

INVESTIGATION FLOW

चार गावे - How the Mystery Unfolds

THE TWO INVESTIGATORS

Leena Shirke - The Insider

Background: - Age 27, from Vasti (lowest caste settlement) - PHC doctor, returned 6 months ago - Childhood friends with T1 twins (Ira & Asha) - Close to T2 victims (Neelam & Omkar) - Her mother Sarla has village knowledge

Investigation Style: - Emotional, personal connection - Medical knowledge (can spot inconsistencies in death reports) - Trusted by lower caste witnesses - Knows village dynamics, family histories - Focused initially on T1 (her friends)

Starting Point: - Recent T3 murders trigger her - Memories of her childhood friends - Medical records show patterns - Mother knows more than she says

Arjun Gadkari - The Outsider

Background: - Age 28, CID officer from Pune - Sent to investigate pattern (3rd "curse" incident in 15 years) - SECRET: He is zamindar's grandson (uses mother's surname) - Doesn't know family's dark history - Analytical, procedural approach

Investigation Style: - Official authority (can demand records, interviews) - Pattern recognition - Outsider perspective (sees what locals accept) - But: doesn't understand village dynamics - Focused initially on T3 (official case)

Starting Point: - Assigned to review recent deaths - Pattern flagged by someone in system - Arrives seeking medical records - Meets Leena at PHC

THE MEETING

Location: दवाखाना (Davakhana) - PHC

Trigger: Arjun comes for medical records on T3 victims

Scene: 1. Arjun arrives at PHC, introduces himself as CID 2. Asks for medical records on More children 3. Leena is guarded - outsiders usually cause trouble 4. Arjun mentions he's reviewing "the pattern" 5. Leena's interest piqued - someone

else sees it 6. They discuss the three incidents 7. Arjun's surname (Gadkari) catches Leena's attention 8. She asks - he admits zamindar is his grandfather 9. Awkward moment - she's treating his grandfather 10. Unlikely alliance forms

Early Dynamic: - Arjun has authority, Leena has access - He needs her to navigate village - She needs him to take it seriously - Both have personal stakes they don't fully understand yet

THE FOUR PHASES

Act alignment: Act I = Phase 1 (Surface), Act II = Phase 2 (Cracks), Act III = Phase 3 (Hidden), Act IV = Phase 4 (Truth).

PHASE 1: SURFACE

Available from start

Theme: Establishing the curse narrative

What Players Experience: - Heavy superstition - Fear is palpable - Everyone believes in the curse - Official records say suicide - Witnesses describe ghost sightings

Interviews Available (15): 1. Constable Mohan Ghadge - T3 report 2. Constable Mohan Ghadge - T2 report 3. Constable Mohan Ghadge - T1 report 4. Sarpanch Vilas Patre - Village head statement 5. Pandit Venkatesh - Temple priest 6. Raghunath More - T3 victim's father 7. Meena More - T3 victim's mother 8. Mahesh More - T3 victim's uncle (RED HERRING) 9. Harish Karande - T2 victim's father 10. Nirmala Karande - T2 victim's mother 11. Rangubai - Death ritual woman 12. Teacher Shaila Jore - Village historian 13. Gajanan Buwa - Holy man 14. Villagers (Talegaon) - Collective testimony 15. Villagers (Vasti) - Collective testimony

Key Information Gathered: - Three incidents over 15 years - All siblings, all at lake, all "suicide" - Aarav survived but is "disturbed" - Village is terrified - Curse is universally believed

Contradictions to Find: - Constable too quick to close cases - Aarav's location unknown (contradiction in Constable's statement) - Teacher's hint that dead children "asked questions" - Rangubai's cryptic "I saw things on the bodies"

Phase 1 Complete When: - All 15 interviews reviewed - At least 3 contradictions identified - Player realizes official story doesn't hold

PHASE 2: CRACKS

Unlocked after Phase 1

Theme: Something human is happening

What Players Experience: - Witness accounts don't match - Some people are hiding things - Power dynamics become visible - Aarav's testimony is key - Kiln network starts appearing

