

Drama Script  
"The Hunt"

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## Drama Script

### "Free from Bribery and Corruption"

The story takes place at the Income Tax Department

### Characters

- Mr Ariyaratne - A Senior Officer in department  
 Mr Jershad - A young officer  
 Mr. Zam - An Old accountant  
 Mrs. Pemalatha - Client, the widow of late Mr. Sunil, the owner of Marine trade.  
 Mr. Somawansa - Another staff

Mr. Ariyaratne :- Jershad did you write the letter for both the accountant and his clients to make their presence here before next week?

Jershad :- I've typed, but I want to complete it. I remember you asked to give different <sup>time</sup> for each, aren't you?

Mr. Ariyaratne :- Of course, atleast one and half hours gap. An early time for the client, 10.00 o'clock in the morning would be preferable.

Jershad :- for the accountant let us make it as 11.30 a.m.

Mr. Ariyaratne :- (smiles)  
 You improved to hunt.

Jershad :- (sarcastically)  
 I should be, when I'm with you.  
 I've learnt long that experience works better than  
 the paper qualifications.

(Both laughs together, Mr. Ariyaratne  
 pats on Jershad)

Act II.

(Mr. Somawansa appears with sheets on his  
 hands)

Mr. Somawansa :- Ayge, put your signature on  
 these sheets.

Mr. Ariyaratne :- (While signing), How is everything  
 with you?

Mr. Somawansa :- (dreadfully)  
 Any good clients for you?

Jershad :- A very good time, indeed.

Mr. Somawansa :- I envy the way you enjoy  
 swimming with the tide.

Mr. Ariyaratne :- You, should have some kind of  
 luck for that.

(Both Mr. Ariyaratne and Jershad laughs  
 loud, putting their hands together)

Mr. Ariyaratne :- (Sarcastically) .....  
 Stop Chasing and Come and dust  
 the windows and the rusted fan in our room,

It has been ages cleaned up. I'll pay you from my hunt.

Mr. **Somawansa** :- (Sadly)  
Who approached your trap so far?

**Perashad** :- (happily)  
A good Marine merchant's wife

We will meet the client and the accountant will be late, and by the time he reaches we can finish off the deal. (winks at Mr. Ariyaratne)

{ Mr. Somawansa, listening seriously }

**Perashad** :- Last week they came, I said that they hadn't paid the tax. But, bringing their accountant they showed the receipt, reassuring their payment on time. We just kept on saying "no you haven't paid, the receipt is fake you better pay" ... till they understand that a personal payment for us would make their work easy.

Mr. **Ariyaratne** :- See how improved my galaya is...  
(Smiling)

We even blackmailed them indirectly saying "we will file a case against you, if you don't pay and bring the sheet

Mr. **Somawansa** :- Even if you actually file a case, you've no cost at all.

**Perashad** :- Yes, no cost at all.. The state is there behalf of us (with self confident)  
(raising his eyebrows) ... If they work against us they have to pay for their own cost.

Mr. Ariyaratne :- poor fellow, the accountant might have realized our trick, without no power, he was dumb found.

Mr. Somawansa :- Alright, time to leave. Wish you for a successful hunt.

{ Both of them <sup>are</sup> looking each other vainly saying }  
{ We are utilizing our knowledge towards industrialization. }

Curtains... Act III

The Clients have appears on Wednesday early morning at sharp 10 o'clock.

Mr. Ariyaratne :- (secretly whispers)  
Jershad act not to heed them.

Jershad :- Yes, why are you sitting here?  
Why?

{ Clients }  
{ Pemalatha & her sister } :- Sir... Sir... Our accountant mahathaya is not here yet. We have come with a receipt of settled payment.

Mr. Ariyaratne :- (loudly, from a short distance)  
no, no... You haven't paid  
Better pay <sup>RS.</sup> 15 000/- for now, finish off the issue and leave this place asap.  
Afterwards you can carry on with you trade peacefully. No bothers to you and your accountant. If not you've to wander for the case we file you.

{ Clients to themselves }  
Pemalatha with shrinked eyebrows.

Jershad rushes to Mr. Ariyaratne..

Mr. Jershad :- Here is 15 000/=

Mr. Ariyaratne :- Here is your share RS 7000/=  
Enjoy your ride.

Jershad :- (Happily)  
Thank You Sir ..

The Clients meets the accountant, arriving.

Accountant :- Where are you going?

Clients :- Sir, we finished off the matter.  
You are very late

Pemalatha :- Sir, now we can do our business  
peacefully. We are leaving ; you  
also go now.

Clients Exit ..

Rooted to the spot . Frustrated ...  
stands there , the accountant .

Curtains ...

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