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EPISODE - 1

Scene – 1 :

Sindhura slipped while getting down from the scooter. She is asked to give rest to the leg and stay at home for two days. Yashwant asks her to be careful. He gives her support. Why this concern all of a sudden, she asks. This is love–season, says Yashwant. Sindhura says that what she wants is love coming from the heart and not from the lips.

When they come in, Yashwant reminds her it is 5th of the month. Sindhura gets her salary and gives it to Yashwant.

Mother is coughing. Yashwant becomes impatient. Sindhura goes to her mother-in-law, gives her water and says that they will go to the hospital tomorrow.

Yashwant asks his mother whether she has taken Two hundred rupees kept in his pocket. The mother says she doesn't know. Sindhura says she has taken it and becomes angry with Yashwant for calling his mother "a thief". She places the chair in his way. He struck against it and calls "amma" in pain. Sindhura says it is exactly to remind him of the importance of mother that she has done it.

Scene 2 :

Mother is looking at her husband's photo. Sindhura asks her what the matter is. Mother says that her husband came in her dreams and expects the son to do the first annual ceremony. Sindhura says yes. But the mother says that her son will definitely say 'no'.

Yeshwant brings two saris – for Rs.1500 and Rs.150. Sindhura gives the costly one to her mother-in-law. Yeshwant wants Sindhura's birthday to be celebrated. But Sindhura says that she doesn't like Birthdays – In addition, this is the first year of his father's death and she will not accept it.

Yashwant feels that doing a Ceremony at home is a waste of money. Besides, they don't get gifts. He says that he took an LIC policy on his mother's name. Sindhura knows that he is doing business on the future death of his mother. She says that the anniversary will be done with the money in her account.

EPISODE – 2

Scene : 3

Sindhura is pregnant. Mother says she must take medicines on time. Yashwant comes happily and says that the doctor told him that it is going to be a male child. He wants to shift to another apartment and keep his mother in an old-age home. Sindhura wants to go to her village, but Yashwant says she will not get so much of leave.

Scene 4 :

Sindhura has not come from the office. Yashwant is agitated. He telephones everybody. The whole day Sindhura has not come. Yashwant wants to take his mother to the old age home. Sindhura comes when they are about to leave. He asks her where she went without informing him. She says she went for an abortion. When he knows it is time he becomes engaged. He beats her. He asks her why she resorted to it when he told her it was a baby boy. Sindhura says it is exactly for that reason.

Sindhura says that she did it because her son might get the mind-set of his father.

I don't want a son who neglects me as a mother there is a seeming change in Yashwant's attitude. Sindhura says he need not send her to an old-

age home. Both of them are going away to live on their own. They start
Yashwant is repentant.

Mother goes up to the door, looks at her son. She cannot go when she
sees Yashwant weeping. She comes back.

Yashwant lies down on her lap and cries.

Sindhura looks on.