

Pilot Episode [When Cable Came Home]
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Synopsis/ A Friday night party thrown to celebrate an unexpected promotion for D'Mello. Before and during the party, his son Shawn and elder daughter Sandy squabble over who gets to drive the Maruti Suzuki 800 in the evenings. However, both join hands to persuade their parents to get cable reinstated at home after enduring 2 consecutive years of Board exams. Shawn's excitement is soon squashed as there is just one television and he doesn't control the remote.

1.

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INT. D'MELLO LIVING ROOM

Bleed into an old DD screensaver. 2-3 thuds are heard as the screensaver jumps askew and sits back. On the fourth thud, Shawn (17) gets back the reception and goes back to lie on the couch. The anchor is leading into the upcoming song

ANCHOR

Agla gaana prastut hai film Rangeela se...nirdeshak hain Ram Gopal Varma aur sangeetkar AR Rahman. Geet ke bol hain Mehboob ke aur gaayika hain Asha Bhosle. Gaana filmaaya gaya hai Urmila Matondkar aur Jackie Shroff pe. Tanha tanha yahan pe jeena ye koi baat hai..

Shawn knows halfway through the description what the song is and jumps up in anticipation. He watches gape mouthed at Matondkar frolicking on the beach. In his mind, there is no actor in the song, only the actress.

Right about then, his elder sister Sandy (18) comes downstairs, sees him glued to the set and stealthily comes and stands behind him and smacks him on his head.

SHAWN

(irritated)

Sandy, aage se toone mujhe chua bhi na, toh?

SANDY

(bossily)

Chua toh kya bey?

Sandy proceeds to the open kitchen

SANDY

Sandwich khayega patle Rambo?

SHAWN
(Still glued on to the song)
Haan

SANDY
(louder from the kitchen)
Nahi?

SHAWN
Haan.

SANDY
To khud bana ke kha le.

2.

EXT. CITY COUNCIL - EVENING

D'Mello (early 40s) arrives in his dark blue Maruti Suzuki 800. Shelly walks in near him, visibly proud.

SHELLY
Congratulations, you're blushing!

She takes a seat and gives him a hug.

D'MELLO
Kal party rakhein?

SHELLY
Choti si, only friends?

Their chat becomes less audible as the car moves on.

SHELLY
Increment kitna hai?

They reach home and pull the car into the driveway where Sandy is yakking away on the cordless phone.

SANDY
I will ring you later.

D'Mello switches off the radio and then the car.

D'MELLO
Sandy, guess who's the new Branch Manager?

SANDY
(hugs)
Really?

She whispers I love you.

SANDY
Aur mujhe extra pocket money nahi chahiye.

D'MELLO
Toh kya chahiye? Bank Account?

Sandy points to the 800. D'Mello laughs and walks in with Shelly and her inside. They see Shawn eating cornflakes from the box.

SANDY
Mummy, Rambo ko bhook lagi hai

SHELLY
Shawn, bowl mein daal ke khao.
(brief pause)
Papa got promoted to Branch Manager!

SHAWN
(excitedly)
Cool!

D'MELLO
Zyaada khush hone ki zaroorat nahi hai, pocket money tumhari constant hi rehne waali hai.

SHAWN
Aur, dabao garibon ko.

D'MELLO
Kya?

SHAWN
Kuch nahi..congrats Dad.

3.

EXT. CITY COLLEGE - MORNING

SHAWN
RD next time cable pe *Rangeela* aayegi toh bataana please bey

RD

Tu tere dad ko cable ke liye bolta kyun nahi hai?

JAMMU

Cable.. mere yahan poora time meri cousin behen lagi rehti hai Cartoooooon Network pe.

SHAWN

Abey cousin behen kya hota hai? Cousin hota hai sirf.

RD

(sipping his frooti)

Toh pata kaise chalega ladka hai ya ladki

JAMMU

Exactly

SHAWN

Achcha thik hai, aaj kal mein dad ka mood sahi ho to poochta hoon.

RD

Sandy ko bol, tere dad ko toh wo hi chaabi daal sakti hai.

SHAWN

Hmm..aaj shaam ko ghar pahunch jana. Teri cousin ka naam kya hai?

