



THE INTERVIEW

A Mystery/Crime 2-Character Screenplay in Hinglish

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LOGLINE: Inspector Varun questions Amit about a missing woman, but every answer seems to build a different version of the same night. As the interrogation tightens, Varun realizes Amit is not the witness—he is the only person who can prove the detective's own memory is compromised. The twist: the missing woman may have never existed in the way the case file claims.

CAST / CHARACTERS: FORMAT: 2-Character Short Film (Duo Cast) | Character 1: Inspector Varun (45)

LOCATION: A bare police interrogation room with a metal table, two chairs, a buzzing ceiling light, and a one-way mirror that never shows anyone else.

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FADE IN:

INT. POLICE INTERROGATION ROOM - NIGHT

Bare room. Metal table. Two chairs. A BUZZING ceiling light. One-way mirror. A tape recorder already running.

INSPECTOR VARUN (45), dark shirt, rolled sleeves, tired face, notebook in hand, sits like a man who has not slept in days.

Across from him sits AMIT (30), jittery, cheap jacket, helmet tucked under one arm, mud on his shoes.

Varun flips open the case file.

VARUN

Naam?

AMIT

Amit. Amit Kumar.

VARUN

Raat ke 11:20 pe kahan tha?

AMIT

Sir, main delivery kar raha tha.

VARUN

Kahan?

AMIT

Sector 14. Tower B.

Varun scribbles.

VARUN

Missing woman, Neha Sood. Usko last kisne dekha?

AMIT

Mujhe kaise pata, sir?

VARUN

Kyunki tum us building mein the.

AMIT

Haan. Parcel dene.

VARUN

Aur?

AMIT

Aur kya?

Varun leans in.

VARUN

Jhooth mat bolo.

AMIT

Sir, main jhooth bol bhi doon na, toh yaad nahi rehta. Itna stress hai life mein.

Varun stares. Then opens the file, pulls out a PHOTO and slaps it on the table.

VARUN

Yeh aurat.

Amit looks. Freezes.

AMIT

Yeh... yeh woh nahi thi.

VARUN

Kya matlab?

AMIT

Us raat jo aurat thi, uske saath ek aadmi bhi tha.

Varun's jaw tightens.

VARUN

Kaunsa aadmi?

AMIT

Dark shirt. Sleeves rolled. Haath mein notebook.

Beat.

Varun glances at his own shirt. His own notebook.

VARUN

Bakwaas band kar.

AMIT

Sir, main bakwaas nahi kar raha.

Varun hits RECORD on the tape recorder harder than necessary.

VARUN

Building mein kya dekha?

AMIT

Gate khula tha. Guard so raha tha.

VARUN

Phir?

AMIT

Corridor mein light flicker ho rahi thi.

VARUN

Neha Sood?

AMIT

Ek blue scarf wali aurat lift ke paas thi.

VARUN

Face?

AMIT

Nahi dekha. Bas shadow.

Varun stands, circles the table.

VARUN

Tumhare hisaab se woh woman thi ya shadow?

AMIT

Sir, us raat sab kuch shadow jaisa tha.

Varun stops behind Amit.

VARUN

Tumne police ko pehle kyun nahi bataya?

AMIT

Kis police ko?

Varun freezes.

AMIT (CONT'D)

Kyunki jo aap the, woh police kam... aur kuch aur zyada lag rahe the.

Varun grabs the case file, flips pages.

Some pages are misaligned. Different fonts. Dates crossed out.

AMIT (CONT'D)

Phone par aapne bola tha, "File ko missing woman angle se close karo."

VARUN

Shut up.

AMIT

"Varna internal enquiry khul jayegi."

Varun's hand tightens on the file.

VARUN

Mere phone kaise suna?

Amit slowly pulls out a cracked phone.

AMIT

Kyunki record kiya tha.

He turns the screen. A delivery note visible.

INSERT - PHONE SCREEN

"Police guy asked for cash. Said keep quiet."

BACK TO SCENE

Varun snatches the phone, furious.

VARUN

Tum blackmail kar rahe ho?

AMIT

Nahi, sir.

(beat)

Main yaad dila raha hoon.

A long silence.

The buzzing light becomes unbearable.

Varun opens the evidence envelope. Inside: a second tape.

He stares at the label.

INSERT - TAPE LABEL

"INTERVIEW 1"

BACK TO SCENE

VARUN

Yeh tape... kahan se aaya?

AMIT

Aapke bag se.

VARUN

Jhooth.

AMIT

Sir, main delivery driver hoon.

(small smile)

Main parcel pehchaan leta hoon.

Varun presses PLAY on the second tape.

We do NOT hear audio clearly, only a faint hiss and Varun's own voice under static:

VARUN (V.O.)

...missing woman ka angle hi rehna chahiye...

Varun recoils.

VARUN

Band karo.

He stops it.

VARUN (CONT'D)

Neha Sood kaun thi?

AMIT

Mujhe nahi pata.

(beat)

Shayad koi thi. Shayad aapne naam file mein daala.
Aur phir khud bhool gaye.

Varun sits slowly.

VARUN

Main...

He cannot finish.

Amit leans forward, calm now.

AMIT

Sir, main witness nahi hoon. Main bas woh aadmi hoon
jo us raat wahan tha. Aapke dimaag ka witness.

Varun looks at the notebook. At the file. At the tape.

He closes the notebook.

A beat.

The one-way mirror remains empty.

The light BUZZES.

Varun finally speaks, almost to himself.

VARUN

Toh missing kaun tha?

Amit doesn't answer.

The tape recorder keeps running.

CUT TO BLACK.

THE END.