

The Sacrifice

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FADE IN:

INT. HOTEL ROOM

There are two beds in the room. On one there is a 13 year old girl sitting. On the other is a man in his late thirties. There is a broken egg on a table near by. Light is entering the room from a big window. The room is brown and yellow. The floor and the walls seem to be made up to wood.

THE GIRL

Brother...

THE MAN

Amy.. My sister..

SISTER

It's been 20 years. Did you forget me?

BROTHER

You know the year you are in? You know it's not-

SISTER

I know the miracle brother. I know what you did..

BROTHER

Ohh..

SISTER

Don't worry.

There is some silence in the room.

Brother tries to break the ice.

BROTHER

Do you remember that ice cream we had? In that theme park, the day just before your accident?

SISTER

Yeah I do. We almost puked eating that green flavoured ice cream(chuckles). Whose idea was it anyways?

Bother raises his hand up.

BROTHER

I am guilty for that. I just loved the colour green. Who knew it was going to taste THAT bad.

SISTER

Also do you remember that basketball game we played?

BROTHER

Yeah.. You wanted that toy they gave to the winner. We spent almost all our pocket money for that game but did not win.

SISTER

It was your fault you couldn't get a single hoop.

BROTHER

Well in my defence I was just seven.

SISTER

You were in the school basketball team though. Oh that reminds me.. How is your basketball career going? Did you make it?

BROTHER

Uhh... I quit basketball soon afterwards, I just couldn't concentrate after your accident. Life was never the same you know.

SISTER

Oh..

BROTHER

But I did join the local university though. I hope I soon get a job and help papa financially atleast.

SISTER

I am so proud of you brother. It feels like it was just yesterday when you were just 7 and we visited that theme park.

Both share a smile.

BROTHER

So how was your life in... Where ever you were?

SISTER

I did not have a life after that accident. Remember I DIED?

BROTHER

Ohh yeah..

SISTER

So how's everything at home? How's Maa and Paa?

BROTHER

They are doing good now. Everyone reacted differently to your loss. Maa was lost for days. Paa was broken as well. I had to take care of little Sarah all on my own. But now things seem to have gotten better. Time does heal you.. But Maa sometimes still weeps for you. She blames herself for that accident.

SISTER

Well If that's the case, we should go visit them asap. I want to see her face when she sees me.

BROTHER

We aren't in our hometown by the way. But we can video call them from here.

SISTER

Video call? What is it?

Brother realises she missed 20 years of her life and technology advancements.

BROTHER

It's like a phone call but you can see the faces as well.

SISTER

Really? How is it possible? Is it another miracle?

BROTHER

No no, it's just new technology. Just watch.

Brother takes out his ipad and calls "Paa" on his contacts.

BROTHER

Okay listen, you should hide. When I call you, come out. Will give them a surprise.

Dad picks up the call. He is sitting alone.

DAD

Hey son, what's up? How was your trekk?

BROTHER

Good.. In fact better than I expected.

DAD

Really? Sounds like you had a good time there.

BROTHER

Paa listen, I wanted you to meet someone.

Sister enters the frame.

DAD

Who is this? Wait let me put my specs on..

Dad puts his spectacles on.

DAD

Is this? Amy? Is this my Amy?

SISTER

Yess Paa, I am your Amy. I am back.

DAD

Where were you? How did you come back? I do't understand. I don't..

BROTHER

I will explain everything Dad, call Maa first.

DAD

Sure.. (looks at Amy) We have a lot of catching up to do.

DAD

Honey! Come fast. Your son has called.

BROTHER

Sister, you know the drill.

Sister hides quickly.

Mom enters the video call from behind Dad.

BROTHER

Mom, I want you to meet someone..

Amy enters the call.

Mom is shocked to see her daughter. She is infact kind of angry.

MOM

What kind of a joke is this?

SISTER

Mom it's me Amy!

MOM

I don't get this. She.. She died.

Mom gets teary.

SISTER

No mom! It's really me. Your Amy. I came back mom. I came back to meet you.

MOM

How? How is it even possible?

BROTHER

Let me explain. Listen to me.

MOM

Okay explain yourself. This better not be a silly joke.

BROTHER

Okay so.. I was on this trekk with my friends at Kedarkantha and we found this wierd looking egg there. On the top of the mountain. I kept it for myself as a memory of that trekk. Few days later, the egg hatched. Out came an ostrich. Not a small baby ostrich. A full grown rainbow coloured ostrich. And to my suprise, it could even talk! That ostrich told me he would grant me a miracle for rescuing him. I was shocked as hell. He told me years ago so witch kept her on that mountain top to be rescued when the time comes. He told me he could help me bring back Amy. He could bring her back from dead! But I would have to sacrifice my most beloved thing and as any good brother would do, I too did. And Amy was back. She is back Maa, She is back. For real.

MOM

So.. Soo are you truly my Amy?

SISTER

Yes Maa.. I am truly your Amy.

Mom takes time to understand whats going on.

MOM

I missed you so much beta. So much.

Maa starts to cry.

MOM

Thanks for bringing her back son.
Thank you so much.

DAD

We should call your younger sister
down as well. Let her see her elder
sister now. She was so small then
wonder if she even remembers her.

MOM

Sarah! Sarah come down! Look whose
here! Sarah!

BROTHER

Mom..

MOM

Sarah!!

BROTHER

Mom..

MOM

Sarah come down fast-

BROTHER

Mom!

MOM

What?

BROTHER

The ostriich told me, I had to
sacrifice the most beloved thing in
the world.

MOM

Yeah.. You already told us that.

BROTHER

My most beloved thing..

MOM

Yeah?

BROTHER

You know how much I love Sarah..

MOM

I know what why is how is she
related to this?

BROTHER

Mom...

Mom and Dad are shocked as they try to comprehend it. Screen
blacks before we get to see Brother and Amy's reaction.

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FADE TO BLACK

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