

SWAP

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1. EXT. PARK

A man walks into frame while talking on the phone. He is furious and is pacing back and forth. He pauses between dialogues as he talks to someone on the phone

RAHUL
SHIT

RAHUL
With who?

RAHUL
That guy?!

RAHUL
Where?

RAHUL
SHIT

He shakes his head

RAHUL
Aight thanks for calling

He hangs up and sits down on a bench. He puts his face in his hands. And screams.

A man walks over and sits on the bench next to Rahul as he still has his arms in his hands

ANTONY
Hey. You ok?

Rahul looks up

RAHUL
(annoyed)
Yeah.

ANTONY
You look upset

RAHUL
Yeah.

ANTONY
Can I help?

RAHUL
Look man, I don't know you.

ANTONY
Really?

RAHUL
Yeah no shit

ANTONY
 You're Rahul, right? Sycamore High,
 Class of 2016? You went to
 Dartmouth if I remember correctly?

RAHUL
 Do we know each other?

ANTONY
 (chuckling)
 It's me, Antony

Rahul gives him a confused look

ANTONY
 From the tennis team?

RAHUL
 Holy shit. Sorry, I didn't
 recognize you

ANTONY
 It's been years man, how are you
 doing?

RAHUL
 Good. I mean. Not really. Look man,
 I kinda need some space right now
 if it's alright with you. Just
 found out my girlfriend is cheating
 on me.

ANTONY
 Oh man. I'm sorry. Well it was nice
 seeing you again.

Antony leaves. Rahul sits there in silence when he looks over
 and sees Antony's wallet. He grabs it, stands up, and waves
 it in the air as he calls out to Antony

RAHUL
 (shouting)
 HEY! HEY! Um. ANTHONY!

Antony turns around and gestures as he realizes he forgot his
 wallet. Antony walks back towards Rahul

ANTONY
 Hey thanks. I'm always forgettng
 these things

Rahul's phone rings

RAHUL
 One sec I gotta take this

Rahul answers the call as Antony watches

RAHUL
Yes I called. Where are you?

RAHUL
Don't lie to me

RAHUL
Of course you are

RAHUL
Because...

RAHUL
Andrew saw you ok?

RAHUL
Yes, you bitch. He saw you two
kissing

RAHUL
Accusing you? HE SAW YOU

RAHUL
Don't you dare hang up on me

RAHUL
Neha? Neha? Ne-

Rahul looks at his phone angrily.

ANTONY
That's some colorful language

RAHUL
Well she deserves it

Rahul sits back down on the bench

ANTONY
Neha Gupta right? You two went to
the prom together. You're still
together huh?

RAHUL
Well. we were until about a half
hour ago. My buddy Andrew caught
her out with someone.

ANTONY
Andrew Lin? How's he doing? Haven't
seen him since high school either

RAHUL
He's fine, who gives a shit. My
girlfriend is cheating on me. I
swear I could kill her right now.

ANTONY

You don't mean that

RAHUL

We've been together of 6 years now. And we were good to each other. 4 of those were long distance and we survived that too. And then all this, out of nowhere? Yeah, I think I might just kill her

He pauses and thinks

RAHUL

Shit what if she was cheating on me in college?

ANTONY

Infidelity is a terrible thing. A complete betrayal of trust. I'm sorry.

RAHUL

A betrayal of trust. You're right. You know I was going to ask her to move in with me? Our anniversary is next week and I was going to ask her to move in with me.

ANTONY

My dad had cheated on my mom a while ago. They got divorced over it. It was back in junior year of high school actually. And then he got custody cuz I was still a minor, and my mom ended up moving back to India. So I got stuck with the asshole who tore my family apart.

RAHUL

Shit dude, I didn't know any of that. That was back in high school?

ANTONY

Yeah. And he still calls me every day to judge me. He thinks I'm a failure just because I work a regular office job. Meanwhile he's worth millions because his real estate business took off. And he got remarried to the bitch he cheated on my mom with. Yeah sometimes I wish he was dead too. I've had those thoughts. You know, poisoning his food, leaking carbon monoxide...

Rahul gives him a strange look

RAHUL
What the hell?

ANTONY
Oh don't tell me you're not thinking those same thoughts right now. That you would kill Neha if you had the chance and wouldn't get caught. Or one of those useless guys she's sleeping around with

RAHUL
Are you serious? It's just an expression, jeez

ANTONY
But why not? Some people are better off dead, don't you think? My father. Neha. But of course we'd never do it. We're both too afraid we'd get caught. And of course we'd get caught instantly. Look how strong our motives are. But I have it all figured out. The perfect crime. Let's say you were serious about killing Neha.

RAHUL
I'm not serious about killing Neha.

ANTONY
But let's say you are. Because she betrayed your trust. And let's say I was serious about killing my father. What we'd do is swap murders.

RAHUL
Swap murders?

ANTONY
Yes, exactly. I'd kill Neha. And you'd kill my father. We hardly have any connection to them. And most importantly there's no motive. The cops would never catch us. Each one murders a stranger.

Rahul stares at Antony in disbelief

RAHUL
I gotta go

ANTONY
Your girlfriend. My father. Criss cross

RAHUL

What?

Antony gives him a wry smile

ANTONY

It was good catching up man, we'll
keep in touch

RAHUL

Yeah. Sure

Rahul hurries out of the scene. Antony smiles and waves, then immediately frowns and sits back down on the bench with a serious expression. We see a close up of his face as he looks into the camera, finally giving a smile, indicating to the audience that he plans on executing his plan.