JAMMU

Ira

SHAWN

Usey bhi le aa

JAMMU

Badon ki party hai, kya karegi woh?

SHAWN

Point!

Anu accompanied by Preity joins the three of them

ANU

Hellos! Ladkon, kya karne ka plan hai?

RD

(in Mr Bajaj style from *Andaz Apna Apna*)

Pllllllaaaaaaaaann?

Preity finds it mildly amusing and chuckles at the miming.

SHAWN
(smiles)
Khilti kali ka introduction kaun karega?

ANU
This is Preity. Aur Preity ye mere dost hain Shawn, RD aur Jammu.

PREITY
Hi. Hi. Hi.

SHAWN
Which school?

PREITY
St. Alsem's Girls. Batch of 97.

JAMMU
Hmmm

PREITY
Huh?

ANU
Kya matlab hmmm ka?

JAMMU
Bade ghar ki hai

ANU
Oye..oh now don't take her case ok.

PREITY
Waise mere papa yahan ke corporator hai

SHAWN
Aye chhod na. Ok Preity aaj mere ghar pe shaam ko party hai. Mere dad ke promotion ki...Aa rahi hai?

PREITY
Invite kar rahe ho kya?

SHAWN
Ya...tu iski friend hai. Of course you can come.

PREITY

Of course then...koi dress code?

RD is smiling and Jammu is shaking his head as they hear this.

SHAWN

Nahi, Halloween nahi hai. Anu tu isko leke pahunch phir ...

4.

INT. D'MELLO HOUSE - FRIDAY EVENING

Jazz music is playing. D'Mello and Shelly are welcoming the guests in. Shawn's friends are all hanging around the table sipping something or the other, munching chips. Sandy is on the cordless and knowing her hold over RD gives him a flirty look. He blushes beetroot.

JAMMU

Cold drinks hai, soft drinks hai, hard drinks nahi hain?

SHAWN

Shhhh... dheere bol

JAMMU

Itne shor mein kaun sunega?

SHELLY

Oh! Tum naye lag rahe ho,tumhara naam kya hai boy?

JAMMU

Jammu

SHELLY

Jammu..okay, where are you from Jammu?

JAMMU

Jammu

D'MELLO

Well, this is not confusing at all. Where were you born?

JAMMU

Jammu

SHELLY

(mutters) W.W.B.J.D

Ghar kahan hai tumhara?

JAMMU
Razdan's, mere uncle aunty ke saath

SHELLY
Ohhh Razdans

JAMMU
Haan

SHELLY
Electricity Board waale. Nice to see you, Jammu. RD, Anu enjoying na bachchon?

RD ANU
Haan aunty, bilkul.

SHELLY
Good, enjoy ok..khana bahot hai. Daba ke khana
(turning to Sandy)
Sandy last time phone ka bill 1000 aaya tha. Phone cut kar.

D'Mellos move to other guests.

MAN 1
Congratulations D'Mello!

D'MELLO
Thank you. Eat, drink, bar opens shortly

MAN 2
Smooth. 8 PM

D'MELLO
Much better than that.

Jammu eyes Shawn, who eyes RD, who eyes them both back. Anu sees her parents.

ANU
Lo aa gaye Inder aur Loveleen.

Anu and Shawn tail behind D'Mellos as they greet the Lakras – Inder and Loveleen.

LOVELEEN
Ye tumne na badi der baad party throw ki hai,I swear.I won't miss it..na
(shakes head)
No way.

INDER LAKRA

(talks to Shawn and Anu)

Aur bhai, college kaisa hai?

Mujhe yaad hai mere time, jab main Delhi University main tha

LOVELEEN

Baaki, aaj toh na, office mein main boriyat se na mar jaati. Ek office mein bhi TV lagaana chahiye, woh nai airports mein hota hai, waisa hi. Jab customer ki khit pit se na tang aa jaao, TV ke aage baith jaao. Hai ki nai? Jab dekho Mera telephone nahi lagta, mera internet nahi chalta.

D'Mello is visibly bored and is waiting for a pause for him to escape and go open the bar.

LOVELEEN

D'Mello saab, congrats.

Without doubt bhai, ye promotion toh aap deserve karte hain.

D'MELLO

Maine kya kiya hai, bas boss time se pehle hi nikal liye.

