

SOPHIE'S words trail off. ROHAN stops walking, he takes the phone away from his ear. He sees in the corner of the pub, DPAQ, he's stripped down to his boxers, wearing **WHITEFACE**, looking as though his life has flashed before his eyes.

ROHAN is rooted to the spot, he cant stop staring.

SOPHIE (V.O.)

Ro? Ro? Ro are you there? RO!

ROHAN snaps back to life, he goes back to the phone call.

ROHAN

Yup, i'll be there real soon, I gotta go--

SOPHIE (V.O.)

Sorry wha--

ROHAN hangs up. He double takes at DPAQ and decides it's time to make a quick exit. He moves towards the front entrance and takes a step out of the door before--

EXT. INNER WEST PUB - CONTINUOUS

He's hit in the face by a t-shirt.

GANESH

You think you're cool man? You like v-necks? You wanna wear dumb glasses and think you're Top Gun or some shit?

A moment's confusion, ROHAN strips the shirt from his face

ROHAN

What's going on--

Leaning on a parked car, wearing what are clearly DPAQ'S aviators is GANESH.

ROHAN

Ayyo

GANESH

So you speak **some** Tamil then yeah?

ROHAN's been caught out, he was trying to avoid this, there's something sombre about him as he stands there alone, flapping in the wind as a worked up GANESH paces in front of him. You can see the gears in his head ticking over.

ROHAN

So...you saw my set

GANESH
Yeah, left you a review inside as well

GANESH unleashes, he's done thinking.

GANESH
You know you're a piece of work yeah? Like what am I even gonna do with you?

ROHAN hesitates

ROHAN
You, you could let me go--

GANESH doesn't hear this

GANESH
Tell me something, what was it like?

ROHAN
Like?

A maniacal joy glints in Ganesh's eye

GANESH
Hearing them laugh so hard. What. Was. It. Like?

ROHAN stays with what Ganesh said, before dismissing it.

ROHAN
Look man, I kinda need to be somewhere and you're--

GANESH isn't done, again he barely hears him.

GANESH
You know where my family's from right, if you bring shame to the village, they strip you down, shave your head and parade you around town on a donkey.

Beat

GANESH
Real talk

ROHAN swallows

ROHAN
Lucky you don't have a donkey then

GANESH stops pacing and looks back at ROHAN.

GANESH
Yeah. Lucky I don't

There's a long pause between the both of them. GANESH breaks the silence.

GANESH
You don't ever want that parade
Machan. You don't **ever** want that
parade.

GANESH lingers for half a beat, before leaving. Rohan watches him walk away, his words still resonating. He takes a deep breath and turns around, staying put for a second, absorbing what just happened. Behind him a steady stream of young, white, hipster types in active-wear, carrying yoga mats side step him and enter the pub.

EXT./INT. TRAIN PLATFORM/TRAIN - NIGHT

It's late, the train approaches and opens its doors, ROHAN quickly jumps on and plants himself onto the first seat he can find. He closes his eyes.

Beat

Something's up.

Rohan opens his eyes, startled. Sitting directly in front of him and staring is UNCLE.

ROHAN straightens himself up, he's both scared and embarrassed at the same time. He swallows.

The train begins to move.

UNCLE continues to stare, ROHAN reciprocates, paralysed with fear.

The train picks up speed.

Beats pass.

Rohan grows increasingly uncomfortable.

ROHAN
Is there something I can help you
with?

UNCLE is indifferent.

ROHAN
Do you know my parents maybe?