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Ayesha is thrilled to be part of her cousin's *baraat*, but same-sex marriage is not legal in India, and the party is confronted by riders on horseback who block their path and spray the group with icy water. The brides and their guests are a lively procession of jewel tones and golden yellows, while the protesters are less detailed, with hulking black horses that dwarf the revelers. Heartbroken to see her *didis* sad, Ayesha summons her courage to stand up for love against hate.

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