



Hotel Bombay – Review

A gripping true story of humanity and heroism, Hotel Mumbai (Hotel Bombay in Spain) vividly recounts the 2008 **siege** of the famed Taj Hotel by a group of terrorists in Mumbai, India. Among the dedicated hotel staff is the renowned chef Hemant Oberoi (Anupam Kher) and a **waiter** (Academy Award-Nominee Dev Patel, Slumdog Millionaire) who choose to risk their lives to protect their guests. As the world watches on, a desperate couple (Armie Hammer, Call Me By Your Name and Nazanin Boniadi, "Homeland") is forced to make unthinkable sacrifices to protect their **newborn** child.

Employing a real-life tragedy as the foundation for a mainstream action-drama is a delicate balancing act; no doubt the filmmakers want to be respectful and to honor the heroics without gratuitously exploiting the **bloodshed** — but they're also trying to ring up sales at the box office.



At times director and co-writer Anthony Maras' "Hotel Mumbai" veers dangerously close to becoming almost sadistically realistic in its depiction of a pack of young jihadi killers from Pakistan carrying out cold-blooded **executions** in multiple locations across India's largest city. But while "Hotel Mumbai" can be an emotionally rough viewing experience, it's an impressively staged, unfiltered, sometimes shockingly visceral film with **stellar** performances from the top-tier cast.

In the opening sequence, we see the terrorists arriving by rafts, listening to a grotesque pep talk of sorts from their leader (who is never seen in the film), exhorting them to carry out their mission, because God is on their side, and — according to his sick and **twisted** mindset — nobody in this city deserves to live.



Just as everyone is settling into their evening, the doors burst open and four terrorists wielding AK-47s start randomly firing away, killing at will. When word comes that military special forces are hours away, the surviving staff and guests desperately try to remain **hidden** and keep a step ahead of the terrorists...)

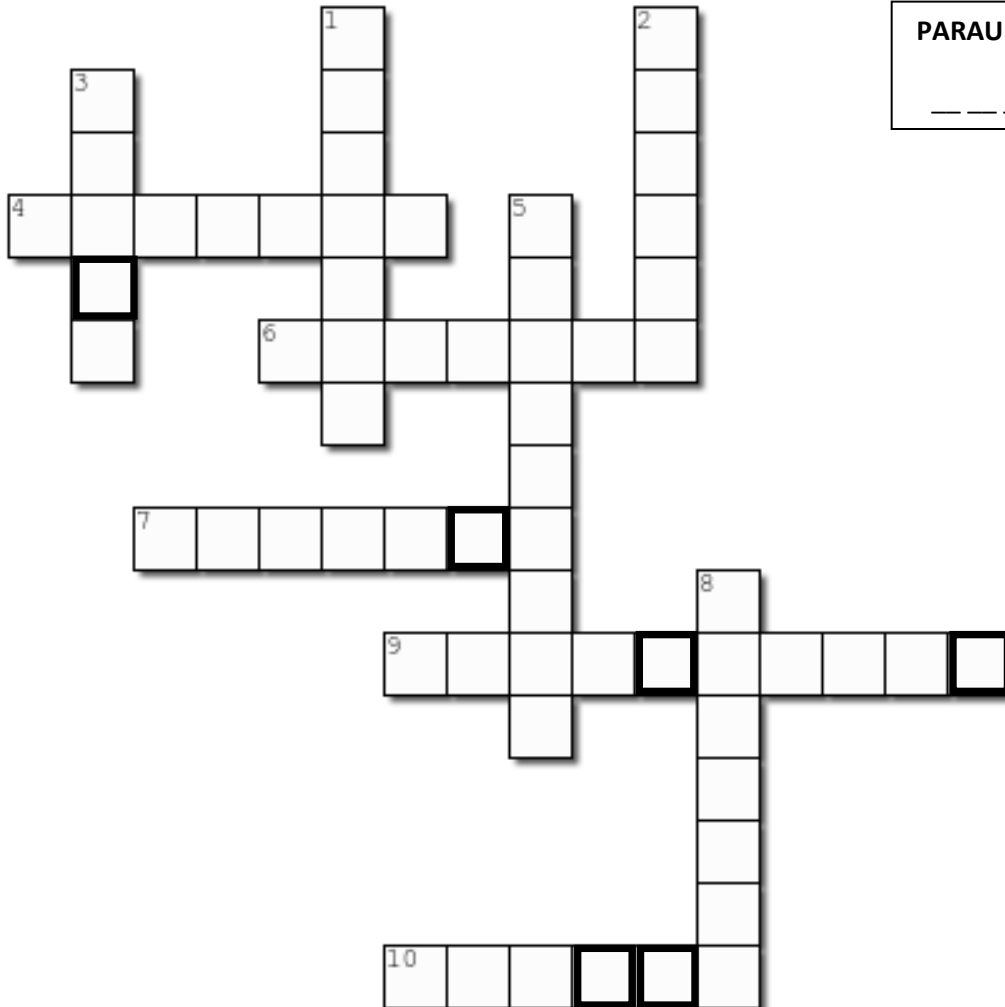
Director Maras renders the shootings in bursts of jagged-edged realism — a sharp contrast to the sometimes corny dialogue, especially between the newlywed couple. But thanks in large part to the fine work by Hammer and Boniadi, "Hotel Mumbai" is a chilling and valuable reminder of acts of **madness**, and acts of **heroism**, that should never be forgotten.



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PARAULA SECRETA:

ACROSS

4. impressive actions that prove someone is very brave
6. recently born
7. actions that show a lack of good judgment and careful thought
9. the act of killing a person as a punishment for a crime
10. someone who brings food or drink to your table in a restaurant

DOWN

1. behaving in a strange or cruel way
2. not easy to find / out of sight so you can't find it
3. an attack in which an army surround a city in order to prevent the people inside from receiving food or water
5. a situation in which people are killed or injured, especially during fighting
8. extremely good



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