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Two episodes of Lootere, a new series, has dropped on OTT.

Lootere (U/A)

★★★★★ 3/5

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22 March 2024 | English

2 hrs 00 mins | Action, Drama

Starring: Rajat Kapoor, Avinash Pandey, Pankaj Raina, Vivek Gomber, Abhishek Khan, Amruta Khanvilkar, Chandan Roy Sanyal, Gaurav Paswala, Preetika...

Director: Jai Mehta

Platform: Disney+ Hotstar

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Lootere Review: Much like the dacoits who once ruled the ravines of Chambal, pirates enjoyed not just an image of terror but also a whiff of romanticism. My first peep into their world came from the pages of Treasure Island, penned by Robert Louis Stevenson. His one-legged pirate, Long John Silver, who befriends a traveller to find treasure. The character remained close to me. But a much more thrilling tale of these notorious men came from cinema. One such example was Captain Phillips with Tom Hanks playing the title role with great conviction. In a very strong way, Jai Mehta's offering to Disney+Hotstar, Lootere, resembles the Tom Hanks-starrer with Rajat Kapoor playing Captain A.K. Singh piloting a cargo ship U.K. Kyival.

When it enters the waters off the Somalian coast, it is not icebergs that accost the vessel but notorious pirates toting sophisticated machine guns and a ruthless attitude.

Kapoor is brilliant and shows quiet, admirable courage in the face of the threats thrown by the notorious maritime pirates. Into the world of treachery and double-crossing and with dangerous goods his ship is smuggling, he gradually realises how survival means navigating a web of dangerous deceptions.

With the ship owned by Vikrant Gandhi's (Vivek Gomber) company, we watch the angst and turmoil he goes through when he hears that the vessel has been hijacked. He is a bit unhinged at times, a bit over the top, as I would call it, and although the series keeps us invested in the narrative, it does sometimes go around in circles.

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What is a bit more annoying is Vikrant's personal story with his wife, Avika (Amruta Khanvilker). This seems like an unnecessary intrusion and takes us away from the thrill, erasing a tad bit of the pulse-pounding excitement

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