LOVELEEN

Hain? Matlab?

SHELLY

Nahi nahi. Chalo andar snacks lo tum

Meanwhile Lakra is reminiscing.

LAKRA

Aur us din main water tank pe ...

D'MELLO

Kya instructions le rahe ho co-pilot se?

LAKRA

Arey kuch nahi... Sorry D'Mello late sa ho gaya main. Voh flight delay ho gayi thi. But not to worry, hain kids, fasten your seatbelts. The party is just getting started.

D'MELLO

Lakra please. No cockpit, airplanes or air hostess jokes.

LAKRA

Ok done. Let the party begin!

SHAWN

Party toh aap karoge, hum toh sirf rooh-ahza pee sakte hain.

Anu hides her laughter behind Shawn's shoulders.

D'MELLO
Toh aur kya peena hai?

SHAWN
(volte face)
Coke pee lengey....Goldspot bhi chalega. 7-up se kaam chala lenge.

Sandy is still talking, supposedly with a boy.

ANU
No luck, no booze

SHAWN
Thodi der baad jab sab thode down ho jaayenge, tab try karte hain.

RD
D'Mello uncle bartender bane huye hain, tera koi chance nahi hai

Shots of D'Mello handing out drinks.

JAMMU
(showing his bottle in hand)
Abey cola toh college canteen mein bhi milta hai, toh party mein aane ka kya fayda?

PREITY
Chips

ANU
Dad abhi airport se aaye hain.

RD
Toh?

5.

They all go via the backdoor through the garden to Lakra's House. Anu's brother Akash is playing on the gameboy console.

RD
Bas, tetris mein sirf 77,800?

AKASH
Mera top score isse bahut high hai

RD

Haan pata pata hai. Ek lac ki shakl bhi dekhi hai aaj tak?

Anu searches the regular bar cabinet and Lakra's bag. She finds 6 mini 50 ml liquor bottles.

ANU

6 miley hain, chalo

SHAWN

Kahan chalo? Yahin swig marne ke baad phir party mein chalte hain.

JAMMU

Sahi hai 6 bottles aur 5 hum log. Main 2 le leta hoon.

PREITY

Main nahi peeti.

JAMMU

Main 3 bhi le sakta hoon.

RD

Arey Preity try one.

ANU

Saare 6 khatam karne ki zaroorat nahi hain

SHAWN

Ok sab ek ek pakdo

They mix it with water and ice and drink in red plastic disposable cups.

PREITY

Mujhe kuch hua nahi

JAMMU

10 minute ruk ja phir hoga

SHAWN

Extra waala de na idhar

ANU

(taking it away)

Nahin ab chalo sab.

6.

Shelly opens the door to find a pizza delivery boy. Sandy rushes to the door to fetch it.

SHELLY

Sandy, itna saara khaana hai aur tujhe pizza khana hai

SANDY

Mummy free hai

SHELLY

Kaise?

The pizza boy is gape mouthed at Sandy.

SANDY

Itna time kyun laga aaney mein?

PIZZA BOY

(lispig)

Tttra...traffic

SANDY

Maine 45 minutes pehle order kiya tha. Main bhook se mar rahi hoon. 15 minutes late hain. Free loongi.

PIZZA BOY

(still captivated, staring, lets out a gasp)

Haa

SHELLY

Sandy please..O pizza boy

(reading his name sign) beta kitne hue?

Shelly looks at the bill pasted in the top of the pizza box and pays.

SHELLY

Ye lo, aur please agli delivery karo.

SANDY

(twirling her hair)

Free nahi doge, paise loge?

Pizza boy is lost for words. His red scooter falls over at the back.

SHELLY

Ok paise miley na, thank you. Sandy, get in. This girl uffff

He goes back to lift it up. As he drives, he is thinking of Sandy.

SMASH CUT:

SANDY
Main bhooki mar rahi hoon.
Itna time kyun laga?
Pizza! Free nahi doge, paise loge?

7.

Sandy bites into a slice and distributes the rest. All are having a good time. The group also rejoins. Jammu nudges Anu. She nudges Shawn. They see Sandy slipping a drink without anyone noticing.

FAST FORWARD 10x

8.

Preity is now tipsy as the group huddled close to each other.

