THE GROVE INCIDENT - HOST SHEET v5
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DATE: Sunday, 1 March 2026
VENUE: The Grove A7

TIMELINE

17:00 | Arrival, teams, and warm introductions.
17:20 | Mixer quest: one true role fact + one bluff.
19:30 | Host alert: dead-drop unlock in 30 minutes.
20:00 | Round 1 - Timeline Assembly (cross-floor memory map).
20:18 | Round 2 - Cross-Team Interrogation (90s challenges).
20:36 | Round 3 - Evidence Exchange (forced collaboration).
20:45 | Twist - Deepfake memo playback and authenticity vote.
20:52 | Round 4 - Board Vote (team verdict + implicated chain).
21:00 | Final reveal + sentencing + return to party mode.

TEAMS

- Startup Investors: Akshat, Aniket Chandra, Mehul Mohan, Neil Daftary, Sagar Badiyani, Siddak Bakshi
- Product Council: Aanak Sengupta, Devashish Rane, Gunjan Samtani, Kartik Khandelwal, Pooja Ghatia, Ritvik Hedge, Shubh Khandelwal, Swapnil, Varun Chopra
- Engineering Blackbox: Anubhav Gaba, Ayush Mittal, Harsh Bhimrajka, Kovid Poudel, Padmanabhan Murli, Shikhar Sharma, Shubham Jain, Vaibhav Gupta
- Ops & Ground Truth: Bharat Dhir, Iti Kathed, Mammoth, Manasi Chansoria, Naisargi Kothari, Prachi Verma, Sajag Jain, Shrenik Golecha, Vrishali
- Culture & Narrative Lab: Abhishek Gosavi, Abhishek Mukharjee, Adarsh, Aiswarya Mahajan, Ayush Borse, Mohnish Mhatre, Pranjal Srivastava, Rahul, Shaunak, Srishti Malviya

TEAM SATIRE POWERS

- Startup Investors: Can turn panic into a term sheet and call it conviction.
- Product Council: Can convert chaos into a roadmap with impossible deadlines.
- Engineering Blackbox: Can explain every failure perfectly, 15 minutes after it already happened.
- Ops & Ground Truth: Can keep systems alive while everyone else debates ownership.
- Culture & Narrative Lab: Can make raw truth sound cinematic enough that people finally listen.

INTERACTION ENFORCER RULES
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1) No monologues longer than 45 seconds.
2) Each team must involve at least two non-team players by Round 3.
3) Any claim without witness + artifact is "theory", not evidence.
4) Host can call "cross-floor switch" once per round.

PRE-8PM REBALANCE RULE (IF ATTENDANCE DROPS)
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1) Any team with fewer than 4 live players gets one floating player from the largest team.
2) Floating players keep their original character card but temporarily serve the smaller team.
3) Keep all core characters in original teams; only move flexible/optional players.

DEEPFAKE EXPLAINER (IF CONFUSED)

Playback tip: use `voice-clone-founder.m4a` first. Keep `voice-clone-founder.mp3` as filename-compatible backup.

Deepfake memo, simple version:
- The voice is synthetic: generated from old founder speech samples.
- The message contains mostly real clues but 1-2 bait details.
- Bait details are there to identify who reacts defensively too fast.
- Host line: "Fake voice, real pressure test."

FINAL REVEAL LINES

- Kovid and Anubhav forced a shadow deploy at 7:03 PM to protect launch optics.
- Harsh had already flagged a P0 auth flaw that leadership deferred.
- Aniket and Siddak kept treasury moves active through a side-letter loophole.
- Shubham and Shubh maintained separate internal vs investor performance narratives.
- Pooja drafted legal suppression and delayed escalation in the critical window.
- Sajag preserved the board-note diff proving narrative edits after the incident.
- Bharat found V at 9:14 PM, confirming the delay that changed the outcome.
- Neil and Sagar assembled and stress-tested the dead-drop to force admissions one year later.

ATTENDANCE CONTINGENCY

Use absentee handoff packets. Missing players never block core reveal.