

UNTITLED SCREENPLAY

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VIRTUAL
BIRTHDAY
PARTY

FADE IN:

VIDEO CALL

[AAYUSHI, KUNAL AND MOHIT PRESENT]

Starts with 3 friends on a video call- Kunal, Mohit and Aayushi. It is Naomi's birthday and they are planning to give her a surprise. Mohit is at Naomi's house planning for the surprise. Kunal is the sarcastic friend, he is kind of egoistic and doesn't shy away from insulting his friends. Aayushi is the good, caring friend. She is the one who hosts the meeting and makes sure everyone is there. Naomi is the birthday girl, she comes in mid-way. She gets scared easily. One more friend- Raj also gets introduced later on. He is an influencer on instagram and oblivious to most things. He has a carefree attitude and forgets most of the things. Mohit is whatever you want him to be.

KUNAL

Mohit are you ready with the surprise?

MOHIT

Yeah I have placed the cake in the kitchen. I am yet to decorate the house.

KUNAL

Yet to decorate? Bro Naomi will be coming now and you haven't started decorating the place?

MOHIT

I got stuck in traffic bro. It's easy for you to say this from your home.

KUNAL

Easy? You have the easiest task, I had to smuggle a duplicate key for her apartment here.

AAYUSHI

Stop fighting guys. Naomi will be coming now- wait where is Raj?

KUNAL

Probably out with one of his girlfriends.

MOHIT

I don't think he will come. I was surprised he even said yes to this thing.

Aayushi is checking something on her phone.

AAYUSHI
(looking at her phone)
There he is. He is having an insta
live right now.

KUNAL
Send him a question, ask him if
what's 2+2.

MOHIT
While you are at it ask him about
his skincare routine too.

AAYUSHI
No wait, I am going live with him.

KUNAL
What?

Aayushi disconnects.

[ONLY KUNAL AND MOHIT PRESENT IN THE VIDEO CALL]

KUNAL
By the way Mohit, I hope you did
not mess up the cake and got her
favorite pineapple cake.

MOHIT
Wait I thought you said apple cake.

KUNAL
Bro she's literally allergic to
apples why would I say that?

CUT TO:

RAJ'S INSTAGRAM LIVE

Raj is on his insta live when he gets a request from Aayushi
to join.

[RAJ'S INSTA LIVE. ONLY RAJ IS PRESENT]

RAJ
Hi Farhan, I will be dropping my
skincare routine real soon just,
make sure you have subscribe-

Raj sees a request from Aayushi

RAJ
Oh cool Aayushi, come on.

Aayushi joins in.

[NOW AAYUSHI AND RAJ PRESENT ON RAJ'S INSTA LIVE]

RAJ

Hi Aayushi, did not know you liked showing your face to *22k* instagram followers of mine.

AAYUSHI

Not really I wanted to ask if you were coming to the party or not.

RAJ

Party where's the party. Aayushi ki party ho and hum na aye-(realizes he is live) Oh oh sorry Aayushi, we should not be having parties in lockdown.(to his audience) It is very important to follow the covid restrictions imposed by the gov-

AAYUSHI

Did you seriously forget the *online birthday party* we were having for Naomi?

RAJ

Oh oh oh of course not, I am coming give me a second.

CUT TO:

BACK TO THE VIDEO CALL

Aayushi and Raj join in

[AAYUSHI, RAJ, KUNAL AND MOHIT PRESENT ON THE VIDEO CALL]

RAJ

Wassup guys did you miss me?

KUNAL

Um I don't know about Mohit but I am only missing the birthday girl here. Where is she?

Just then there is a sound from Mohit's side. (Mohit should make a movement with his legs while sitting as if he is moving something).

AAYUSHI

Quickly hide Mohit. Must be Naomi.

Mohit switches of the lights and hides somewhere(bathroom?).

KUNAL

Mute karde bhai.

Mohit lowers the volume of his device and mutes himself.

AAYUSHI
I will call Naomi now.

Aayushi disconnects.

[RAJ, KUNAL AND MOHIT PRESENT IN VIDEO CALL. MOHIT IS ON MUTE]

RAJ
Toh Kunal. Kesa chal raha hai sab?

KUNAL
(awkward)
Good good. Everythings good

There is an awkward silence, Raj tries to fill in.

RAJ
So did you guys hear about the
serial killer news who gets into
people's houses to kill them?

KUNAL
That's your topic of interest?

CUT TO:

AAYUSHI CALLS NAOMI ON A SEPERATE VIDEO CALL

Naomi is outside her house when she joins in.