PREITY
(covering half her face with a hand)
Tumhara right face bahot handsome hai
(covering half her face with a hand)
Tumhara left face bhi bahot handsome hai
(making goggles with her hands)
Aien, full face handsome hai

SANDY
(to Shawn)
Munna, papa ka mood sahi hai aur maine 800 maang li hai

SHAWN
Ye bakwaas hai. Tujhe car kyun milegi?
Car chalani mujhe bhi aati hain.

SANDY
Car toh agar milegi toh mujhe

SHAWN
Kyun?

SANDY
Kyunki munna, main 18 baras ki,tu 17 baras ka
Aur main Dad ki favourite hoon aur
You never drink and drive (points at Preity)
Accident ka khatra hota hai...Lakra se churayi na drinks?

ANU
Tune bhi toh

SANDY
Maine side se sultai hain aur kisiko ko pata nahi hain. Aur aise koi ek shot main talli nahi hota..Kya diya tumne isko?

JAMMU
First time hai uska.

PREITY
(inebriated)
Rohan

RD
Haan

PREITY
(louder)
Rohan

RD
haan bol

PREITY
Rohan ... (softly)...I have (loudly) shhhh.. a crush on you

RD
Aye, Shawn, Anu, Jammu help yaar, kya hai yeh?

A car honks outside. The party is winding down.

D'MELLO
Preity? Tumhare daddy ne gaadi bheji hai pick-up ke liye

Anu and RD shield Preity as she walks to the car.

ANU
RD, tu iske saath jaa aur iske kuch zyaada badbadane mat dena

RD
Tu bhi chal na please,main akela nahi sambhal sakta

ANU
Main wapas kaise aaoongi?

RD

Arey please yaar, tu iski family friend hai

ANU

Pata toh waise chalne wala hee hai.

RD

Yeh so hee jaayegi, isi gaadi mein waapas aa jayenge.

ANU

Chal theek hai, ghus andar ab.

D'MELLO

(finishes the drink in one swig)

Chalo garage main tum dono ke liye surprise hai.

9.

Shawn shutters open the garage door. Jammu has reached the scene from inside.

D'MELLO

Dekho tumhari mom aur mujhe gaadi chahiye shaam tak. Toh 800 free hai sirf raat mein. Sandy ...duplicate keys

SANDY

(takes the keys, hugs him in delight)

Thank you thank you thank you dad.

D'MELLO

(To a desolate Shawn)

So, ab ghar mein bacha tu and Vespa

SHAWN

Yeh toh purani hai.

D'MELLO

60 ka mileage, Italian design

SHAWN

Lambretta bhi Italian hi thi

Shot of older Lambretta standing in the garage.

D'MELLO

Pizza bhi Italian hai. You get what you deserve. Now smile.

Sandy meanwhile is ready to take the car for a spin and almost rushes the first gear. She almost brushes the next car parked.

D'MELLO

Don't worry dent nahi aaya hai. Shawn, drive. One kick start hai

D'MELLO

Purana tarika use karo.

(Jammu tilts and leans on the wall) Yeh samajh gaya. 30 degrees to the left

Vespa stutters to life.

JAMMU

Mujhe ghar chhod de yaar.

SHAWN

Main isko drop karke aata hoon.

D'MELLO

Vespa thukni nahi chahiye Shawn.

As they drive, they see Sandy approaching from the opposite direction. She flashes the long focus on them and uses dippers to mess up their balance. She

JAMMU

Teri behen bohot kamini hain.

SHAWN

Pata hai

JAMMU

Lekin wo

SHAWN

..I know I know

Sandy zooms past with techno music music blasting from Tamizh film [Kadalan](#), her face lit by the orange glow of street lights

10.

MATCH CUT TO: Jammu's face is illuminated in the soft flickering glow of television. His eyes are wide, following the action closely of *Baywatch*. Light murmurs of Californian accent are heard as volume is set at a very low level.

11:38 PM — He hears a shuffle and He instinctively flicks channels

STAR WORLD – STAR NEWS- CNN – ASIAN SKY SHOPPING NETWORK- TNT- ESPN – TELE SHOPPING NETWORK. It is Ira (13) his cousin, getting water from the fridge.

