

# INVESTIGATION FLOW

## चार गावे - How the Mystery Unfolds

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### 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

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### 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

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## 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

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### 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. Havaladar 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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.**

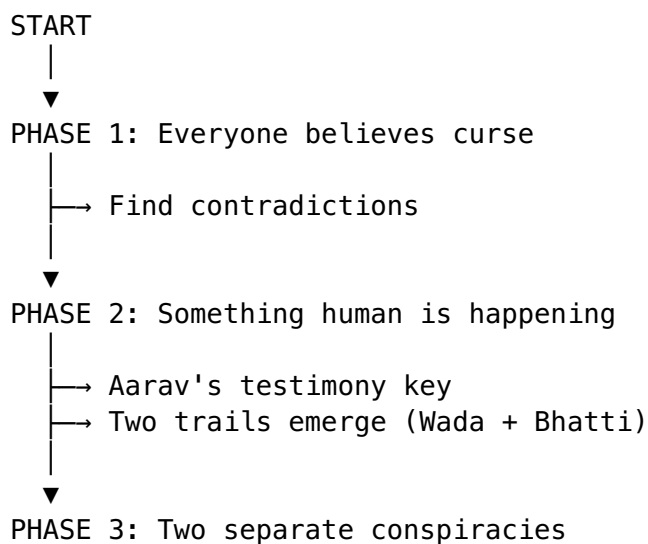
### To Prove T2-T3 Killer (Madhav):

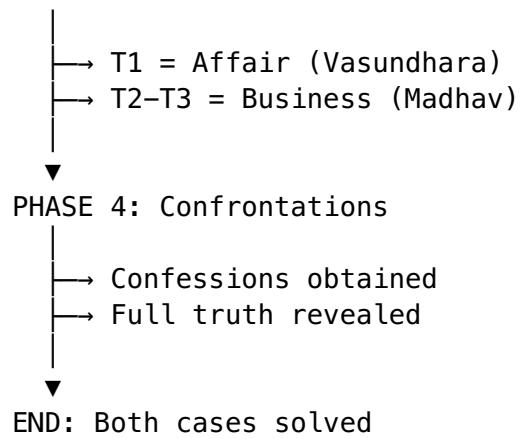
Must have: - Aarav's testimony (saw two figures) - Dinesh's corroboration (night sightings) - Sunita's evidence (overheard conversation) - Physical evidence (medical waste residue/ash, truck tracks)

### 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"