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Dhootha Review: Touted as a supernatural thriller, writer-director Vikram K. Kumar's Dhootha (The Messenger) in Telugu is an eight-episode television series now playing on Amazon Prime. But is it really a supernatural thriller? The work encompasses a series of deaths and unhappy incidents. Strangely, these are foretold through newspaper pieces, which somehow find their way to and grab the attention of journalist Sagar Varma (essayed by Naga Chaitanya Akkineni).

He leads an idyllic but highly corrupt existence, taking bribes from politicians and other "important" people of the society and ensuring that they get what they want. In the case of political leaders, Sagar helps them win elections by penning "positive" newspaper pieces – often a bunch of lies. The so-called investigative journalist has a change of heart right at the end, but this comes as a shocker. Really, would a self-indulging man ruin himself by suddenly walking the high moral ground?

He has another side to him apart from pushing and promoting corrupt politicians; he turns Casanova, having an affair with his assistant in the office, Amrutha (Prachi Desai), with disastrous consequences. She aborts his child and sends the fetus to Sagar's wife, Priya (Priya Bhavani Shankar). All Hell breaks loose.

Into all this quagmire of deaths and defeats, there is a character, Kranthi Shenoy, Deputy Commissioner of Police, (portrayed with fair finesse by Parvathy Thiruvothu, wasted though in a clumsily written role). Her investigations and

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Starring: Naga Chaitanya, Parvathy Thiruvothu and Prachi Desai

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