

WRITER/DIRECTOR - ASKHAT SHMANOV

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Logline

Three aspiring actors attend casting via Skype video conference for a new reality show. A potential employer gives them real life scenarios that they need to act out with random unaware people while still being in the videochat.

Genre

Thriller

Summary of a story

It is a skype conference with the employer. Three aspiring actors join it using their mobile phones. It's their 3rd casting call which will determine who will be the cast member of a new promising reality TV show.

All actors are located in different places. Employer tells them that executive producers of the show want to see how good they are at getting in any character in any given situation.

He explains them that this casting will be taking place during the next 90 minutes in which they will be given different real life scenarios where they have to interact with random unaware people and apply their acting skills.

Also, he tells them that they will need to always keep their phones on and be online for him to watch everything. Moreover, he states that they will be given points in the scale of 1 to 10 after each performance. Whoever gets more points wins.

So the competition begins. Assignments seem pretty easy and fun in the beginning: have an argument with your unaware parents, and etc. However, at one point one actor gets kidnapped. He is told that it's a part of a game. He has to keep playing as if he is a victim. Other actors are told to rescue him by following a prepared script with precise plot points.

They have no idea that they are involved in a serious criminal story that was set to use them as important characters.

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Biography.

Askhat Shmanov has been a writer and director of short films and comedy sketches for almost four years.

- Currently writing and directing his own comedy sketches for Instagram: @askhat_shmanov
- Won a short film competition "Zhas Didar" for the best screenplay in 2016.
- Won a video competition "VideoBaiga" for the best Beeline commercial set in Almaty in 2017.

Description of the format.

It is a feature film. Approximate length - 90 mins.

The whole film is to unfold on computer screen of an employer. From his perspective we see three actors in different locations and situations.

Approximate Budget - 1,000,000 dollars

Dream Cast

Dane DeHaan - Actor 1
Miles Teller - Actor 2 (kidnapped)
Margaret Qualley - Actress
Employer - Jon Hamm

Thank you!