

AJAY

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FADE IN:

1 EXT. LOS ANGELES - DAY (DUSK) 1

AJAY, 30s, is walking down the street.

AJAY (V.O.)

My name is Ajay. In Hindi, it means, 'unconquered'. I always knew that one day, I would arrive here. A city named for the angels.

He crosses the street and disappears into the oncoming crowd of passers-by.

2 EXT. SANTA MONICA PIER - NIGHT 2

The colorful sights and sounds of a busy amusement park. Passers-by parade the boardwalk.

AJAY (V.O.)

My father always told me that 'to believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonest'... but when I told him I was leaving for America, he was disappointed, to say the least.

Ajay stares at passers-by.

AJAY (V.O.)

Speaking honestly, I often ask myself... what am I doing here?

He walks off.

3 EXT. SANTA MONICA PIER/ARCADE - NIGHT 3

Ajay examines the FORTUNE TELLING MACHINE.

MACHINE (V.O.)

(filtered)

I am the great Gypsy and I can see your fortune.

He walks off.

DISSOLVE TO:

4 EXT. SANTA MONICA PIER - NIGHT - (DREAM) 4

Ajay is wandering the amusement park in a surreal daze.

AJAY (V.O.)
Nobody ever looks at me here. I
don't exist.

He comes out of it and walks off.

5 EXT. SANTA MONICA PIER - NIGHT (LATER) 5

Ajay stands near the roller coaster. He looks in wonderment as the rail cars rush by with screaming riders.

6 EXT. SANTA MONICA PIER - NIGHT (LATER) 6

Ajay stands alone in the cold white light of the street lamp.

AJAY (V.O.)
Up until now, I thought I liked
amusement parks.

He walks off.

7 EXT. SANTA MONICA PIER - NIGHT (LATER) 7

Ajay is on the pier with the crash of ocean surf behind him. CLOSE UP on Ajay. He walks off.

8 EXT. SANTA MONICA PIER - NIGHT (LATER) 8

Ajay is sitting on a bench.

AJAY (V.O.)
In my life, I've done questionable
things. In this foreign land, so
far from home is where I will be
judged.

9 EXT. SANTA MONICA PIER - NIGHT (LATER) 9

Ajay is leaning over the railing looking into the ocean.

AJAY (V.O.)
When you've come this far, there is
no turning back.

PAN LEFT to the shimmering nightlights of the city.

FADE OUT.