL

No.

Isabel laughs.

Its a dick. See, those are the balls and there's the rest of it.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

2014

Health class. Kamala is 13 years old.

MRS.JENSEN

Oral sex is a sexual activity involving the stimulation of the genitalia of a person by another person using the mouth.

About three fourth of the class is shocked.

Bell rings.

Kamala and Maya are walking out of class.

MAYA

That's so gross, I am never doing that.

KAMALA

Yeah, why is that even a thing. Like sex makes sense. It makes babies. Why would you put your mouth on someone's pee stick.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

2017

Kamala (16 years old) is on the phone with Maya.

KAMALA

Did you know that Madison vapes?

MAYA
Yeah, literally everyone does.

KAMALA
Wait, what?

MAYA
Yeah, everyone vapes and drinks.

KAMALA
What about Grace.

MAYA
yep.

KAMALA
Jack.

MAYA
Yeah.

KAMALA
Amy.

MAYA
Dude I said everyone.

KAMALA
You?

MAYA
No, but doesn't mean I am never going
too.

INT. HALL -DAY

Kamala is walking up the stairs when she sees a condom on the stairs. Then, as she walks through the hallway, she labels everyone that drinks and vapes.

KAMALA (V.O)
Oh my god, she vapes.

Have an arrow pointing at her that says "vapes".

KAMALA (V.O)
She drinks.

Have an arrow pointing at her that says "drinks"

Kamala continues saying that faster as her voice fades out

and everyone in the hallway is labeled.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

In class Kamala and Evelyn are talking.

EVELYN

There are three holes.

KAMALA

What?. I thought there were two.

EVELYN

The pee hole, sex hole, and ass hole.

KAMALA

The pee hole and sex hole are separate holes?

EVELYN

Yeah.

KAMALA

Ohhhh. I was so confused by tampons. How could you pee while you a tampon in?

EVELYN

Oh my god Kamala.

I was conceived after the super bowl. What about you?

KAMALA

You parents told you that? Mine would never.

EVELYN

When were you born?

KAMALA

December 21.

EVELYN

So you were conceived at the end of March. Well nothing really happens in March.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

English class with a sub.

Allison, Maya, and Kamala walk in to class and see that they have a sub.

ALLISON
We have a sub?

MAYA
Want to skip?

ALLISON
Yeah.

Alison walks out.

MAYA
Kamala you coming?

KAMALA
Ummmmm, I don't know. I have never skipped before.

MAYA
See ya.

Maya walks out.

KAMALA
Wait...

Bell rings.

Kamala goes and sits down with the plan of leaving after the sub tells them what they are doing.

MR.EMMONS
Hi, I am your sub Mr.Emmons, your teacher is sick. You guys are reading your choice reading book all hour today.

Mr.Emmons goes to sit in the back of the room.

Kamala puts on her jacket and backpack. She has a book in one hand and her lunch bag in the other hand. She slowly walks up to the door, while her jacket makes noises.

Mr.Emmons looks up and watches Kamala. Kamala slows and stops by door to check if sub is watching and he is.

She puts her book and lunch on the cabinet by the door, pulls out a tissue, and blows her nose. The sub is still watching.

She pulls out another tissue. The sub is still watching. She opens bottom drawer and pulls out a single index card. The sub is still watching. She goes back and sits down with her index card.

Her table is watching and laughing.

KAMALA

Shut up.

ISABEL

It not even hard. Watch this.

Isabel walks out of class and back in. She is quick and quiet.

(Table laughs)

KAMALA

Okay let me try again.

Kamala is a little faster but her jacket makes noise and she is still carrying all her stuff. Sub is watching. She hole punches and staples her single index card. She sits back down.

ISABEL

How is that index card coming along?

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Kamala, Katie, and Alex are sitting at a table before class starts.

KAMALA

Have you ever drank or vaped or anything?

KATIE

(Laughs) Yeah, why?

KAMALA

What does it feel like.

KATIE

You want to try some?

KAMALA

NO. Just tell me what it feels like.

Katie is about to explain when Sarah walks in. Sarah has a

bag of cookies in her hand and had 2 edibles at lunch.

Bell rings.

SARAH

Guys, my friends gave me these 2 brownies and they didn't tell me they had pot in them soooooo I am high as fuck right now.

