



ZERO GRAVITY TEA

A Sci-Fi/High-Concept 3-Character Screenplay in Hinglish

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LOGLINE: During a routine zero-gravity test, three crew members discover that the capsule is repeating the same seven minutes, but only one of them remembers each loop clearly. As they accuse one another of tampering with the mission software, tiny emotional truths surface faster than technical ones. The climax reveals the loop is not a malfunction—it is a memory test designed to choose who gets to remain on the mission and who must be erased from it.

CAST / CHARACTERS: FORMAT: 3-Character Short Film (Trio Cast) | Character 1: Dr. Veer (37)

LOCATION: A sealed spacecraft observation module or simulated capsule interior, with soft blue instrument lighting, floating dust motes, and a window showing stars.

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FADE IN:

INT. SEALED SPACECRAFT OBSERVATION MODULE - NIGHT

Soft blue instrument lights. Floating dust motes. A STARFIELD WINDOW fills one wall.

DR. VEER (37), precise, salt-and-pepper stubble, lab coat over casual wear, is bent over the CONTROL PANEL.

MAYA (33), calm, intelligent, observant, tablet in hand, floats slightly near the center.

AMAN (29), athletic, restless, flight suit half-unzipped, kicks gently against a seat frame.

AMAN

Kya yeh zero gravity hai ya hum log bas emotionally unanchored hain?

VEER

Don't start. Read the panel.

AMAN

Panel ko dekh ke lag raha hai panel bhi mujhe judge kar raha hai.

Maya suppresses a smile.

MAYA

Bas teen minute aur. Routine test hai. Relax.

AMAN

Doctor madam, aap "relax" tab bolti ho jab sabse zyada tension hoti hai.

MAYA

Aur tum "tension" tab bolte ho jab tumhari shirt ka zipper phans jata hai.

Aman looks down at his half-unzipped flight suit.

AMAN

Yeh style hai.

VEER

Yeh negligence hai.

A tiny BEEP. The panel flickers.

VEER (CONT'D)

Hmm.

MAYA

Kya hua?

VEER

Readout unstable hai.

AMAN

Matlab?

VEER

Matlab mujhe pasand nahi aa raha.

A sudden THRUM. The lights pulse.

The tea pouch, clipped near Maya's tablet, drifts upward.

AMAN

Arre! Tea pouch?

VEER

Capsule mein tea pouch ka kya kaam hai?

MAYA

Human factor.

AMAN

Human factor ya secret contraband?

The lights FLARE.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. SEALED SPACECRAFT OBSERVATION MODULE - NIGHT

Same setup. Same positions. Same seven minutes.

Aman blinks, disoriented.

AMAN

Kya hua? Main... yahan kaise?

Veer freezes, glancing at the panel.

VEER

Wait.

Maya looks at her tablet. A new line appears: LOOP 02.

MAYA

Interesting.

AMAN

Kya interesting?

MAYA

Tumhein kuch yaad nahi?

AMAN

Yaad? Mujhe bas yeh yaad hai ki tumne mujhe judge kiya.

VEER

Tumne abhi abhi same line boli thi.

AMAN

Main? Nahi.

VEER

Haan.

AMAN

Nahi.

MAYA

Stop.

A beat.

MAYA (CONT'D)

Koi software tamper kar raha hai.

VEER

Mere system mein? Impossible.

AMAN

Haan, kyunki tamper tumne kiya hoga toh impossible hi lagega.

VEER

Pilot ho, engineer se zyada attitude mat do.

AMAN

Pilot hoon. Attitude included.

Maya studies both, then the tablet.

MAYA

Funny thing. Main thoda yaad rakh rahi hoon.

VEER

Kitna?

MAYA

Itna ki yeh normal nahi hai.

Another BEEP.

The tea pouch drifts between them.

AMAN

Yeh pouch phir se?

MAYA

Kya tumne isse pehle bhi dekha?

AMAN

Mujhe lag raha hai main is pouch se pehle bhi mila hoon.

VEER

Tum sab kuch pouch pe mat daalo.

AMAN

Kyun? Tum software pe daaloge?

VEER

Kyunki software meri responsibility hai.

AMAN

Aur blame bhi.

