

The background is a soft-focus photograph. In the foreground, a white ceramic coffee cup sits on a wooden surface, likely a desk. To the left, a portion of a black laptop is visible. In the background, a window looks out onto a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise, with warm orange and yellow light filling the scene. The overall mood is calm and contemplative.

Lockdown Diaries - 1

The Intruder

The worldwide lockdown

- Apart from the World War, this must be the only calamity which has put the world's entire population into the same situation
- Everybody is locked down and quarantined

The mind is free

- Even though we are locked down, the mind is free to travel
- And as we spend more time with ourselves, we discover what we have been missing out in the rush to “live life”

Lockdown Diaries

- Stories of such journeys into ourselves as we stay quarantined
- Stories of hope and liberation





The Intruder

From India to the USA

The Intruder

- The story of a young woman locked up in Mumbai, India... Locked up in her head, until a chance encounter lets her travel across the globe and changes her life forever.

Characters

- Simran
- Tom
- Nurse
- Simran's Mother (off screen voice)

Simran: Smiriti Kalra



Simran

- A 27 year old girl living in Mumbai. An independent girl. Caught up in the demons of her past which don't let her leave the confines of her mind. On the surface everything seems fine. She is vivacious, warm and funny. But as she starts living with herself during the lockdown, she realises that she has been putting up a façade. Maybe this was the time she needed to unlock her mind.

Tom: Jason Tham



Tom

- A warm young man living in LA, USA. An extrovert, he loves striking a conversation with strangers. Because he believes that there are no strangers in this world. Only friends we haven't met. He makes everything seem very easy. He has a quip for every situation. Nothing is ugly. Everything happens for a reason. He is too good to be true. Is there more to him than meets the eye?

Nurse: Evelyn Suebert



Nurse

- An aged nurse is the surprise in the story. She is warm yet firm. She is empathetic and reassuring. But there is an aura of authority around her.



Crew

- **Director: Abhijit Das**
- **Music director: Harshwardhan Dixit**
- **Editor: Shobhraj Rai**
- **VFX: Arup Sinha**
- **Executive Producer: Quiien Banerjee**

Producers

- Hakuna Matata Films
- Pirate Films

Release plan

- We will pitch the ready film to LargeShortFilms as a series of short films

Shooting process

- As the world reels under a long lockdown, our generation is experiencing something like never before
- Like always, as artists it is our responsibility to carry the world through these dark ages by example
- So we shall create something that gives hope and belief that this world is one, open and not locked down by an ordinary virus

Shooting process

- The director will receive images of the actors' homes and decide the place to shoot
- The frames to shoot will be sent to the actors
- Each actor will shoot on phones from their own homes
- The footage will be uploaded on a Google Drive
- The footage will be downloaded by the post production team and taken into edit and music

Post production

- None of the team members will meet during the entire production process
- A living example of how the world can stay home and yet tell a story
- And give an opportunities to artists and people around the world to tell their stories as part of this series

A blurred background image showing a cup of coffee on a desk in the foreground. In the background, a laptop is partially visible on the left, and a window shows a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise over a body of water.

So let the intruder in.