

CAVE - SCREENPLAY

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FADE IN:

EXT. FOREST TRAIL - LATE AFTERNOON

Golden sunlight filters through dense trees.

AARAV (28), a documentary filmmaker, walks with a camera bag. Slightly restless, curious eyes.

Behind him, KABIR (30), his friend, more practical, less patient.

KABIR
You sure this is the place?

AARAV
(locating GPS)
Yeah. Local said there's a
cave no one goes near.

KABIR
That's always a good sign.

Aarav smirks. Keeps walking.

EXT. CAVE ENTRANCE - SUNSET

The cave mouth yawns open. Dark. Silent.

No birds. No wind.

Just stillness.

Aarav lifts his camera. Starts recording.

AARAV (to camera)

"Unexplored cave, 12 km from the nearest village. Locals
claim—"

He stops.

A faint low hum leaks from inside. Almost like breathing.

Kabir hears it too.

They exchange a look.

INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

Flashlights ON.

The cave walls are wet. Uneven. Narrowing deeper.

Their footsteps echo unnaturally long.

KABIR

We go in, we shoot, we leave.

AARAV

Relax.

Aarav runs his hand on the wall-

-pulls back.

It's warm.

He frowns.

INT. CAVE - DEEPER

The light from outside is gone.

Only their flashlights.

The HUM is louder now. Rhythmic.

They reach a wide chamber.

Center: a deep vertical pit.

Pitch black. Bottom unseen.

A rope tied to a rock nearby-old, frayed.

KABIR

Someone's been here.

Aarav kneels near the pit. Drops a stone.

No sound of impact.

Just... swallowed.

MIDDLE – DESCENT INTO WRONGNESS

INT. CAVE CHAMBER – LATER

Camera on tripod. Aarav filming the pit.

AARAV
"This depth... doesn't make
sense."

The HUM changes.

Now—it sounds like whispers layered together.

Kabir shifts uncomfortably.

KABIR
We should go.

Aarav doesn't respond.

He's staring into the pit.

Mesmerized.

POV – PIT
Darkness... but not empty.

Something moves.

Not visible—felt.

BACK TO SCENE
Aarav slowly leans closer.

WHISPER (V.O.)

Aarav...

Kabir freezes.

KABIR
Did you just-?

Aarav shakes his head. But he heard it.

INT. CAVE PASSAGE - MOMENTS LATER

They decide to leave.

But the path looks... different.

Narrower.

Walls closer.

KABIR
This wasn't here.

Their flashlights flicker.

The HUM now surrounds them.

FIRST BREAK IN REALITY
Kabir turns-

Aarav is not there.

KABIR
Aarav?

Echo repeats his voice... distorted.

"...Aarav... Aarav... Aarav..."

Kabir panics. Runs back.

INT. PIT CHAMBER

Aarav stands at the edge again.

Like he never moved.

KABIR
What the hell are you doing?!

Aarav turns slowly.

His face-off. Not possessed. Just... detached.

AARAV
It's calling.

THE FORCE REVEALS ITSELF (SUBTLE)
The HUM becomes structured.

Like many people breathing together.

The pit releases a faint cold mist upward.

Whispers now clear-but overlapping.

Fragments:

"Stay..."

"Don't leave..."

"Down here..."

KABIR GRABS AARAV

KABIR
We're leaving. NOW.

Aarav resists-not violently-but like gravity pulling him back.

END - THE EXCHANGE

INT. PIT EDGE - CLIMAX

Kabir drags Aarav away-

Aarav suddenly stops resisting.

Calm.

Too calm.

AARAV

Listen... just listen once.

Kabir hesitates.

That's the mistake.

SILENCE
The HUM stops.

Complete silence.

Then—

A deep inhale from the pit.

Like the cave itself breathes in.

WHISPER (CLEAR, SINGULAR)
"One stays... one leaves..."

Kabir looks at Aarav.

Aarav smiles faintly.

Not evil.

Relieved.

SUDDEN FORCE
The rope near the pit SNAPS
upward violently—

Invisible force pulls Aarav—

He falls into the darkness.

Gone.

No scream.

Just disappearance.

ABSOLUTE SILENCE
Kabir freezes.

Shaking.

AFTERMATH
The HUM is gone.

The cave feels... normal.

Dead quiet.

FINAL SCENE

EXT. CAVE ENTRANCE - NIGHT

Kabir stumbles out.

Alone.

He turns back.

The cave is just... a cave.

No sound.

NO PRESENCE. LAST IMAGE KABIR'S CAMERA STILL RECORDING.

Playback screen flickers.

We see the footage from inside—

Aarav standing at the pit...

But behind him—

For a split second—

Multiple faint human silhouettes emerge from the darkness...

Watching.

Waiting.

CUT TO BLACK