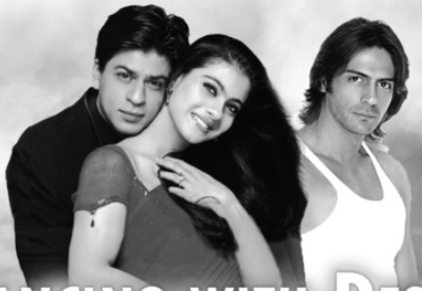


They travelled great distances to be together, broke through barriers to love one another but will destiny force them apart?



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Chapter 5 remainder!!

"About what?" Jai was getting impatient

"Jai! Why did you kiss her?" Raj was becoming angry as his head hurt so much.

"Because I wanted to – what's it to you Raj"

"She was confused about that – she said she doesn't love you!"

"But she kissed me back – so I know love will happen on day!"

"She felt bad for you and didn't want to hurt you"

"Raj, help me then! Help me get her. I love her a lot"

"Jai....I don't want to see her sad"

"You think she will be happier with you? – How can you think that, we both know it's not possible"

"I'll help you somehow" Raj said feeling the weight of the truth on his shoulders. He couldn't deny it.

"Good – I know I can make her happy!" Jai said feeling positive

Chapter 6

That night Anna had trouble falling asleep. She was confused about everything in her life and just wanted to be rid of it all. She made a decision to stay away from both men for awhile to fix her mind up. Everything had happened too quickly and she felt she had made a mess of it all.

The next morning Anna's mother informed her that Jai was here to see her. Anna refused – she felt horrible about what happened with him and did not want to see him even for a second. She was a little angry at him and herself. Jai left soon after and she watched from her bedroom window as he went. At around lunch time Raj visited her. She wanted to see him but couldn't bring herself to face him after what she had done. She watched, her heart aching as he got back into his car and drove away.

The next few days followed the same routine. But sometimes Jai brought her chocolates or flowers and left them for her when she refused to see him. She thought this was very sweet but still couldn't bring herself to face him. Raj brought nothing but he took her heart with him each time he left and she longed to be with him.

Jai was feeling extremely guilty about what he had done. He felt he forced her into something she didn't want but he wasn't going to give up. He would win her heart somehow he thought to himself. He went to her house everyday and took something for her, but she had refused for over a

week. His optimism did not die out and he kept trying. Someday she would talk to him and he would say sorry to her.

Raj also visited Anna because he worried for her. She was not well at all the last time they had met and he just wanted to make sure she was okay. She had refused to see him on all occasions and he felt guilty. Maybe if he had reacted more positively to the kiss? Did she like him in that way? He felt his heart leap but immediately pushed it down hard and fast. He decided to visit Anna again that day and finally after long last he was successful because she was the one who opened the door.

"Oh Raj" She said automatically

"Anna, why have you been avoiding me?"



"I, I – Raj no....It's not like that....!" She couldn't explain.

"I told you to forget what happened the other week, Anna lets just forget it all"

"I feel like an idiot" She looked sad. He noticed she had dark circles around her eyes and looked tired.

"We are all idiots in a way Anna – even I do things I regret, but don't let it eat at you – leave it behind"

"I wish..." She drifted off. She couldn't bring herself to say it. She wished the kiss had happened under different circumstances.

"So....can I come in" He smiled warmly and she melted before him.
"Uh yea come" She opened the door winder to let him in.

"Where's aunty?"
"She went out to shop"

He sat down on the sofa and looked up at her. She couldn't resist so she sat next to him.

"Anna, don't feel sad....You know I could never bear it when you were upset"

"I'm not sad, who said I was sad?" She said smiling at his sweetness.

"I can see it" He replied gently.

"What else can you see?" She dared to ask

"Anna" He became serious "Talk to Jai – he made a mistake"

"I can't Raj – I feel horrible thinking about it, I don't even feel like seeing him"

"You will see him sometime, won't you? He feels horrible"
"I feel horrible too"

"Okay take your time – but just know he wants to say sorry to you"

"He's been leaving me many things – I know he is sorry"

"What sort of things?" He became curious
"Just chocolates, flowers and notes – almost every day" She sighed.

"Did you enjoy the chocolates?" He laughed knowing how much she loved to eat.

we used to" Raj suggested.

"Please Anna – I'm sorry!" Jai repeated. She just stood there staring blankly at him.
"I can't do this right now Jai" she spoke up after awhile.

"Don't do anything okay? Let me make it up to you" He pleaded

She didn't want to upset him, he looked horrible already – as if he hadn't slept in days. She loved him dearly and vowed to forget what had happened.

"Okay" She said barely audible.

"Good! This is for you!" He said giving her another box of chocolates. With that he turned around and left the house. She stared at the door with a small smile on her face –

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he had always been so hyper and silly and that's what she loved about him. But Raj was always quiet and sensible and she was in love with that.

She suddenly felt his presence behind her and turned around almost walking into him. He stopped her from crashing into him and held her at arms length.

"I think you can learn to love him" He whispered to her.

"I don't know if I want to" She whispered back – She wanted Raj.

"I think he's good for you" He said, he dropped his arms off her shoulders and walked toward the door.

"I'll see you soon" he said and headed off. She stood immobile wondering if Raj had no feelings for her at all. It seemed like he was not interested, but her heart felt something there. She thought about Jai and trying to change her feeling toward him, it might be the safer thing to do – since Raj didn't want her.

The next morning Jai had left his routine bouquet of flowers at her doorstep. She picked them up and felt the cool wind against her skin – the weather was cooling down dramatically and she felt a sense of warmth holding onto the flowers. Jai was a comfort zone for her because of their long friendship and no matter what had happened, she felt relaxed knowing he was around for her. Suddenly someone clasped their hands over her eyes and pulled her into the house.

"Guess who" he whispered into her ear. Jai! She realised it was him immediately and smiled.

"Let me go! Crazy man" She said laughing as he pulled her toward the kitchen bench. He just laughed refusing to remove his hands.

"How did you get into the house?" She asked

"Your mum helped me" He whispered again.
"What? How –"

"Anna I'm so sorry" was the first thing Jai said as he stepped through the door. He then stopped and stared at Raj.
"Anna let's forget everything and just be like

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