



TWO CUPS, NO SUGAR

A Pure Comedy 2-Character Screenplay in Hinglish

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LOGLINE: Aunt and niece get trapped in a tea-making standoff where each insists the other's life choices are the real reason the tea tastes bad. Their argument about sugar, marriage, careers, and "today's youth" becomes a rapid-fire comedy of generational misunderstandings. The twist: both secretly want to confess the same crush, and the tea finally gets made only after they agree to stop giving unsolicited advice for five minutes.

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

LOCATION: A small kitchen at afternoon light with a humming ceiling fan, tiled backsplash, two mugs on the table, and a pressure cooker whistling in the background.

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INT. SMALL KITCHEN - AFTERNOON

Afternoon light. A small kitchen. Ceiling fan HUMS overhead. Tiled backsplash. Two mugs on the table. A sugar jar, spoon, biscuit tin. A PRESSURE COOKER WHISTLES in the background.

BINA (45), colorful house dress, reading glasses, bangles, stands by the stove like she owns the planet.

KRITI (22), college hoodie, messy ponytail, phone in hand, pretends to be very busy.

BINA

Chai bana de, Kriti. Aur dhang ki.

KRITI

Main bana rahi hoon. Aap bas... advice mat do.

BINA

Advice? Main? Arre, main toh guidance deti hoon.

KRITI

Haan, uninvited guidance.

Bina snorts. Kriti opens the sugar jar, then stops.

BINA

Pehle sugar daal. Warna chai ka taste kharab.

KRITI

Taste sugar se nahi, logon se kharab hota hai.

Bina turns, offended.

BINA

Matlab?

KRITI

Matlab jo har cheez par comment kare.

BINA

Achha? Aur jo phone se chipka rahe?

Kriti lifts her phone defensively.

KRITI

Busy hona crime hai?

BINA

Busy nahi. Secretive.

A beat.

The cooker WHISTLES louder.

KRITI

Aapko har cheez mein shaadi hi kyun dikhti hai?

BINA

Kyunki tumhari life mein career ke saath-saath ek insaan bhi hona chahiye.

KRITI

Aur aapko har insaan mein shaadi kyun dikhti hai?

BINA

Kyunki tumhari generation commitment se bhaagti hai.

KRITI

Aapki generation options se bhaagti thi.

Bina gasps.

BINA

Hum log practical the.

KRITI

Aap log lucky the.

Silence. Bina stirs the empty cup with the spoon like she's thinking.

BINA

Lucky? Hmph.

KRITI

Haan. Aapke time pe sab available the.

BINA

Available? Arre, tum log toh ek text ka reply dene mein do din laga dete ho.

Kriti's phone VIBRATES.

She flips it face down instantly.

Bina notices that.

BINA

Oho.

KRITI

Kya oho?

BINA

Kuch nahi.

KRITI

Aapka kuch nahi ka matlab bahut kuch hota hai.

Bina folds her arms.

BINA

Chalo, sach bolo. Kaun hai?

KRITI

Koi nahi.

BINA

Phone ne jhooth bol diya kya?

Kriti tries to stay cool.

KRITI

Rohan.

Bina freezes. Then slowly smiles.

BINA

Aha.

KRITI

Aisa mat dekhiye.

BINA

Main? Main toh kuch nahi.

Kriti groans.

KRITI

Aapka kuch nahi bhi lecture lagta hai.

Bina reaches for the sugar jar, then pauses.

BINA

Theek hai. Mera bhi ek... matter hai.

Kriti looks up.

KRITI

Kya?

Bina clears her throat, suddenly shy.

BINA

Building ka naya electrician.

KRITI

Suresh?

BINA

Haan.

KRITI

Aunty!

BINA

Kya aunty? Har baar bolta hai, "Aapki chai bahut achhi hai."

KRITI

Oh no.

BINA

Oh yes.

They look at each other. The argument deflates.

KRITI

Toh hum dono... same scene mein phas gaye?

BINA

Tumhara Rohan, mera Suresh.

KRITI

Aur hum dono overthink kar rahe the.

BINA

Main overthink nahi karti.

KRITI

Aap over-talk karti hain.

Bina points the spoon at her.

BINA

Aur tum over-hide karti ho.

A beat. Then both laugh.

KRITI

Mujhe text karna hai.

BINA

Kar.

KRITI

Par agar awkward hua toh?

BINA

Toh kya? Zindagi hi awkward hai.

Kriti smiles.

KRITI

Aapko bhi kuch bolna hai?

Bina glances at the sugar jar.

BINA

Haan. Par pehle ek rule.

KRITI

Kaisa rule?

BINA

Paanch minute. Koi advice nahi.

KRITI

Deal.

Bina opens the sugar jar. Kriti picks up the spoon. They make tea together, finally in sync.

The cooker WHISTLE fades into the background.

BINA

Ab daal sugar.

KRITI

Kitni?

BINA

Apni marzi.

KRITI

Wah. Miracle.

Bina smiles, proud.

The tea simmers.

KRITI

Aunty...

BINA

Haan?

KRITI

Thanks. For... not being too much.

Bina pretends to be offended.

BINA

Main kabhi too much nahi hoti.

KRITI

Of course.

They pour tea into the two mugs.

Bina takes a sip. Kriti takes a sip.

Both react with surprise.

KRITI

Arre... theek hai.

BINA

Haan.

KRITI

Matlab, actually theek hai.

BINA

Kyunki advice kam thi.

Kriti laughs.

Her phone VIBRATES again.

She looks at it. Then calmly places it aside.

Bina slides the biscuit tin toward her.

BINA

Ab pehle chai.

KRITI

Aur baad mein?

BINA

Baad mein... jo bhi hoga, dekhenge.

They clink mugs lightly.

END.