IRA
Kya hua, neend nahi aa rahi?

JAMMU
Aisey hee.

She gulps from the glass bottle of a 1 lite soft drink.

IRA
Bas channel ghuma rahe ho kya?

JAMMU
Dheere...theek hai main band karta hoon

IRA
Party se pee kar aaye ho kya?

Jammu nods and tells her to keep it cool.

IRA
So jao

He mutes the television. He drinks some water himself and calls RD, who is watching with his elder brother. He picks up in one ring.

RD
Hello

JAMMU
Dixit?

RD
Kaunsa Dixit?

JAMMU
Arey chad gayi hai kya?

RD
Nahi bol

JAMMU
Dekh raha hai?

DIXIT
Ek dum! Isey kehte hain show

11.

INT.DANCE CLASSES - EVENING

Dance Instructor Sheetal switches on the cassette player/boombox and it bursts out [Macarena](#). The girls are wearing similar clothing of that in the song - leotards and prints.

SHEETAL
Come on girls one more time

The two boys on the extreme left and right ends throw up their hands in the air at being ignored. Sheetal continues with the dance routine. After a while the session winds down.

SHEETAL
Okay time's up good job girls.

The 2 boys throw up their hands again, half exasperated.

SHEETAL
Good dancing everybody. Happy?

The troupe trickles out of the club. Sandy, Mishka and Sheetal are close to her car.

MISHKA
Ye steps ab mujhe itne achche practice ho gaye hain.
Itni baar to main kar chuki hoon inko

SHEETAL
Plus it is on MTV full time. Matlab vatlab toh kuch nahi par rhythm hai gaane mein.

MISHKA
Catchy to hai.

SANDY
Maine ab tak video nahi dekha. Do saal se ghar pe cable nahi hai.

SHEETAL
Board exams?

MISHKA
Ek saal iska, doosre saal iske bhai ka

SANDY
Bohot ho gaya, main ghar pe channel lagwa rahi hoon. Kal hee.

SHEETAL

Itne music channels hai ki bas! Music videos se itne ideas mile hain Western dance ke ki main kya bolun main.

MISHKA

Arey *Boogie Woogie* bhi toh hai. Talented participants rehte hain usme bhi. Woh Naved-Javed Jaffrey wala.

SANDY

Javed Jaffrey bohot time se koi picture mein nahi aaya nai?

SHEETAL

Uski koi film hai to sahi... *Bombay Boys* mein kuch gaana gaaya hai ya gaa raha hai .. Something like that. Maine koi film magazine mein padha tha. Director ka naam kya tha, bhool gai...ruk koi Gustaad Gustaad karke hai kuch.

SANDY

Trailer aa gaya hai kya uska?

MISHKA

Hota toh maine dekh liye hota

Sheetal hands Sandy a cassette.

SANDY

Chal main tujhe drop karti hoon, get in.

MISHKA

Shawn dikha tha mujhe, uski paltan ke saath college mein

SANDY

(grits her teeth)

Toothpaste mein fevicol daal doongi, hasna bhool jaayega

12.

She rewinds the tape, and reverses the car. Macarena starts playing again as they drive off. Sandy reaches home. Near the garage door, Shawn is cleaning his Vespa with a mop cloth.

SANDY

(twirling keys on her finger)

Oye doosri paidaish, meri car dhone ka kitna lega?

Anu and RD quietly enjoy the banter.

SHAWN

Aa gayi. Awaragardi khatam ho gayi ho toh khud dho lena

SANDY

Anu sun tere se kuch kaam hai.

ANU

Mujhse? Kya?

SANDY

Tere cable waale ka number chahiye

SHAWN

Tune dad se baat kar li?

SANDY

Voh main kal karoongi, aaj tu mummy se bol dena

SHAWN

Voh toh main bol hi raha tha aaj. Ye RD Jammu, Anu sabke ghar hai

RD

Chamka liya ho toh chalein?

SHAWN

Haan chal baith. 20 ka petrol dalwaayega?

SANDY

Mat dalwana RD.

ANU

Main number laati hoon.

SANDY

Mujhe phone karke bata.

13.

INT. D'MELLO HOUSE

D'Mello is fixing the phone for a loose screw, Shelly is doing a crossword puzzle.