Interviews Available (15): 16. Aarav More - Escaped child (KEY) 17. Sarla Shirke - Leena's mother 18. Devrao Gokhale - Kiln family head 19. Madhav Gokhale - Kiln operator (THE KILLER) 20. Prakash Kore - Transport (ACCOMPLICE) 21. Nilesh Raut - Inherited kiln 22. Postmaster Ramesh Bhat - Payment patterns 23. Talathi Anand Sathe - Land records 24. Rukmini Lokhande - Old kiln worker 25. Dinesh Pote - Night watchman 26. Raghoba - Old servant (T1 KILLER) 27. Kisan - Young servant 28. Haribhau - Cook 29. Havaldar Pradeep Phadke - Junior policeman 30. Sanjay Nimkar - Raghav's son

Key Information Gathered: - Aarav saw TWO FIGURES (not girl ghosts) - Figures were TALL (adults) - Burning plastic and disinfectant smell on them - Cloth over faces - Money patterns over years - Land deed irregularities around Korde Tal - Raghoba has nightmares - Servants heard whispers

Contradictions to Find: - Aarav's "ghosts" were adult-sized - Madhav's alibi too smooth, rehearsed - Payment patterns don't make sense - Raghoba's behavior doesn't match loyal servant - Kiln workers scared of something specific

Clue-Based Unlocks: | Discovery | Unlocks | |———|———| | Aarav mentions "two shadows" | Dinesh interview | | Postmaster mentions money orders | Nilesh deeper questions | | Sarla hints about Kalyani | Path to Kalyani interview | | Raghoba's nightmares mentioned | Haribhau interview |

Phase 2 Complete When: - All 15 interviews reviewed - Aarav's testimony analyzed - Kiln connection suspected - Zamindar household secrets emerging

PHASE 3: HIDDEN

Unlocked after Phase 2

Theme: The truth has two faces

What Players Experience: - Two separate trails emerge - T1 evidence points to Wada - T2-T3 evidence points to Bhatti - Witnesses start opening up - Physical evidence locations revealed

Interviews Available (12): 31. Harish Karande (deeper) - Shows Raghav's report 32. Teacher Shaila Jore (deeper) - Reveals pattern 33. Kalyani - First communication in 15 years 34. Sarla Shirke (deeper) - Full truth about the deed rumor 35. Retired Surveyor Prabhakar Bendre - Talbed encroachment operation confession 36. Ajit Sawant - Earthmover contractor 37. Ravindra - Sand runner clears himself 38. Lata Kore - Prakash's wife 39. Sunita Dhere - Overheard KEY conversation 40. Dr. Pande - Previous doctor's knowledge 41. Gadkari Saheb - Zamindar's guilt 42. Vasundhara - Cold, controlled

Key Information Gathered: - Raghav's report documents illegal talbed excavation - Children who died asked questions about boundary stones and land papers - Kalyani's children were zamindar's - Affair was real, twins were illegitimate - Talbed encroachment operation confirmed - Sunita heard "those children saw us" - Two separate conspiracies emerging

Critical Revelation: - T1 was about the DEED - T2-T3 were about illicit operations (talbed + waste burning) - Different killers, same cover story - The curse was invented for T1, copied for T2-T3

Clue-Based Unlocks: | Discovery | Unlocks | |———| | Raghav's report found | Bendre interview | | Sarla reveals deed rumor | Kalyani interview | | Sunita's testimony | Prakash confrontation path | | Haribhau's observations | Vasundhara confrontation path |

Phase 3 Complete When: - Both conspiracies identified - Evidence assembled for both - Killers identified (not yet confronted) - Ready for confrontations

PHASE 4: TRUTH

Unlocked after Phase 3

Theme: No more ghosts

What Players Experience: - Confrontation interviews - Confessions obtained - Full truth revealed - Ghost narrative destroyed - Two separate crimes confirmed

Interviews Available (8): 43. Aarav More (clarity) - Clear description 44. Dinesh Pote (breaks) - Admits what he saw 45. Prakash Kore (confronted) - Accomplice confession 46. Madhav Gokhale (confronted) - T2-T3 confession 47. Raghoba (confronted) - T1 confession 48. Vasundhara (confronted) - T1 mastermind confession 49. Nilesh Raut (resolution) - Learns truth 50. Devrao Gokhale (resolution) - Learns about brother

Resolution: - Madhav Gokhale: Arrested for T2 and T3 murders (4 children) - Prakash Kore: Arrested as accomplice (T3) - Vasundhara: Exposed for ordering T1 murders - Raghoba: Confesses to executing T1 murders - The curse: Revealed as manufactured cover story