MS. WILSON

You guys are going to be graphing and making a write up for the data you collected.

Ms. Wilson passes out instructions.

Sarah eats one of her cookies.

ALEX

Can I have a cookie?

SARAH

Sure, my friend made them for my birthday. They are really good.

Sarah hands one to each of the people at her table.

Other people in the class ask for them. She starts handing out her whole bag. She has five cookies left. She realizes what she just did and decides to not hand out any more.

Sarah has trouble graphing cause she cant control her pencil.

ALEX

Can I have a cookie, I didn't get one.

SARAH

Oh, of course you can have one.

Sarah hands Alex another cookie.

(laughs)

Bell rings.

In her next class:

MS. WILSON

Sarah your presenting first.

Sarah walks up a little unbalanced with her paper.

SARAH

Chris McCandless was a courageous
young man who wanted to find himself.

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young man who wanted to find himself.

The rest of the class and Ms. Wilson confused and laughing.

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young man who wanted to find himself.

Thank you.

Sarah goes back to her seat.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Kamala, Arjun (Kamala's brother, 12 years old), Akila, and Tara (her cousins, 8 and 12 years old) are sitting on the dining table. Akila and Tara's mom Priya and Valli (Kamala's mom) are cooking.

AKILA

Ramya is pregnant.

KAMALA

Oh really?

TARA

They are going to cut open her stomach
and get the baby.

KAMALA

Thats not the only way to get the
baby.

Valli immediately stops stirring and Priya immediately stops cutting vegetables. They look up and stare at Kamala.

TARA

What's the other way?

KAMALA

Uhm, nothing. There is no other way.
Only C-sections.

KAMALA (V.O)

What would animals do then?

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

2018

In class working on a worksheet. Jessica, Alex, Kamala (17 years old), and Nicole are having a conversation.

JESSICA

My first kiss was actually sophomore year.

ALEX

Wow, that's late.

JESSICA

Yeah I know. It was really late.sooo

ALEX

(to Nicole)

What about yours?

NICOLE

7th grade ...

Nicole continues muted talking.

KAMALA (V.O)

Okay, don't ask me. Don't ask me.
Don't ask me. Don't ask me.

ALEX

Yeah my first time was ...

Alex continues muted talking.

KAMALA (V.O)

You DID NOT just skip me. I haven't had a first kiss yet but HOW DARE you assume that. What? None of your guys are going to ask? Wait... First time?... Is he talking about sex.

ALEX
... in middle school. It was pretty bad.

KAMALA (V.O)
MIDDLE SCHOOL? OH MY GOD. MIDDLE SCHOOL?!

JESSICA
Like what about it?

Alex and Jessica continue muted talking.

KAMALA (V.O)
Wait first time? pretty bad? Does that mean there was like a second time that was good. Cause that's a standard of comparison... He is really hot, like there must have been multiple options. Okay so that means probably way more than 2 times... MIDDLE SCHOOL?!

ALEX
... You could just spit it out.

JESSICA
No, or it just gets messy.

Alex laughs.

KAMALA (V.O)
Ohh, oh my god, they are talking about oral sex and cum.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Kamala is on the phone with Maya.

KAMALA
You know Alex?

MAYA
Which one?

KAMALA
I don't know his last name. He is really nice.

MAYA
The hot one?

KAMALA
Yep. The hot one.

MAYA
What about him?

KAMALA
He lost his virginity in middle school.

MAYA
MIDDLE SCHOOL? That's early.

KAMALA
Yeah, just a little early.

MAYA
How do you know?

KAMALA
My table in chem was talking about first kisses and first times.

MAYA
Oh.

KAMALA
Dude, they all just assumed I had nothing to contribute to conversation.

Maya laughs.

I mean I could've totally had a first kiss.

It's just common courtesy to ask. I don't know, Maybe Kamala has a life I don't know about. Let me ask her. It's that easy.

Maya laughs.

MAYA
It's okay. We are here in the same boat.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

2019

Kamala (18 years old) is on the phone with Nikhila (her aunt,

38 years old, lives in India)

KAMALA

Appa and Amma gave me so much wrong information and I believed every obvious lie they told me.

NIKHILA

You were an innocent kid.