SANDY

Dinner mein kya hai? Main shower lene ja rahi hoon.

SHELLY

Rice and chicken

D'MELLO

Where is Shawn?

SANDY

College mein aaya nahi ki shuru.
Double awaragardi. Vespa mein nikla hai kahin.

SHELLY

Sandy tu bhi bahar se hi aa rahi hai.

D'MELLO

Haan, par dance classes se.

The cordless rings in D'Mello's hands. Sandy snatches it away. He is a bit irked.

SANDY

Papa papa mere liye hai voh.
(She notes it on the pad) Hello, haan bol.
(kisses him on cheek) I will shower and be back in 10 minutes

RD and Shawn drinking cola.

RD

Teri life mein spice aane waala hain. Cable Shawn kamaal ki cheez hai.

SHAWN

Lagne toh de. Aur Petrol?

RD

Next time.

INT. D'MELLO HOUSE - LATE NIGHT

Shawn is helping get the dishes back to the kitchen after the dinner.

SHAWN

Gravy ne muh mein party kara di.

SHELLY

Voh toh koi nayi baat nahi hain. Asli baat kya hai?

SHAWN

Channel lagwana hai.
Aur usme kitne cookery shows aur tele-shopping hai aapke liye.

SHELLY

Tere dad se bolna, main kaun sa mana kar rahi hoon? Aur mujhe 120 chicken dishes aati hain. Main akele ek program chala sakti hoon.

SHAWN
Voh to hai

NEXT MORNING - BREAKFAST

Shawn nudges Sandy with his foot. He repeats.

D'MELLO
Kya problem hai Shawn?

SANDY
Papa, we need to talk.

D'MELLO
Do we need to talk?

SANDY
Humko kuch ghar pe kuch chahiye.

D'MELLO
Car toh de di maine,aur kya chahiye?

SHAWN
Hum dono ne milke decision liya hain

D'Mello looks at Shawn and Sandy in mild disbelief and curiosity. Sandy nods in agreement.

SHELLY
Aisi ek hi cheez hai jo in dono ko chahiye.

SHAWN, SANDY AND SHELLY
Cable

He nods as though he should have guessed earlier.

SANDY AND SHAWN
Please, please, please,please, please.

SANDY
Papa Please. Please papa.

D'MELLO
Achcha, why do we need it?

SHAWN
Mumma

SANDY

Papa sab ladkiyon ko naye shows aur pictures aur gaanon ke bare mein pata rehta hai. I feel left out. Aadhi baat mein ghusna padta hai. Aur ye loser (points at Shawn with a fork) bhi 12th pass ho gaya hai. Toh ab hum channel le hi sakte hain. 250 channel papa, variety!

D'MELLO

Ek saath 250 channel dekhoge?

SHAWN

Papa, sports aur action films aur bohot kuch

SHELLY

Remote kiske paas rahega?

SHAWN

Mere paas

SANDY

Mere pass

D'MELLO

(eyeing both)

Kiske paas? Shelly?

SHELLY

Le lete hain

D'MELLO

Theek hai lelo. Call karo cable wale ko. Manager ke ghar cable toh hona chahiye.

14.

EXT. CITY COLLEGE – MORNING

ANU

Aaj khush toh bohot hoge tum

SHAWN

Itni khushi ki main phoola nahi sama raha hoon

ANU

Dikh raha hai

15.

D'MELLO RESIDENCE – 4.00 PM

The doorbell rings. A thin wiry man with blue worker overalls and a badge on his arm with a cap worn the other way greets Shawn with a toothy smile.

CABLE GUY
(pointing to his arm badge)
D'Mello residence? Cable wallah and sons

Shawn happily nods.

CABLE GUY
Aapka cable hum lagate hain 24x7

SHAWN
Main aapka hi wait kar raha tha. Phone karne hi wala tha.

CABLE GUY
(coming in with his bag)
Humko din bhar call aate rehte hain sir. Ek do try karna padta hai. Line busy rehta hai. Simple number 404080. 40+40=80. 404080. Cablewallah and sons. 250 rupay mein 250 channel. Dekhte reh jaaoge. Boliye kahan lagaoon?

SHELLY
Isi pe lagana hain

Shelly and Sandy approach.

