

MODEL: AZIM, WARDROBE: ZURHAM

everything and everyone with disinterest; their only interest is the rich, aromatic traditional wedding fare. They occupy chairs early and are the first ones to grab the serving spoon on a dish of kachhi. They serve themselves the juiciest pieces of meat and most of the scrumptious 'laal mohan' that garnish a bowl of zarda.

7. THE TWO FEET MONSTERS

These tiny troublemakers at a wedding are some of the small children geared up with infinite amounts of energy. They run and frolic around the hall like there is no tomorrow!

Some of them even collide with waiters juggling steaming dishes of food for the guests. At the dinner table, they pour 'borhani' on strangers sitting next to them. If you are not watching, one of them will even wipe his greasy hand on the end of your big-budget party sari.

The parents of these children crack their voices as they scream after them; the troublemakers pay no heed, though. At one point, the exhausted parents give up!

8. THE JUDGEMENTAL LEAGUE

They scrutinise everything they see at a wedding, from the quality and breed of the chicken served to

the number of necklaces the bride dons; from the model of the car in which the groom arrives to the relationship between the bride and the groom prior to their marriage.

These guests judge everything from the lavishness of the décor to the social classes of the other guests.

9. THE ACROBATIC SHUTTERBUG

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He is a VIP at any modern wedding. This highly energetic and acrobatic man squats, stoops, crawls, stands on his toes and even lies on the floor to document every special wedding moment. Young women swarm around him to have their photos taken.

Unfortunately, this important person is often the last one to taste the delectable wedding food, or what's left of it.

10. THE 'BHAI-ZONED' PHOTOGRAPHER

Last I checked, even the thriftiest wedding budget includes a professional photographer to capture all the wedding moments, and yet there is always that one person behind the real photographer carrying his DSLR. He is a freelancer who possibly has a secret admiration on one of the bridesmaids.

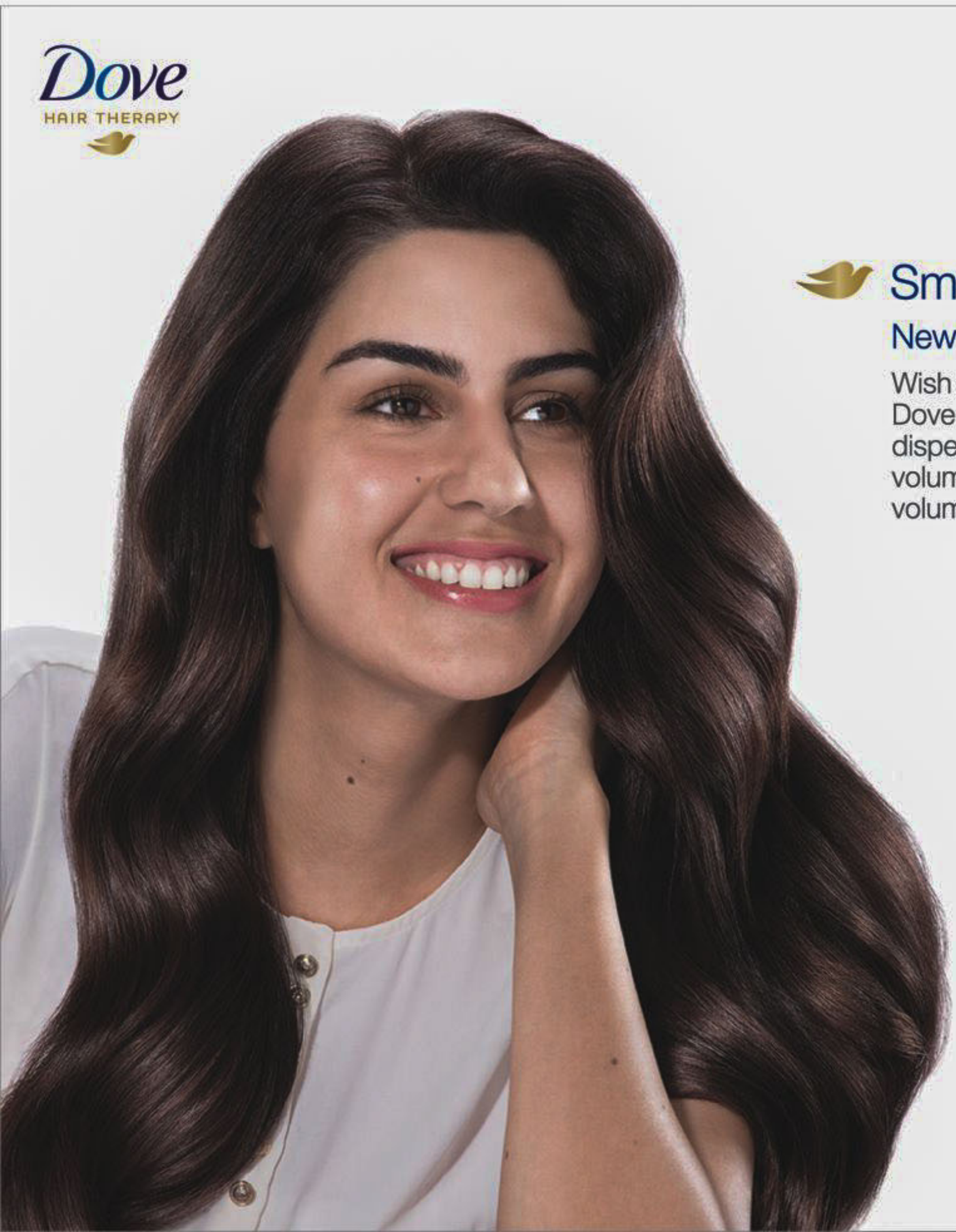
11. WEDDING CRASHERS

How can you even call it a 'desi' wedding without encountering a group of men, almost always immaturely dressed, and having no relationship with either the bride or the groom?

Wedding crashers add a certain delight to every reception, after all when did we ever need an invite to get dressed and show up for free food, right?

At the end whether we agree or not, a big-fat-desi wedding simply comes down to food. Oh sorry, I meant love. And, by love I mean love for food. You may be one of these enlightening people, or not. Either way we will share a secret: we do happen to be one of the ten... let the guessing game begin!

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