KAMALA

Yep... Its not even like I expect them to sit down and give me the sex talk. I asked questions multiple times and they told me I was born from an egg and tampons make you lose your virginity.

NIKHILA

(laughs)

It's not your mom's fault. People here have so much wrong information. When I was in college, i'd say about fifty percent of the people here though kissing would make you pregnant.

KAMALA

(laughs) Really?

NIKHILA

Your mom was so innocent. She found out what sex was after she was engaged.

KAMALA

What?

NIKHILA

Yeah, once she was engaged, I told her.

KAMALA

What did she say?

NIKHILA

She was like oh that's how they do it?

KAMALA

Oh my god. That's why I was born five years later, she needed time to

process.

(laughs)

KAMALA

White parents here tell their kids everything. My friends know where they were conceived.

NIKHILA

You know where you were conceived, no doubt about it.

(laughs)

KAMALA

Yeah, I actually know more than white people. I know what position too.

Ewwwwwww, that's so gross.

(laughs)

INT. LUNCH -DAY

Lunch with Kamala (18 years old), Allison, Maya, Anna, Alex, Oliver, and Kevin. Anna is eating a banana. it is in her left hand. Using her right hand she pulls off pieces and eats them.

KAMALA

Why are you eating your banana like that?

ANNA

Uhm.

Allison laughs.

ALLISON

Remember when we first found out about blow jobs in middle school.

ANNA

We were all so shocked.

ALLISON

Cause like sex makes kids but what do blow jobs make?

ALEX
Careers.

(laughs)

Specifically Kamala laughs.

Alex gets up to go to the restroom.

MAYA
Oh my god, guys, there's this freshman
on the swim team who gave a guy a hand
job in the middle of Spanish.

KAMALA
WHAT?

KEVIN
In the middle of class?

MAYA
Yep, spanish.

ALLISON
How do people not notice?

MAYA
I don't know, I guess if you sit in
the back of the class and it's under
the table.

KAMALA
That's just so messy though.

OLIVER
Well, it's in his pants.

Kamala discretely pulls a pad out of her bag, puts it up her
sleeve, and get up to go to the rest room.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY - CONTINUE

She sees Alex in the hallway.

KAMALA
Hi.

ALEX
Hi.

Kamala drops her pad. Alex and Kamala watch the pad fall down

next to Alex. Kamala looks up at Alex.

Cut to world exploding.

Alex smiles, picks up the pad, and hands it to Kamala.

KAMALA

Thanks.

Kamala walks toward to restroom and Alex walks back to the lunch table.

INT. RESTROOM - DAY - CONTINUE

Kamala walks into the restroom hoping no one is inside. There is a girl in front of the mirror and two stalls are being used.

Kamala looks at the girl and the two closed stalls.

KAMALA (V.O)

Fuck.

Kamala walks into an empty stall. She sits waiting for someone to flush a toilet so that she can open her pad discretely.

KAMALA (V.O)

Please, come on, flush. Please flush.
Pleaaaasse.

Someone flushes, she immediately opens her pad while coughing to further mask the sound.

Kamala farts and immediately starts banging on things to mask the sound.

KAMALA

Oh my god, this toilet paper!

KAMALA (V.O)

Feewww, covered that one well.

INT. ALLISON'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Its Allison's birthday party and everyone is sitting in a circle playing truth or dare. Kamala is sitting next to Alex.

ALLISON

Truth or dare?

KAMALA

Dare.

MAYA

Kiss Alex.

KAMALA

Uhm.

KAMALA (V.O)

WHAT?

Dude, I LOVE you.

Fuck though.

Kamala is fidgeting with her hands and looks over at Alex. He is smiling at her. Kamala immediately looks down.

KAMALA (V.O)

Oh my god.

Kamala looks up again and Alex leans in. They kiss (a little peck).

INT. ALLISON'S HOUSE - NIGHT - LATER

Kamala is filling up her cup with some soda. Alex walks up to the snack table. He is really chill and Kamala is super awkward.

ALEX

Hey.

KAMALA

Hi.

Are you ready for the physics test on Monday.

ALEX

Nope.

KAMALA

Yeah I haven't started studying. I am going to fail.

ALEX

That your first kiss?

KAMALA

Yeah.

Alex smiles.

He leans in for another kiss.