CABLE GUY
(with his toothy smile)
Hello Madam (to Shelly)
Hello Madam (to Sandy)

SHELLY
Tumhara naam Cablewallah hai?

CABLE GUY
Yes Madam, since 1993, Cablewallah and sons

SHELLY
Matlab, 1993 se tum Cablewalleh ho ya company 1993 se hai?

CABLE GUY
Dono Madam. Before 93' hum the Sodabottle waaley. Par ab, Cablewallah and Sons, since 1993. Ab cable kheenchoon main?

SANDY
Kheencho

CABLE GUY
(to Shawn)
Terrace pe chalein?

16.

EST. EXT. TERRACE

The cable guy flings the coaxial cable over the terrestrial antenna. This is symbolic of DD being taken over by satellite. He does his usual bag of trickery, attaches a 6 way multiplier from the neighbourhood house of Lakra and flings the rest of the wire down.

SANDY
Ho gaya?

CABLE GUY
Bas, almost done Madam. Maggi thodi hai, 2 minute se zyada time lagata hai.

SANDY
Main niche Maggi bananey jaa rahi hoon.

SHAWN
(after Sandy is gone)
Bhaiyya kya aap logon ko, matlab Cable operator ko pata lag sakta hai ki kaun se ghar mein kaun kaun kya dekh raha hai?

CABLE GUY
Yahan ka kaam ho gaya
(flashing his toothy smile)

He fixes the last screws and chews off the co-axial cable.

(continues) Nahin aise kaise?
Par pata kar sakte hain agar aapke ghar TRP meter lagayein toh.

SHAWN
Uske bina nahi pata lagta?

CABLE GUY
Nahi nahi, aap bindaas dekho, kuch nahi dikhta toh call karo.
Cable guy fits the cable wire into the television set.

CABLE GUY
Done. Remote?

Sandy hands him the remote. He takes it and switches on the TV. After a moment of static... Voila! Cable has come home. He changes channels, checks volume.

CABLE GUY

Aur ye ho gaya. 250 rupay mein 250 channel.
Ek rupay ka ek channel. Choice hi choice.

SANDY

Ye 250 kaun kaun se channel hain?

Shawn is flicking the channels wide-eyed.

CABLE GUY

(High-speed rattling)

MTV, ZeeTV, STAR TV, ETV, FTV, KTV, Sun TV, BBC, Star Plus, Star Movies, Star Sports, ESPN, Star World, BBC World, Zee News, CNN, CNBC, MGM, SONY, Channel V, ETC, PTC, Discovery, Animal Planet, Zee Talkies, Cartoon Network, TNT

SANDY

CNBC ke pehle kya bola tha?

CABLE GUY

(rattling off again) MTV, ZeeTV, STAR TV, ETV, FTV, KTV, Sun TV, BBC, Star Plus, Star Movies, Star Sports, ESPN, Star World, BBC World, Zee News, CNN,

SANDY

Arey poore 250 kahan hue?

CABLE GUY

Madam ..ye lo cable guide, isme full information hai, ab please paani pila do

SANDY

Shawn pani la

SHAWN

Tu fridge ke zyada paas hai

SHELLY

Sandy unko paani pila

She gets him a glass of water.

SHAWN

Cable bhaiyya ...

CABLE GUY

Arey jaane de please bhai,problem ho toh phone karna. Aur aaj cable pe nayi picture aane waali hai, cassette lene jaa raha hoon. 250 monthly charge, 250 installation 500 ka total. Kal leke jaata hoon bill ke saath.

EXT. BACK GARDEN – EVENING

Shelly is watering the garden and Loveleen talks to her from the other side of the fence.

LOVELEEN

Haay, Shelly cable lagwa diya tumne..

SHELLY

Haan, ye donon ney dimaag short kar rakha tha.

LOVELEEN

Bhai, you toh na will love cable.

SHELLY

Loveleen, cable tha hamarey paas 95 mein.

LOVELEEN

Kya variety hai I tell you. But dhyaan rakhna.
Ye na cable can be a bad influence also.

SHELLY

Nahi, ye bachchon pe restrictions achcha nahi lagta. Unko freedom honi
chahiye. Freedom to be free. Jo dekhna ho dekhein.

