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Leap of faith

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EXT.NIGHT.PLAYGROUND OF A SCHOOL.

A massive party is going on with a DG on a temporarily built stage. On the side a 17 year old boy, ISHAN, in a suit is standing alone swaying to music, tapping his feet and enjoying a soft drink.

Another 17 year old boy VIHAAN, who is dressed impeccably in a navy colored suit emerges from the crowd.

DG (V.O.)
Last song, guys.

VIHAAN
Common man, its the last song.

ISHAN
No, I have to finish this drink.

ISHAN looks over to the crowd, and focuses his attention on a beautiful girl TAMANNAH.

VIHAAN, follows ISHAN's gaze

VIHAAN
What had we decided?

ISHAN frowns

VIHAAN (cont'd)
Do you want to ask her out or not?

ISHAN
Yes..

VIHAAN
And what did we plan?

ISHAN
To make her laugh all night,dance with her and then ask her out.

VIHAAN
Correct. Now you made her laugh all night.All you have to do now to make this night memorable, is shake that fat ass of yours.

ISHAN
Well weren't my jokes memorable enough.

VIHAAN grabs ISHAN by the neck, and starts dragging him towards the crowd. ISHAN gasps.

VIHAAN
No they are not.

ISHAN
Aagh, ok ok.

VIHAAN grabs ISHAN by the shoulder

VIHAAN
This is our fair-well night, who knows when you will see her again. Now go have some fun.

ISHAN sees a gap in the crowd and tries to make a run for it. VIHAAN stops him before he could make the run.

VIHAAN (cont'd)
Don't even think about

VIHAAN slaps his ISHAN's but

VIHAAN (cont'd)
Just don't do the floss.

He then pushes ISHAN in front of TAMANNAH.

ISHAN awkwardly stands in front of her, while she is dancing.

TAMANNAH
Hey!

TAMANNAH comes close to his ears

TAMANNAH (cont'd)
Dance!

ISHAN closes his eyes and starts to dance. His steps start bulky, but as he notices that TAMANNAH is enjoying it, his steps become smoother. He spins her around, and they start dancing together. The song ends, the music stops, and everyone starts to boo.

TAMANNAH (cont'd)
I didn't you were such a good dancer, ISHAN. I had fun.

TAMANNAH (cont'd)
I am going to get some water, you want some?

ISHAN
Yeah sure.

She then goes to get the water at the counter.

VIHAAN
Dude kesa gaya?

ISHAN
Went well I guess, she has gone to
bring me water.

VIHAAN
Last part of the act bro, go ask her
out.

VIHAAN grabs him by the neck, and starts dragging him
towards her.

VIHAAN (cont'd)
Take her behind the water cooler,
wait for a little privacy, and then
pop the question.

He then pushes him towards her.

ISHAN then starts walking towards TAMANNAH. He makes eye
contact with her. Suddenly his feet slow down to a halt, he
takes a gulp , turns around and dashes towards the bathroom.

VIHAAN sees this and follows him towards the bathroom.

INT. NIGHT. BATHROOM.

ISHAN is seeing himself in the mirror, and then he splashes
water onto his face.

VIHAAN
What happened out there?

ISHAN
I can't do it, its too hard.

VIHAAN looks ISHAN in the eye.

VIHAAN
What are you afraid of?

VIHAAN (cont'd)
You were a total chad today. A few
hiccups along the way, but overall, a
chad.

ISHAN
I don't know okay.

VIHAAN
You have almost reached the summit of
the mountain, painstakingly made this
climb, and now you want to quit.

ISHAN
Yes

VIHAAN
Are you afraid she will reject you

ISHAN
No

VIHAAN
It totally makes sense. God ISHAN
when are you going to learn from your
mistakes.

ISHAN
What! What are you talking about.

VIHAAN
Last year, I remember. You were
supposed to give a speech about the
farmers strike. You prepared like
hell, did good research, and in the
end choked up to even a say a
word. And a month before that...

ISHAN's mind starts to wander in the past of how as a little
kid he danced, and practiced dance everyday, and in the end
he was not selected for the dance. He sees TAMANNAH face,
and how cute she looks when she smiles.

ISHAN
Ok! Yes I am afraid. I am afraid she
will say no.

