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ASHWIN

Mmm. Next time maybe.

Ashwin walks away without taking any donuts. Deflated, Latha looks after him.

INT. RECEPTION AREA, GAMING COMPANY - DAY

Latha organizes some files, as Ashwin approaches. She fails to see him at first. Latha bends to reach some papers which have fluttered under her desk. Her butt is high in the air.

Ashwin stops beside her desk. The telephone rings. Ashwin notices that Latha has her hands full. Knowing that she doesn't see him, he boldly checks out her backside while she's bent over.

ASHWIN

Want me to grab that?

Reacting to his voice, Latha accidentally strikes her head against the desk as she stands up.

LATHA

Ouch! No, I got it.

Flustered, Latha grabs the phone and gets quickly tangled in the cord. She's highly conscious of Ashwin watching her.

LATHA

Yeah? I mean hello. Alternate Universe... She's in a meeting right now. May I take a message?
(jots down)

I'll let her know. Thank you.

Latha hangs up and looks at Ashwin.

LATHA

Do you want me?
(oops!)
I mean --

He hands her a stack of letters.

ASHWIN

Will you read through this fan mail?

LATHA

Fan mail?

ASHWIN

From my last game. I like to reply with postcards when possible. It's good for PR.

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LATHA

You get actual fan mail?

ASHWIN

For the complimentary ones, just say "thanks for your interest" et cetera and sign my name. Some people write to complain about this or that. Ignore those.

Latha takes the letters reverently as if they were precious, historical documents.

LATHA

I'm, I'm flattered.

ASHWIN

When you finish, you can handle the email if you want. Lots of people write directly to my website.

LATHA

You have your own website?

ASHWIN

Doesn't everyone? Thanks, Latha. You're my girl.

END

He winks and walks away. Latha slowly sinks to her seat, obliviously happy.

INT. REBECCA'S OFFICE - DAY

Colin reports to Rebecca about the team's progress.

COLIN

Rigging and level art is falling behind. Everyone's scrambling, but there's just not enough manpower.

REBECCA

What does that mean for the deadline?

COLIN

Doing it the right way will take seven days. Wrong way, we can make it in five.

REBECCA

They do it the wrong way.

Colin frowns, but she's the producer. He has to yield. Rebecca taps the intercom.

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