

KAPOOR & SONS (SINCE 1921)

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RAHUL
Sashi Chachuu!!!

ARJUN
Kaisi ho chachi?

We meet SASHI CHACHA (54), a happy go lucky man with his gracefully aging wife - NEETU CHACHI (47) & their THREE KIDS:

- * AALIA(18): Perpetually on her mobile phone
- * SHARIC(15): Carrying his guitar in a gig-bag
- * ZOEY(11): holding a couple of books.

Ad-lib greetings and hugs and comments on each other's appearances. The following dialogues are quick and overlapping.

SASHI CHACHA
Papa I'm so sorry hum pehle nahin aa paye.

NEETU CHACHI
Cruise pe contact hi nahin ho paya.

ALIA
We missed your birthday party!

GRAND DAD
Haan bhai kya birthday party miss ki tumne, meri toh Indo-China border ki yaad taaza ho gayi..

Arjun and Rahul enter some ad-lib greetings..

FATHER
Baaki ke bags kahaan hai?

SHASHI CHACHA
Gaadi mein hi rakhe hai bhaishaab..
Didn't want to inconvenience you'll .. Toh humne Elgin mein rooms book kar liye hai

GRAND DAD
Bakwas! Tum sab yaheen rahoge! Aur kal sab ek family photo lenge.
Arjun tera woh duffer dost aa raha hai na? Dharmu inke bags andar leke aa

ARJUN
Haan bol diya hai maine.

While Arjun calls Wasim ...

NEETU CHACHI

Are you sure koi dikkat nahi hogi?

MOTHER

Bilkul nahi ... maine pehle se hi
tum logo ka room taiyaar kiya hai.
(beat)

Dharmendar!! Bacchon ko coke-fanta
toh de do na!

SASHI CHACHA

Bhaishaab ek superb single malt
laya hun aapke liye..

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113 INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

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Rahul and Arjun are sitting with the kids. Dadu slyly picks
up a glass and gulps a sip.

FATHER

Papa, kya kar rahe ho aap! You're
not allowed!

SASHI CHACHA

--It's fine bhai sahab.. Ek chota
sa sip thha...

(to grand dad)

Though I must say papa, I'm very
proud of you.. aapne smoking chhodh
di, bahut badi baat hai.

GRAND DAD

Discipline, beta discipline.

SASHI CHACHA

Toh boys aur kya chal raha hai?

ARJUN

Arrey bahut kuch.. Dadu ki party pe
Rahul ki shaadi tai ho gayi.. Ek
chai wali ke saath..

RAHUL

Haan saale zaroor!

ARJUN

Maa.. Rahul ne Geet ke liye haan
bol diya..

114 INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

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Neetu Chachi has slipped into a kurta-pyjama, she helps Mum in the kitchen as Dharamendra puts everything in different dishes and bowls.

NEETU CHACHI

(re:album)

And look what I found in ..

MOTHER

Arrey.. Haan.. Ye toh pata nahin
kitni purani hain...

(beat)

Yeh taste kar ---

NEETU CHACHI

(tastes a little)

It's delicious ! Timmy ko bolo na
mujhe kuch mutton recipes bheje,
Sharic just loves this stuff.

MOTHER

Haan, ussey bolti hoon email karne
ke liye.

115 INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

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SASHI CHACHA

Aap phone pe kuch bol rahe the?
Milenge toh baat karenge.. All OK?

FATHER

Lambi kahani hai.. baad mein araam
se baithienge.

116 INT. KITCHEN- NIGHT

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Mum and Neetu pick up the bowls and exit

MOTHER

(shouts out)

Khana taiyaar hai! Sab dining table
pe aa jao!

NEETU CHACHI

(to Alia)

Alia do minute phone rakh lo beta.
Aaj kal Alia se baat karne ke liye
ussey whatsapp karna padta hai.

117 INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

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POST DINNER: A few packets of duty free chocolates are being passed around. Sashi is licking the last bits off the plate. Alia is scanning photos on her i-phone from the album.

GRAND DAD

Neetu tumne iss duffer ko badi
choot de rakhi hai. Jab dekho
cholesterol wala khana hi khata hai!

Neetu gives Sashi a mock-angry look.