VIHAAN
So what if she says no. There is no
harm in that, you did your best.

ISHAN
It will break my heart.

VIHAAN

Yes it will, but you move on knowing you tried. After a few days you are going to get over her, and you are going to have a crush on someone else, and then you are going to get over her too, and then onto the next one. Are you going to spend the rest of your life not knowing whether something was meant to be or not?

VIHAAN (cont'd)

It will eat you alive.

ISHAN still looked pale, and not inspired.

VIHAAN (cont'd)

We are not kids anymore ISHAN. Have a little faith in yourself.

ISHAN

So you think I have a shot with her?

VIHAAN

Yes; but who knows really, Schrodinger's cat you know.

ISHAN

Schrodinger's cat!

ISHAN gives VIHAAN a hug.

VIHAAN

Get a little sexy, and go talk to her.

EXT. NIGHT. PLAYGROUND OF A SCHOOL.

ISHAN slowly and calmly advanced to TAMANNAH,

TAMANNAH

Hey, here you go.

She hands over a small bottle of water to ISHAN. They start walking towards the gate. He drinks the whole bottle.

ISHAN.

Thanks. So did you have fun today.

TAMANNAH

Yes! Enjoyed today. I mean dancing, and performances by the Juniors.

ISHAN.
You liked those.

TAMANNAH
I mean yeah, they tried to add that
will smith skit in the middle, it was
fun.

ISHAN.
Well the timing of it was so off.

TAMANNAH
Well true, but at least they tried to
do something unexpected.

ISHAN.
You could say that.

ISHAN. (cont'd)
I had a question by the way

TAMANNAH
Yes.

ISHAN.
Have you ever tried boba?

TAMANNAH
No, why?

ISHAN.
Well they sell this great boba near
Versova beach.

TAMANNAH
Really.

ISHAN.
Yeah, we should go there sometime.

TAMANNAH
Sure, lets do it, who else do you
want to invite.

ISHAN
I meant like, just the both of us.

TAMANNAH (CHUCKLING)
Like a date?

TAMANNAH
Oh you are serious.

ISHAN gave a nod. TAMANNAH squinted her eyes. There was a moment of silence.

ISHAN
Yes, no, maybe, eww?

TAMMANAH giggled

TAMANNAH
ISHAN, you are a great guy.

ISHAN
Oh no.

TAMANNAH
Listen. We are about to enter into the real world, experience new things, let life punch us around, and try to survive the blow. And I want to learn from it and grow from it. I am not looking for someone to date, or fall in love you know. Not right now.

ISHAN
See I am not looking for anything serious.

TAMANNAH
Are you a hundred percent sure about that.

ISHAN is hesitant to speak

TAMANNAH (cont'd)
See I knew.

ISHAN
So I would take that as a no.

TAMANNAH
Unfortunately, yes.

ISHAN won't dare to see TAMANNAH, eye to eye.

TAMANNAH (cont'd)
Oh come here.

She gives him a hug.

TAMANNAH (cont'd)
Don't worry you are a great catch. Just promise me you won't give up.

ISHAN

I know.

A phone rings, and TAMANNAH picks it up.

TAMANNAH

Chalo I have to go, my driver is here. Bye.

ISHAN waves goodbye, and she leaves to say goodbye to her other friends.

VIHAAN comes from behind.

VIHAAN

So, when is the date.

ISHAN

She said no.

VIHAAN

But you guys hugged, and you're not crying.

ISHAN

I am not that emotional okay.

VIHAAN

Oh man that sucks, I really thought you were worthy.

ISHAN

You know what, fuck you. I mean I just got rejected.

VIHAAN

Ok alright. But in all seriousness, how are you feeling.

ISHAN

I have felt better. I am hungry you know.

VIHAAN

Shawarma?

ISHAN

Definetly.

EXT.NIGHT. SHAWARMA STALL.

Two delicious, sizzling shawarma's are given to ISHAN and VIHAAN. They both take a huge bite out of it. Both give an almost orgasmic gasp when they eat it.

ISHAN
This is good stuff.

VIHAAN
true that bhai true that.

VIHAAN (cont'd)
Don't worry bro, I will find an even
hotter girl than TAMANNAH, forget
about her.

And we zoom out as they continue their conversation.