LOVELEEN

Bachche toh theek, badon ka bhi dhyaan rakhna. Varna raat raat bhar TV ke saamne
chipke pade milenge. Abhi meri colleague jo hai, aaj voh bata rahi thi.

SHELLY

Right.. aur aapke yahan remote ka control kaise hota hai?

LOVELEEN

Ab bas, Akash toh video game mein ya phir brick game mein laga rehta hain. Anu din
mein dekhti hai- Channel V MTV – falana dhimkana. Aur ye Lakra sahab wohi dekhte
hain jo main dekhti hoon. Control toh kya manage ho jaata hai bas.

LATER THAT NIGHT

D'MELLO

(plonks on to the sofa and exhales)
Let's watch some Cable News.

Prannoy Roy is reading a bulletin on his show..

SANDY

Dad nayi film hai, please dekhney do.

SHAWN

Nahi, mujhe nahi dekhni hai

D'MELLO

(switching)

Sports channel pe kuch aa raha hoga.

SANDY

Please ..

SHELLY

Main kuch bhi dekh loongi, par kuch rakho toh sahi

D'MELLO

Ok phir local channel pe kya hai?

SHAWN

Main jaa raha hoon

He finds Anu outside, eating a Mango Dolly ice-cream.

ANU

Kya dekh rahe ho pehle din?

SHAWN

Cable pe *Virasat* dekh rahe hain.

ANU

Remote ki ladai? Koi nayi baat nahin hai. Din mein dekh lena, waise bhi din mein sab programs ka repeat toh aata hi hai.

SHAWN

(to himself after she has left)

Ye toh fix karna padega. Kya bakwaas hai yeh

He looks up to the terrestrial antenna, besides the moon.

RD

Hello

JAMMU

Bol Dixit

RD
Dekh raha hai?

JAMMU
Haan, aaj toh Shawn bhi dekh raha hoga

Shawn is on his bed wide awake mumbling 404080.

19.

NEXT AFTERNOON

CABLE GUY
Koi problem nahi Shawn, bas ek T-node chahiye aur doosra connection ready

SHAWN
Iske extra lagenge?

CABLE GUY
T-node ke 50. Baaki cable ka chod, waise bhi hum under-report hi karte hain. Bas bolna mat kisi ko.

They set it up on the old TV on the upper floor near the terrace.

SHAWN
Thanks, thanks.

CABLE GUY
Arey bindaas.

ANU
Ab baat bani kuch.

SHAWN
Phir!

ANU
Toh aaj toh raat mein *Baywatch* dekhega?

SHAWN
Nahi yaar, matlab haan. Par khud ka cable hai toh independence hai.
Jab chahe jo dekhon.

ANU
Kyun nahi kyun nahi dekh tu black and white mein.

20.

11:20 PM | Shawn is watching *Baywatch* on Star World in peace. Out of the blue, the channel changes to Star Movies. He is confused and looks to see if he has accidentally pressed the remote and flipped the channel. He hasn't. He switches it back to Star World and keeps the remote aside. The channel flicks to Star Movies. He stares at the remote. D'Mello is perplexed too.

Shawn peeks down to see his dad in front of TV. He switches off his old TV and comes down to have some water.

SHAWN
Hey Dad

D'MELLO
Die Hard dekhi hai?

SHAWN
Nahi

D'MELLO
Toh aao baitho dekho.

21.

RD calls Jammu. Splitscreen.

JAMMU
Ye show hai!

RD
Shawn ko phone karta hoon.

Shawn picks up the cordless. Jammu is squeezed out. Shawn comes onto the split screen.

RD
Shawn scene dekha?

SHAWN
Nahi

RD
Toh kya dekh raha hai?

SHAWN
Die Hard

RD
Hahahaha ..

SPLIT SCREEN INTO 3

RD
Jammu, Shawn *Die Hard* dekh raha hai

JAMMU
Kya? Kyun?

RD
Aur woh bhi uncle ke saath

JAMMU
(laughs silently)
Hahahahhahahah

SPLIT SCREEN INTO 2. Shawn and Jammu window closes.

RD
Hello

PREITY
Hi! Kya kar raha hai?

RD
TV dekh raha hoon

PREITY
TV mein kya?

RD
Die Hard.

END CREDITS