Emotional Beats: - Kalyani finally acknowledged as mother of zamindar's children - Gadkari Saheb learns his wife killed his daughters - Arjun learns his grandmother is a murderer - Devrao learns his brother is a killer - Village must reckon with 15 years of lies

UNLOCK MECHANICS

Linear Unlocks:

Complete	Opens
Phase 1 (all interviews)	Phase 2 base (16-22)
Phase 2 base + 3 contradictions	Phase 2 deeper (23-30)
Phase 2 (all interviews)	Phase 3 base (31-36)
Phase 3 base + key connection	Phase 3 deeper (37-42)
Phase 3 + evidence assembled	Phase 4 (43-50)

Clue-Based Unlocks:

Find This	Get Access To
Aarav's "two shadows"	Dinesh interview
"Chemical smell" detail	Madhav/Prakash become suspects
Payment patterns	Nilesh deeper interview
Sarla's hints	Kalyani interview
Raghav's report	Bendre interview
Sunita's overheard words	Confrontation interviews
Raghoba's nightmares	Vasundhara confrontation

VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

No single source proves anything.

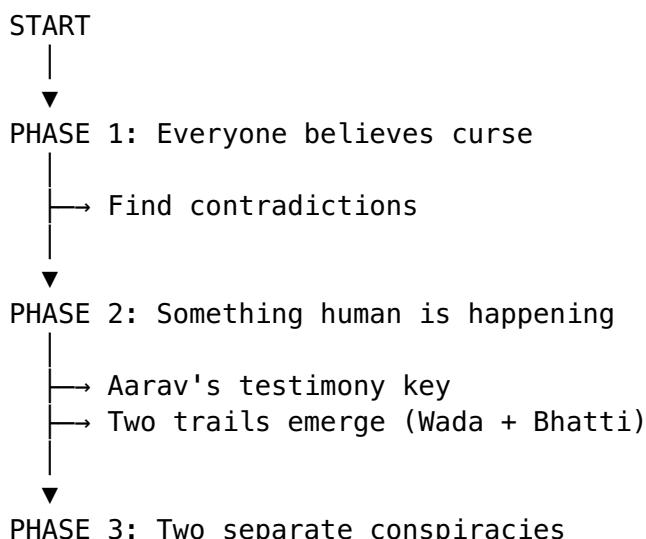
To Prove T2-T3 Killer (Madhav):

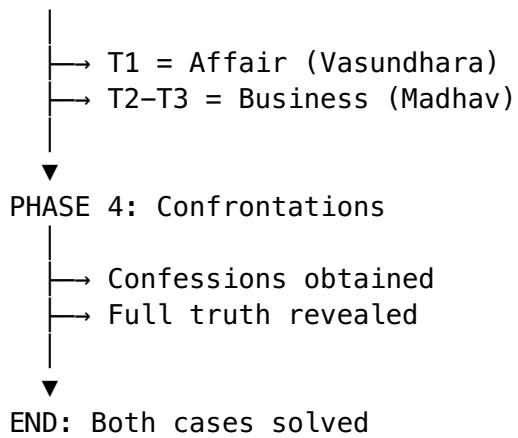
Must have: - Aarav's testimony (saw two figures) - Dinesh's corroboration (night sightings) - Sunita's evidence (overheard conversation) - Physical evidence (medical waste residue/ash, truck tracks)

To Prove T1 Killer (Vasundhara/Raghoba):

Must have: - Deed confirmation (Sarla + Kalyani + Talathi) - Raghoba's behavior (Kisan + Haribhau observations) - Circumstantial evidence (came back wet, paid next day) - Raghoba's confession

PLAYER JOURNEY MAP





FAILURE STATES (For Design Reference)

Players Cannot Fail (one true ending), but they can get stuck:

Common Stuck Points:

1. **Assuming one killer** - Won't find connection between T1 and T2-T3 evidence
2. **Trusting authority** - Constable's reports are wrong
3. **Dismissing Aarav** - His testimony is key, even if "crazy"
4. **Missing payment pattern** - Connects Raut guilt money to larger story
5. **Not interviewing servants** - Haribhau/Kisan have crucial observations

Hints System (if implemented):

- After X time stuck, Leena/Arjun can "suggest" a direction
- "Maybe we should talk to the servants at Wada"
- "Aarav's description doesn't match young girls"
- "These payment records seem odd"