

THE SILENT CORRIDOR CASE



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The rain hadn't stopped for three days.

Detective Arjun Mehta stood outside the gates of Ravenport High School, staring at the flickering lights of the empty building. The call had come at 2:13 AM.

A body found. No witnesses. Locked building.

A perfect mystery.

The Crime Scene

The body lay in the third-floor corridor, near Classroom
309.

Victim: Mr. Rakesh Malhotra, a strict history teacher.

Cause of death (initial guess): blunt force trauma.

But something felt... off.

No blood splatter on the walls.

No sign of struggle.

And most importantly—

The corridor was locked from inside.

The First Clue

Arjun crouched beside the body.
In the victim's hand... was a piece of chalk.

Not unusual for a teacher—
but on the floor, written faintly:

“12 - 7 - 3”

The Suspects

Three people had access to the school that night:

Rahul Verma - the night guard

Ananya Singh - a top student, last seen in school for extra
classes

Mr. Iyer - another teacher, known to have conflicts with
the victim

The Twist Begins

Arjun questioned Rahul first.

“I locked all floors at 10 PM,” he said nervously.

“No one could enter or leave.”

Then how did the killer escape?

Ananya’s story didn’t add up either.

“I left at 9:30 PM,” she claimed.

But CCTV footage showed her leaving at 10:07 PM.

Why lie?

The Hidden Meaning

Back at the corridor, Arjun stared again at the numbers:

12 – 7 – 3

Then it hit him.

Classroom numbers.

Room 12 → Chemistry Lab

Room 7 → Storage

Room 3 → Old Records Room

The Breakthrough

Inside Room 7, Arjun found a cleaned metal rod.
Inside Room 3, a torn page from a student record.

The name on it?

Ananya Singh.

The Truth

Under pressure, Ananya finally broke.

“He was going to fail me,” she said, tears in her eyes.

“My scholarship... my future... everything was over.”

She had stayed late, argued with Mr. Malhotra, and in rage—

Struck him.

But the locked corridor?

That was the trick.

She had used the fire exit door, which automatically locked

from inside.

A detail only a regular student would know.

The Final Detail

“But why write the numbers?” Arjun asked.

Ananya froze.

“I didn’t write anything.”

Arjun looked back at the chalk.

And realized—

The victim had written it.

Not to expose the killer...

But to reveal the path.

$12 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 3$

The trail that led to the truth.

Ending

As the police took Ananya away, the rain finally stopped.

Arjun looked at the empty corridor one last time.

“Even in death,” he murmured,

“he solved his own case.”

watch your back