Maya steps in, calm but sharper now.

MAYA

Listen. Har loop mein same seven minutes repeat ho rahe hain.

AMAN

Kaunse loop?

MAYA

Exactly.

She taps the tablet. Hidden diagnostics flash briefly.

MAYA (CONT'D)

Veer, tumhara panel data re-seed kar raha hai. Aman, tumhara heart rate every cycle mein spike kar raha hai. Aur main...

(beat)

Main zyada yaad rakh rahi hoon.

AMAN

Kyun?

MAYA

Shayad kyunki mujhe yaad rakhna tha.

Veer looks at her, suspicious.

VEER

Kya matlab?

MAYA

Matlab agar yeh test hai, toh kisi ek ko remember karna tha.

AMAN

Kisne test diya?

MAYA

Mission.

VEER

Mission aisa kyun karega?

MAYA

Kyunki yeh malfunction nahi hai.

Beat.

MAYA (CONT'D)

Yeh memory test hai.

Silence.

AMAN

Nahi.

VEER

Prove it.

Maya turns the tablet toward them. A file opens:

"SELECTION PROTOCOL - RECURSIVE MEMORY STRESS"

VEER (CONT'D)

Yeh... hidden file hai.

MAYA

Haan.

VEER

Tumhe kaise mila?

MAYA

Kyunki main psychologist hoon. Aur shayad evaluator bhi.

Aman stares.

AMAN

Shayad?

MAYA

Main report submit karne wali thi. Phir loops shuru ho gaye.

AMAN

Toh tum hi ho jo hummein se kisi ek ko choose karegi?

MAYA

Main choose nahi kar rahi. System kar raha hai.

VEER

System ko maine design kiya tha.

He looks shaken now.

VEER (CONT'D)

Emergency safeguard... recursive memory validation... I remember writing it. Par activate kaise hua?

AMAN

Great. Engineer ko bhi yaad nahi.

VEER

Shut up.

AMAN

Nahi. Ab main sunna chahta hoon. Kaun erase hoga?

Maya exhales, finally honest.

MAYA

Jo mission ke liye stable nahi.

AMAN

Stable ka matlab obedient?

VEER

Stable ka matlab reliable.

AMAN

Same thing in expensive words.

Maya scrolls. Another line appears:

“EMOTIONAL INTEGRITY UNDER RECURSIVE STRESS”

MAYA

Tum teenon ko alag-alag measure kiya ja raha hai.
Technical accuracy, psychological resilience, and...
attachment.

AMAN

Attachment?

MAYA

Haan.

She glances at the tea pouch.

MAYA (CONT'D)

Isliye tea pouch.

VEER

Kya?

MAYA

Main le aayi thi.

AMAN

Why?

MAYA

Kyunki meri maa har important decision se pehle chai
banati thi. Yeh mere liye anchor tha.

A beat. The honesty lands.

AMAN

Toh tu bhi nervous thi.

MAYA

Bohot.

Aman softens, then laughs once—small, bitter.

AMAN

Main soch raha tha main sabse replaceable hoon. Turns out system ne bhi wahi socha.

VEER

Aman...

AMAN

Nahi, let me have this. Main hero banna chahta tha. Par sach yeh hai... main bas erase hone se darta hoon.

Veer swallows hard.

VEER

Main control ke bina panic karta hoon. Isliye har cheez ko logic mein todta hoon. Shayad isliye safeguard likha.

MAYA

Aur main?

Veer and Aman look at her.

MAYA (softly)

Tum sabse zyada attached ho.

MAYA

Haan.

The panel emits a LOW TONE. A final loop countdown appears.

VEER

Agar yeh selection hai...

AMAN

...toh do log gayab.

MAYA

Ya memory wipe.

AMAN

Same death, different paperwork.

A beat.

VEER

Agar yaad hi erase karni hai... toh insaan bachta kya hai?

Maya has no answer.

She looks at the tea pouch, then at them.

MAYA

Shayad jo decide karta hai kaun yaad rakhega.

The lights pulse. The stars outside remain still.

The panel BEEPS once, final.

CUT TO BLACK.

SUPER: LOOP TERMINATED?

FADE OUT.