



THE CONFESSION BOOTH

A Psychological Thriller 2-Character Screenplay in Hinglish

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LOGLINE: Raghu enters confession to admit a crime, but Father Elias quickly realizes the man on the other side of the screen knows details of the priest's own hidden sin. Their exchange becomes a battle of guilt, manipulation, and spiritual leverage. The twist: the priest is the one being confessed to, because Raghu has come to force him to reveal a murder he buried years ago.

CAST / CHARACTERS: FORMAT: 2-Character Short Film (Duo Cast) | Character 1: Father Elias (49)

LOCATION: A small confession booth inside a quiet church, lit by candle glow and colored stained-glass light, with heavy shadows and a wooden screen separating them.

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FADE IN:

INT. SMALL CONFESSION BOOTH - NIGHT

Ek purana, quiet CHURCH. Candle glow. Stained-glass se colored light booth ke andar cut kar rahi hai. Heavy shadows. Wooden screen Father Elias aur Raghu ko alag karta hai.

Father ELIAS (49), dark cassock, worn collar, spectacles, rosary finger mein lapetkar baitha hai. Calm. Watchful.

RAGHU (33), grease-marked shirt, faded jeans, bandaged knuckles, restless saans ke saath booth mein jhuka hua.

FATHER ELIAS

Boliye, beta.

RAGHU

Beta mat bolo, Father. Main customer type aadmi hoon.

Elias ek beat leta hai. Rosary slow phirata hai.

FATHER ELIAS

Yeh jagah mazaak ke liye nahi hai.

RAGHU

Main mazaak ke liye aaya bhi nahi.

(beat)

Maine ek aadmi ko maara hai.

Elias ke haath ruk jaate hain.

FATHER ELIAS

Naam?

RAGHU

Naam se kya farq padta hai? Mar gaya.

FATHER ELIAS

Farq padta hai.

RAGHU

Haan. Aapko padta hai.

Silence.

Elias apni awaaz steady rakhta hai.

FATHER ELIAS

Tum kis baat se bhaag rahe ho, Raghu?

Raghu thoda jhatka khaata hai.

RAGHU

Mera naam kaise pata?

FATHER ELIAS

(calm)

Tumhari saans mein diesel hai. Haath pe grease. Aur gussa... gussa bohot purana hai.

Raghu hansi nahi, ek khokhli exhale karta hai.

RAGHU

Wah. Priest bhi detective.

FATHER ELIAS

Crime batao.

Raghu apni bandaged knuckles dekh■■ hai.

RAGHU

Ek raat thi. Gaadi kharab. Road khaali. Ek aadmi aaya... "Father, help." Bola. Phir woh church ke paas waali purani road par gir gaya.

Elias ka chehra tight hota hai.

RAGHU (CONT'D)

Aur aap wahan the.

FATHER ELIAS

Tum kya keh rahe ho?

RAGHU

Main keh raha hoon, Father... mere bhai ne marne se pehle aapka naam liya tha.

Elias ke spectacles ke peeche aankh hilti hai.

FATHER ELIAS

Tumhara bhai?

Raghu booth ke gap se ek folded paper slide karta hai.

RAGHU

Confession notes. Purane. Aapke.

Elias paper uthata hai. Read karte hi uska chehra blank.

INSERT - CONFESSION NOTES

"Woh aadmi zinda tha jab usey neeche le gaye."

BACK TO SCENE.

FATHER ELIAS

(controlled)

Tumhein yeh kahan se mila?

RAGHU

Jahan aapne sach chhupaya tha. Church ke basement ke neeche.

Elias ka rosary fist mein kas jaata hai.

FATHER ELIAS

Yeh jhooth hai.

RAGHU

Jhooth?

(leans in)

Toh phir us raat kaun tha jo bola- "Agar police ko bataya toh sab khatam ho jayega"?

Elias ka face pale.

FATHER ELIAS

Tum wahan the.

RAGHU

Haan. Main dekh raha tha.

Beat.

FATHER ELIAS

Tumhare bhai ki maut accident thi.

RAGHU

Nahi. Accident woh hota hai jab brake fail ho. Yeh toh choice thi.

Elias ka control slip hone lagta hai.

FATHER ELIAS

Main us aadmi ko bachane ki koshish kar raha tha.

RAGHU

Jhooth. Aapne dar ke maare darwaza band kiya tha. Aur jab woh mar gaya, aapne police ko bola- "Main kuch nahi jaanta."

Elias stands, but screen ke us paar hi.

FATHER ELIAS

Tum kya chahte ho?

RAGHU

Confession.

FATHER ELIAS

Main confess kar chuka hoon.

RAGHU

Nahi, Father. Aapne God ko chhupa diya. Mujhe sach chahiye.

Raghu wrench nikaalta hai. Metal candle light mein chamakta hai.

FATHER ELIAS

Yeh weapon hai?

RAGHU

Mechanic ka tool hai. Aaj saboot hai.

Elias ki saans tez.

FATHER ELIAS

Tum police ke paas jaoge?

RAGHU

Agar aap abhi confess nahi karte, haan.

Long silence. Candle flicker.

Elias baith jaata hai, defeated.

FATHER ELIAS

(low)

Haan. Woh mar raha tha. Main darr gaya tha. Maine jhoot bola. Maine usse dafn hone diya.

Raghu ka face hard rehta hai.

RAGHU

Aur mera bhai?

FATHER ELIAS

Main ne usse help nahi ki. Main ne ek maut ko chupaya.

RAGHU

Nahi, Father. Aapne do maut chupayi.

Elias looks up.

RAGHU (CONT'D)

Ek us aadmi ki. Ek mere bhai ki.

Beat.

Raghu notes ko floor par gira deta hai.

RAGHU (CONT'D)

Ab God se confess karna. Main bas insaan hoon.

Raghu booth ka door kholta hai. Candle light uske wrench par flash karti hai.

FATHER ELIAS

Raghu...

Raghu rukta hai, without turning.

RAGHU

Aaj pehli baar sach bola hai, Father. Isse waste mat karna.

Woh nikal jaata hai.

Elias akela. Rosary haath se slip hoti hai.

The beads hit the floor softly.

Church silence.

CUT TO BLACK.

FADE OUT.