[AAYUSHI AND NAOMI ON A SEPERATE VIDEO CALL]

AAYUSHI
Hii Nao--

NAOMI
Hi Aayushi?

AAYUSHI
Wait you aren't home yet? I
thought-

NAOMI
Yaa I am almost home I will text
you when I get there.

AAYUSHI
Ohh cool cool.

CUT TO:

AAYUSHI JOINS THE ORIGINAL VIDEO CALL WITH RAJ, MOHIT AND KUNAL

[AAYUSHI, RAJ, KUNAL AND MOHIT PRESENT ON VIDEO CALL]

She is a little confused and scared.

AAYUSHI

Guys I called Naomi she said she hasn't reached her house yet...

KUNAL

Wait but someone did enter her house, right?

RAJ

Mohit should go and check.

AAYUSHI

But we aren't sure if someone really did enter the house or if it was some random noise.

Mohit unmutes himself.

MOHIT

I will go and check, give me a sec.

Mohit is just going to leave his hiding place but there is a sound of doors opening. Mohit gets scared and sits back. He disconnects himself.

AAYUSHI

Where did Mohit go?

[AAYUSHI, KUNAL AND RAJ PRESENT ON VIDEO CALL]

Aayushi gets a text on her phone.

AAYUSHI

Guys I am adding Naomi in here. Just act normal, don't tell her about Mohit. If there was no one in the house then we should not ruin the surprise.

Aayushi adds Naomi.

[AAYUSHI, RAJ, KUNAL AND NAOMI PRESENT ON VIDEO CALL]

RAJ

Happy Birthday Naomi!!

NAOMI

Thank you Raj!

KUNAL

Bro we were supposed to sing the whole birthday thing- you ruined it.

RAJ

Oh sorry I forgot.

AAYUSHI

Happy birthday Naomi.

KUNAL
(disappointed)
Happy birthday Naomi.

NAOMI
Thank you so much guys. Is Mohit
going to join?

AAYUSHI
He will be here in a few minutes.
We should start our game.

RAJ
What game?

NAOMI
The virtual restaurant one didn't
Aayushi tell you?

RAJ
Oh yaa I almost forgot.

NAOMI
So we have our food ready with us?

Naomi takes out her food. Aayushi, Kunal and Raj also bring
their food.

KUNAL
Should we toast?

RAJ
I will go first. To Nao-

Someone passes from behind Naomi on her call. Was it Mohit
or someone else?

RAJ
Wait there is someone-

KUNAL
(cuts Raj in between)
No no no I will go first. To Naomi
and our long friendship.

RAJ
I was going to say that.

AAYUSHI
To-

Aayushi sees someone again behind Naomi.

AAYUSHI
Alright listen Naomi. There is
someone in your house.

NAOMI
What? Who?

Naomi turns around and doesn't see anyone.

NAOMI

Who is it?

RAJ

Mohit. Mohit is in your house. We were planning for a surprise so he came to your place.

NAOMI

Wait Mohit is in my house? How did he get in?

KUNAL

He had a duplicate of your keys.

NAOMI

How?

AAYUSHI

It's a long story. The thing is he was supposed to give you a surprise so he is hiding somewhere in your house but now we think there is someone else in your house too.

NAOMI

Someone else?

RAJ

Yes. Before you came in someone else was there. Or that's what we thought.

NAOMI

I am so confused right now. So there is Mohit and some stranger in my house hiding?

AAYUSHI

Actually, we aren't sure. We thought someone came in and so Mohit went to hide but then I called you and you said you were out means someone else entered your house before you.

KUNAL

And we aren't even sure if someone entered the house or it was just some random noise.

NAOMI

What should I do now?

RAJ

Get your knife and inspect like a true man.

AAYUSHI

No it's too dangerous. It could be that serial killer we heard about in the news few days ago.

NAOMI

You guys are scaring me.

KUNAL

We should call Mohit then.

AAYUSHI

No it could alert the stranger.

RAJ

Text Mohit to come out and leave together with Naomi.

AAYUSHI

Good idea I will text him.

RAJ

Naomi, keep the knife with you.

NAOMI

Guys I am really scared.

RAJ

Don't worry.

AAYUSHI

I sent him a text he should come out now.

There is some noise of some door opening.

NAOMI

Was it Mohit?

KUNAL

How would we know?

RAJ

Go and inspect

AAYUSHI

Oh god.

Naomi grabs her knife and leaves her room.

There is a scream. Aayushi, Raj and Kunal are terrified.

FADE OUT

THE END