SASHI CHACHA

Papa, please aise jokes mat maaro,
Neetu ka koi sense of humor hai hi
nahin...

NEETU CHACHI

What do you mean?

SASHI CHACHA

Nahin mera matlab...

GRAND DAD

(to Shariq)

Aaj raat lagne waali hai tere
papa ki..

ARJUN

Dadu aap sabki bas lagwate hi rehte
ho...

ALIA

Pa.. Yeh dekhi aapne?

Sashi takes the album. They all peek in and turn a few pages.

NEETU CHACHI

Bhabhi aap toh bilkul Waheeda
Rehman lag rahi ho.

MOTHER

(blushes)

Kuch bhi...

RAHUL

No mom, chachi sahi keh rahi hain.

ARJUN

Par dad Guru Dutt kum, Amrish Puri
zyaada lag rahe hain...

NEETU CHACHI

(laughs)

Aur Shashi ko dekho, exactly Sharic
jaise lagte thhe!

SHARIC

Shee.. main aise thodi dikhta hoon.

SASHI CHACHA

Abe, tujh se bahut zyaada handsome
thha main... yeh guitar dekh ke
kuch ladkiyon kya pata li, khud ko
rockstar samajh liye?

FATHER

Haan Sharic tu nahin janta, Sashi
aur mere liye liye ghar ke bhahar
ladkiyon ki line lagti thhi.

GRAND DAD

Chup be, woh line mere liye thhi.

More laughter. They continue to get more nostalgic.

FATHER

Jo bhi kaho, woh din bade yaad aate
hain...

SASHI CHACHA

Un yaadon ko main karodon rupyon ke
liye na bechun...

GRAND DAD

Jhoota! Karodon ke liye toh tu
potty bhi kha lega..

EVERYONE

Yuckkk!! Dadu, that's just gross!!

Arjun laughs.

GRAND DAD

Dus crore miley toh tum sab khaoge!

MOTHER

Chee papa..

FATHER

Khana kha rahe hain papa.

Father looks at a few pictures. Others continue with their conversations.

RAHUL
(to Sharic)
Guitar pe kya kya bajata hai??

SHARIC
Metallica.. Megadeath.. Iron Maiden-

SASHI CHACHA
Bas jhain jhain, jhoo jhoo...

NEETU CHACHI
Kaan phat gaye hain bhabhi. Uff!

SHARIC
Aap logon ko music ka sense hi nahin.

ARJUN
Ya bro they don't understand..

SASHI CHACHA
Chup be! Aaj se tere guitar lessons ke paise main tabhi bharunga jab tu purane hindi gaane bajayega... Rafi, Burman, Kishore kumar!

SHARIC
Nooo.. Papa..

NEETU CHACHI
Kyun, Rahul bhaiya toh Hindi gaane bajate hain...

SASHI CHACHA
C'mon Rahul!! Aaj ho hi jaaye..

GRAND DAD
--Haan, haan.. aaj kuch suna hi de.

ARJUN
(to Rahul)
Aur ab Lata ji ki sureeli awaz meing hum sunenge--

Rahul shows Arjun the middle finger.

SASHI CHACHA
--tere dad ka favorite..

NEETU CHACHI

Wahi wala ... jo appne bhabhi ke liye sangeet par gaya thha.. Bhabhi kya naam thha??

MOTHER

Nahin.. rehne do..

FATHER

--Nahin nahin bhai, phir kabhi.. Mera gala..

NEETU CHACHI

Arre Shuru toh karo. sab saath mein gayenge.. C'mon.. Bhabhi aap bologe toh mana nahin karenge..

They all try to cajole him.

RAHUL

C'mon papa.. main taiyaar hoon...

A beat. Rahul takes the guitar from Sharic and plays the opening riff... A little hesitation and then Father sings the song.

FATHER

Chaand si mehbooba hogi meri kab aisa maine socha tha. Haan tum bilkul waisi ho jaisa maine..

He continues to sing, everybody joins in.. They all begin to have a good time.. Mum and dad exchange a few looks.. They are floating down memory lane again. This is the happiest we've seen them. It's as if something has changed. Rahul and Arjun share a look, knowing something eventful is taking place.