



THE ROOFTOP CODE

A Pure Comedy 2-Character Screenplay in Hinglish

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LOGLINE: Aakash comes to the rooftop to test a secret app, but Uncle Shyam keeps interrupting with bizarre “security protocols” for the building. Their clash over noise, privacy, and modern life becomes a hilarious tech-versus-tradition showdown. The twist is that Shyam has already figured out the app’s real purpose: Aakash is using it to propose to someone downstairs and is too scared to do it directly.

CAST / CHARACTERS: FORMAT: 2-Character Short Film (Duo Cast) | Character 1: Aakash (24)

LOCATION: A residential rooftop at sunset with water tanks, clotheslines, string lights, and a sweeping city view, bathed in orange-pink sky glow.

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FADE IN:

EXT. RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP - SUNSET

Orange-pink sky. Water tanks. Clotheslines swaying. String lights half-lit. A city view spreads below.

Aakash, 24, graphic tee, shorts, wireless earbuds, sits on a folding chair with a laptop on his knees. A smartphone, water bottle, and extension cord are arranged like a tech shrine.

He types fast, muttering.

AAKASH

Bas ek final test... phir kaam done.

A distant WHISTLE.

Uncle Shyam, 60, banyan, track pants, whistle on a string, enters like a commander inspecting a post. He drags a folding chair behind him.

SHYAM

Rooftop par unauthorized gadgetry? Kaun ho tum, beta?

AAKASH

Main Aakash hoon. Yahin rehta hoon. Aur ye gadgetry nahi, app testing hai.

SHYAM

App? Rooftop pe? Security protocol number one: pehle permission.

AAKASH

Uncle, main bas network check kar raha hoon.

Shyam eyes the laptop, the extension cord, the phone.

SHYAM

Network, nose, noise – sab check karunga. Whisper mode mein baat karo.

AAKASH

Whisper mode? Yeh koi command center hai kya?

Shyam proudly straightens.

SHYAM

Command center hi hai. Main retired army man hoon. Rooftop discipline mere under aata hai.

Aakash rolls his eyes, puts one earbud out.

AAKASH

Uncle, with due respect, aap thoda overreact kar rahe ho.

SHYAM

Overreact? Beta, main react hi nahi karta. Main assess karta hoon.

He points at the extension cord.

SHYAM (CONT'D)

Yeh cord floor se chipka ke rakhna. Trip hazard.

AAKASH

Trip hazard rooftop pe? Kya aap helicopter expect kar rahe ho?

SHYAM

Building mein kabhi bhi emergency aa sakti hai. Security protocol number two: no surprise sounds.

AAKASH

Surprise sounds? Main gaana nahi chala raha.

SHYAM

Achha? Phir ye timer kyun chal raha hai?

Aakash freezes. On his phone: a countdown and a tiny heart icon.

AAKASH

Woh... app ka feature hai.

SHYAM

Hmm. Aur location open kyun hai?

AAKASH

Signal map.

SHYAM

Aur neeche baar-baar kyun dekh rahe ho?

AAKASH

Main... city view dekh raha hoon.

Shyam sits in the folding chair, like he owns the roof.

SHYAM

Jhooth bolna bhi app jaisa lag raha hai.

AAKASH

Uncle, aap mujhe suspect kyun kar rahe ho?

SHYAM

Kyunki tum developer ho. Aur developers hamesha kuch chhupa rahe hote hain.

Aakash stands, frustrated.

AAKASH

Theek hai. Haan. Main app test nahi kar raha. Khush?

Shyam nods, calm.

SHYAM

Ab baat seedhi hui. Kya kar rahe ho?

Aakash looks down, embarrassed.

AAKASH

Proposal app.

SHYAM

Proposal?

AAKASH

Haan. Neeche courtyard mein woh hai. Main bas...
direct bolne se dar raha hoon. Isliye app banaya.

Shyam stares, then bursts out laughing.

SHYAM

Arre wah! Code likh liya, line bolne se darr lag raha hai?

AAKASH

Main software mein strong hoon, social situations
mein crash ho jata hoon.

SHYAM

Bilkul army recruit jaisa. First day parade, last day
panic.

Aakash sighs.

AAKASH

Uncle, please mat haso.

Shyam suddenly goes serious, studying him.

SHYAM

Main has nahi raha, assess kar raha hoon. Aur sach
bolun? Tumhara app main pehle hi samajh gaya tha.

AAKASH

Kya?

SHYAM

Timer, heart icon, neeche dekhna, awkward face.
Rooftop par aise kaun aata hai? Sirf do type ke log:
signal chori karne wale... ya dil chori karne wale.

Aakash smiles despite himself.

AAKASH

Toh aapne pehle bola kyun nahi?

SHYAM

Kyunki pehle tumhara confidence test karna tha. Ab
security protocol number three.

He blows the whistle once. Sharp. Confident.

AAKASH

Ab kya?

SHYAM

Main niche signal dunga. Tum bas ek line bolna. Koi app nahi. Koi filter nahi. Seedha.

AAKASH

Main? Seedha?

SHYAM

Haan. War mein bhi direct hit chahiye hota hai. Ab romance mein bhi.

Aakash takes a deep breath. He taps the phone. The timer begins.

String lights flicker more warmly.

Shyam stands by the rooftop edge like a lookout.

SHYAM

Ready, coder?

AAKASH

No.

SHYAM

Good. Ready log overconfident hote hain. Unready log successful.

Aakash laughs nervously, then looks down toward the courtyard.

AAKASH

Okay... okay.

He calls out, voice cracking at first, then steady.

AAKASH (CONT'D)

Main... main tumse kuch bolna chahta hoon.

Shyam gives a tiny approving nod.

AAKASH (CONT'D)

Mere paas perfect app hai... par perfect himmat nahi. Toh main simple bol raha hoon. I like you.

A beat.

Shyam lifts the whistle, then lowers it with a smile.

SHYAM

Mission accomplished.

Aakash exhales, stunned and relieved.

AAKASH

Uncle, aap full weird ho.

SHYAM

Aur tum full late. Chal, ab extension cord hata.
Romantic emergency over.

Aakash laughs. Shyam sits back in the folding chair like a victorious commander.

SHYAM (CONT'D)

Rooftop command center closed. Kal se building rules
mein update aayega.

AAKASH

Kya update?

SHYAM

"No noise, no nonsense... unless it's true love."

They share a laugh as the sunset deepens.

FADE OUT.