

INFIDELITY (Short Film)

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It was 3 pm in the afternoon. This was the first time in his marriage of five years that Raj was going back home in the middle of the day. But today was different. Today he had decided to owe up everything to Priya, his wife.

Why he had been ignoring her, not paying attention to her and even not making love to her. The reason was Sonia, his secretary. He has been having an affair with his secretary for the past three years. He couldn't take his eyes off her when she entered the office the first time and after working with her he realized she was everything that he wanted in his partner-looks, smartness, ability to hold a conversation and an appetite for sports.

Naturally he fell for her. He had been reminded of its repercussions by his best friend and colleague Rahul time and again.

Rahul " Listen whatever you are doing is not right. Why don't you tell it to Priya and get a divorce"

Raj " You won't understand. Mine was an arranged marriage. If I leave Priya my parents would never forgive me , she was their choice. Besides she is loyal and forgiving. She is happy with me. Why spoil that?"

Rahul " Don't you ever feel guilty?"

Raj " I do but I am not the only one in the world doing it. Cant I have a little bit of happiness..nobody has to know. You are the only one who knows and I am going to end it soon".

Rahul " I have been hearing that forever".

"if only you could change this thing about you , you would be perfect".

Raj " I like imperfections".

"yeah right"...

Rahul has always been trying to convince him to end it. He is a good friend. But since sometime he had also stopped doing it . may be he understood there was no use.

But today was different. While making out with Sonia in the bathroom he saw himself in the mirror and lightning struck. He felt full of guilt and decided that he would confront Priya and ask for her forgiveness.

He wanted to talk to Rahul before leaving but he had taken an off today . Rahul has been taking a lot of half-days recently.

With this thought and thinking about Sonia he entered the driveway of his house. Suddenly something caught his eye. He saw a car outside his house . it looked familiar. There was an uneasy feeling in his stomach.

He decided to park his car there only and walk up to the house. He had the key of the back entrance , never used it till now. He decided to enter by the backside entrance.

He tiptoed his way inside the house towards his bedroom . there was silence. The door of the room was slightly ajar but everything was visible. There he saw his perfectly loyal wife sleeping like a child in the arms of his best friend.

Under the sheets.

Raj felt nauseated , devastated and cheated..."cheated" why?

He was doing the same thing..she must have felt the same way when she came to know. But why Rahul?..he was his best friend..

As he walked back to his car he thought that when it comes to infidelity all logic goes for a toss.

He opened the door of the car , sat and took a deep breath.

& He smiled.....

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