



THREE NAMES ON THE FORM

A Pure Comedy 3-Character Screenplay in Hinglish

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LOGLINE: Karan comes to fill out the baby's registration form, but his wife and mother-in-law disagree on everything from the child's surname to the hospital's snack policy. The paperwork becomes a battlefield of family politics until the final joke lands when the nurse returns the form marked "father's name missing" because Karan signed it with his own mother's maiden name by mistake.

CAST / CHARACTERS: FORMAT: 3-Character Short Film (Trio Cast) | Character 1: Karan (29)

LOCATION: A cramped maternity clinic waiting area with pastel walls, a ceiling fan, and a token display board glowing above plastic chairs. The lighting is bright and unforgiving, perfect for public embarrassment and rapid-fire banter.

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INT. MATERNITY CLINIC WAITING AREA - DAY

Pastel walls. Ceiling fan. Bright, unforgiving tube lights. A glowing TOKEN BOARD hums above a row of plastic chairs.

KARAN (29), harried in casual office wear, pen tucked behind ear, stares at a REGISTRATION FORM like it is a bomb.

PRIYA (27), pregnant, in a loose kurta, one hand on her belly, one on her phone, watches him with sharp amusement.

SUNITA (54), overenthusiastic mother-in-law in a bright printed sari, clutching a handbag full of opinions, sits opposite like a judge.

KARAN

(under his breath)

Bas form fill karna hai. Bas.

PRIYA

Itna mushkil lag raha hai toh main likh deti hoon.

SUNITA

Nahi, nahi. Papa ko responsibility leni chahiye.

Karan forces a smile, takes the pen from behind his ear, and starts writing.

INSERT - FORM

"Baby Name" blank.

KARAN

Baby Sharma?

PRIYA

Sharma? Itna plain? Kuch toh personality do.

SUNITA

Personality baad mein. Pehle surname.

PRIYA

Main bol rahi hoon, combine kar dete hain.

SUNITA

Combine? Kya baby hai ya salad?

Karan looks up, trapped.

KARAN

Main bas... registration kar raha hoon.

PRIYA

Haan toh kar na. Aur haan, snacks policy bhi likh dena.

KARAN

Snacks policy?

PRIYA

Haan. Hospital mein samosa allowed hai ya nahi.

SUNITA

Pregnancy mein khana zaroori hota hai.

PRIYA

Mere time pe Google hai, Mummy ji.

Sunita huffs.

SUNITA

Mere time pe main teen aloo ke parathe kha ke bhi seedha kaam karti thi.

PRIYA

Aur mere time pe main nausea ke saath sarcasm bhi manage karti hoon.

Karan glances at the TOKEN BOARD.

KARAN

Token 47 aaya toh main submit karke nikal jaaunga.

SUNITA

Bhaagoge?

KARAN

Nahi. Matlab... emotional bhaag.

Priya snorts despite herself.

PRIYA

Dekha? Isko joke bhi tab aata hai jab life khatam ho rahi ho.

Karan resumes writing.

KARAN

Okay. Baby name.

PRIYA

Aarav.

SUNITA

Veer.

KARAN

Kunal.

Both women stare at him.

PRIYA

Tumhara naam list mein hai hi nahi kya?

SUNITA

Papa ka naam likho pehle.

KARAN

Main hoon na.

PRIYA

Haan, par form ko bhi bata do.

Sunita opens her handbag, pulls out an extra PEN with triumph.

SUNITA

Yeh lo. Proper pen.

KARAN

Mere paas pen hai.

SUNITA

Tumhare paas confusion hai.

Karan sighs, copies details quickly, trying to end the war.

INSERT - FORM

He writes fast.

Karan signs at the bottom.

KARAN

Done.

He stands, relieved.

PRIYA

Itni jaldi? Suspicious.

SUNITA

Check kar liya?

KARAN

Of course.

He hands the form to the RECEPTION COUNTER, offscreen.

A beat.

The form is slid back.

NURSE (O.S.)

Father's name missing.

Karan freezes.

Priya looks up from her phone.

Sunita straightens like a thundercloud.

Karan snatches the form.

INSERT - FORM

In the father's name field: SUSHMA VERMA.

Karan's face collapses.

KARAN

Nahi...

PRIYA

Kya nahi?

KARAN

Maine... sign karte waqt...

He points at the form, mortified.

KARAN (CONT'D)

Yeh... yeh meri mom ka maiden name hai.

Silence.

Priya stares. Then bursts out laughing.

Sunita blinks, then tries to stay stern. Fails.

PRIYA

Toh baby ka surname decide ho gaya. Ab father ka naam bhi mummy ji ka hi rakh dete hain?

Sunita laughs, scandalized.

SUNITA

Maine kaha tha, pen dhyaan se pakdo!

KARAN

Main... bas family values follow kar raha tha.

Priya laughs harder, holding her belly.

The TOKEN BOARD BEEPS.

NURSE (O.S.)

Token 47.

Karan looks at the form, then at both women.

KARAN

Koi baat nahi. Ab main dobara bhar deta hoon.

PRIYA

Haan. Aur is baar apna naam bhi yaad rakhna.

Sunita adjusts her sari, victorious.

SUNITA

Aur baby ka naam Veer hi rahega.

Priya and Karan say in unison:

PRIYA / KARAN

Nahi.

They all look at each other.

Then, together, they stand and move toward the counter.

CUT TO BLACK.