

THANK YOU

(short film script)

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LOGLINE

Person on holiday is in the mood to have fun and rest but
allurement to dull game make him restless.

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FADE IN:

INT. HARRY FLAT - DAY

HARRY(25), lonely software engineer lounges on the bed. Dim room lit by flickering light of TV.

He munches on wafers with a satisfying crunch. In between the News and crunching sound, a notification catches attention. With semi-oily fingers, picks up.

Scrolls down notification bar: "Get 20% off your first order."

Disinterested, he dismisses notification and tosses phone onto the bed.

Checks empty wafer packet, crush it. Picks up the phone again.

HARRY

(to himself)

Let's order pizza today

Put app on download. He casts sight on a water bottle and leaves. We see phone with download screen visible, closer look. Evil laughter sounds from phone.

He returns with filled bottle. Download complete. Now with clean hands, open app. App takes ages to load. He's impatience.

Finally, menu appears.

He scrolls through options and stops at "Lover's Pizza."

Clock's minute hand approaches halfway mark..

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EXT. HARRY FLAT - DAY

Black gloves press doorbell.

Sleepy HARRY opens door. He checks but finds no one.

Frustrated, shouts to the corridor.

HARRY

Do you find it funny?... Ugh.

His voice echoes down the hallway.

HARRY(cont'd)

(to himself)

These kids...

As he pulls door back, door knocks to a box lie on ground - which is waiting for him.

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INT. HARRY FLAT - DAY

Harry, picks up a card attached to top of box that caught his attention. He untaps card, traces his finger over and turns to message.

The card reads: *"Thanks for thinking of us. Hope you like it. If you enjoyed our slice, we have a special surprise for you. Scan the QR code below and have fun."*

Harry scans QR. Prompt appears: *"Please enter code and have fun."*

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He searches card for the code. Feels not worth it to put effort, sets phone and card aside. He drags pizza closer and eats and watch film.

Between bites, he notices his name on the card's logo. He sets down his half-eaten slice, picks up card with oily fingers, on other hand with phone and enters code—HARRY20. Screen transitions to a dashboard named PIZZEARN.

A message appears:

HARRY(V.O)

Thank you, Harry. We'd like to offer you a chance to earn rewards. Simply rate our dishes, restaurant, and cute delivery guys. Simple, isn't it?

He clicks yes.

HARRY
(lured)
YES!

Another Popup appears:

HARRY (V.O)

Great, Harry! Create your profile; blink prompts will guide you. You'll earn ₹360 for each. Ready?

Harry not blink his lured eyes.

HARRY
Okay...

He opens Pizzbut app, rates delivery guy 4.5/5 with the remark "Thanks for quick delivery," and clicks send. ₹360 is credited to his pizzwallet. Excited, he takes another slice of pizza.

Get comfortable, rates one dishes and one restaurant.

A notification appears: "₹720 credited to your wallet. A timer starts—2 minutes remaining."

Harry's oily fingers in race, rate 3 more services. Box once held six pizza slices is now empty.

A message appears:

HARRY(V.O)

Great! Next session starts in 1 hour. To transfer money from Pizz Wallet to your Mpay account, set up PIZZTRANSFER.

He clicks light gray "PIZZTRANSFER" button, enters details without a blink.

He jumps to virtual portal, enters his Mpay ID, and Mpay PIN. As he clicks "Enter," portal becomes unresponsive. He clicks repeatedly, restarts the app, but the dashboard won't open.

Message from Bank: "A/C : XX0123; debited with INR 2000000; on 27-Jul-24"

He sees to us, mouth slightly open, dead face.

HARRY

I've been...duped

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INT. HARRY ROOM - NIGHT

Dark Room, illuminated only by flickering light of ON TV.

Harry sits on floor beside phone, holding his head in his hands. His phone lights up with a notification, cast an glow on the ceiling.

He reads message: "Thanks for being part of the game," without picking up.

Overwhelmed, throws phone away.

BLACK OUT

THE END