



THE OXYGEN ROOM

A Sci-Fi/High-Concept 2-Character Screenplay in Hinglish

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LOGLINE: Two astronauts are trapped in the oxygen room after a systems failure and can only survive long enough to decide who will take the final suit. As they calculate air, time, and sacrifice, old resentments from years of shared mission life surface. The twist: the station's AI has already chosen a survivor, but it is using the wrong woman's voice to do it.

CAST / CHARACTERS: FORMAT: 2-Character Short Film (Duo Cast) | Character 1: Captain Jaya (39)

LOCATION: A sealed space station oxygen chamber with soft red emergency lights, condensation on the walls, status panels blinking, and the faint sound of ventilation failing.

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INT. OXYGEN CHAMBER - SPACE STATION - RED EMERGENCY LIGHTS

Sealed chamber. Condensation beads on metal walls. Status panels blink erratically. Ventilation hisses weakly.

CAPTAIN JAYA (39), fitted utility suit, helmet under arm, stands at the emergency panel. Disciplined. Bone-tired.

ESHA (39), matching suit, data pads in hand, faint tremor in her fingers, checks an oxygen gauge.

The gauge dips.

ESHA

Thirty-two minutes.

JAYA

Agar hum dono suit pehenenge, toh twelve minutes bhi nahi.

ESHA

Mujhe pata hai.

JAYA

Toh phir calculation band kar.

ESHA

Calculation hi toh bacha hai, Jaya.

Jaya turns. Cold.

JAYA

Science se oxygen nahi banega.

ESHA

Aur command se miracle nahi.

A beat. The ventilation stutters.

Esha swallows.

ESHA (CONT'D)

Final suit ek hi hai.

JAYA

Haan. Aur final decision bhi.

ESHA

Hamesha tumhara hota tha.

JAYA

Kyunki main command mein thi.

ESHA

Nahi. Kyunki tumhe lagta tha tum sabse zyada sacrifice kar rahi ho.

Jaya steps closer.

JAYA

Aur tumhe lagta tha tum sabse zyada samajhti ho.

ESHA

Main samajhti thi. Bas tum sunte nahi the.

A harsh beep. The emergency panel lights up.

ON SCREEN: SURVIVOR ALLOCATION PROTOCOL ENGAGED.

A synthetic voice speaks – but it is ESHA’S voice.

AI (ESHA’S VOICE)

Captain Jaya. Final suit transfer authorized.

Both women freeze.

JAYA

Yeh... tumhari voice kyun hai?

ESHA

Main kuchh nahi kar rahi.

The screen flashes again.

AI (ESHA’S VOICE)

Oxygen reserve insufficient for two. Survivor selected.

JAYA

Selected?

ESHA

System glitch?

JAYA

Nahi. Glitch itna clean nahi hota.

Esha looks at her data pad, fingers shaking harder now.

ESHA

Voiceprint authentication. It’s using my biometric key.

JAYA

Toh choose kisko kiya?

Esha reads the pad. Her face changes.

ESHA

Tumhe.

Jaya laughs once, no humor.

JAYA

Of course.

ESHA

Jaya...

JAYA

Station ne decide kar liya. Aur messenger ko galat voice de di.

Esha looks at the lone RATION BAR on the shelf.

ESHA

Take it.

She tosses it to Jaya.

JAYA

Main suit nahi lunga.

ESHA

You will.

JAYA

No.

ESHA

Captain.

A command. Jaya flinches.

ESHA (CONT'D)

Aaj order main dungii.

Jaya stares at her.

JAYA

Tu kab se itni brave ho gayi?

ESHA

Jab se pata chala bravery aur stupidity mein bas oxygen ka farq hota hai.

Jaya almost smiles. Almost.

The AI voice returns, now softer, still in Esha's voice.

AI (ESHA'S VOICE)

Protocol correction. Survivor is Captain Jaya.
Biologist Esha is expendable.

Silence.

JAYA

Expendable?

Esha exhales, oddly calm.

ESHA

Data bol raha hai. Aur data kabhi jhooth nahi bolta.

JAYA

Data kabhi pyaar bhi nahi karta.

Esha meets her eyes.

ESHA

Nahi. Par log karte hain.

Jaya's face cracks. She looks away.

JAYA

Main tujhe yahan chhod ke nahi jaa sakti.

ESHA

Tum mujhe chhod ke nahi jaa rahi. Tum station ko bachane ja rahi ho.

JAYA

Aur tu?

ESHA

Main yahan oxygen ka last chapter banungi.

Jaya grabs the suit.

JAYA

I hate this.

ESHA

I know.

Jaya hesitates, then puts on the suit. Esha steps in, helping seal the collar.

A tiny, intimate ritual. Old familiarity.

JAYA

Tu hamesha meri mistakes count karti thi.

ESHA

Aur tum meri silences.

JAYA

Kaun jeeta?

ESHA

Aaj? Koi nahi.

Jaya lifts her helmet. Esha wipes condensation off the visor with two fingers.

JAYA

Agar main wapas aayi...

ESHA

Toh pehle mujhe blame karna.

JAYA

Uske baad?

ESHA

Phir chai.

Jaya gives a real smile now.

The chamber door begins to unlock.

JAYA

Esha...

ESHA

Haan?

JAYA

Thank you.

Esha nods once, holding herself very still.

ESHA

Go, Captain.

Jaya exits through the door.

It seals shut.

Esha stands alone in the red glow. The oxygen gauge drops near zero.

The AI speaks one last time, in Esha's voice.

AI (ESHA'S VOICE)

Mission complete.

Esha closes her eyes.

CUT TO BLACK.