**SYNOPSIS**

Cihangir and Hakan are two brothers running their neighborhood deli inherited from their father. However, they are drowning in debt, overwhelmed by tax obligations and payments to suppliers. Cihangir is cunning and ambitious, always searching for quick fixes to get through the day, though none of his plans ever succeed. Hakan, on the other hand, is more naive, conscientious, and easily influenced. For him, it’s not just about paying off the debts but about building a decent life. Yet he can’t escape his brother’s shadow or avoid being dragged into his poor decisions.

One night, İlyas—a well-known figure in the neighborhood who transports illegal gambling earnings—shows up at the deli. He carries the cash in a bag chained to his wrist. Not feeling well, İlyas asks to rest for a while in the storage room at the back of the shop. Cihangir and Hakan soon realize that İlyas has died unexpectedly.

After the initial shock wears off, the two brothers find themselves in a strange moral dilemma. The money in the bag could pay off their debts and help them get their lives back on track. They hesitate over whether to take it. Cihangir argues they should take the money and save themselves, while Hakan believes it will only get them into trouble. The pressure of their debts, the magnitude of the opportunity, and Cihangir’s persistence eventually push Hakan into becoming an accomplice. But there’s one major problem: how will they get rid of the body?

At midnight, they decide to dump the body into the sea. But things don’t go as planned. While nervously trying to avoid their nosy neighbor Cevdet, a pharmacy assistant, an unexpected twist throws a police officer into their car. Now facing the constant risk of being caught, the brothers continue transporting the body through a series of absurd events. Meanwhile, Hakan is plagued by guilt and constantly argues with his older brother Cihangir about the situation they’re in. Hakan’s anxiety only makes things worse, causing Cihangir—who’s trying to keep everything under control—to make even more mistakes.

Meanwhile, Hakan’s wife Arzu somehow discovers the truth and sets her sights on the money. She tries to manipulate Hakan into believing they deserve the biggest share. At the same time, their neighbor Cevdet keeps questioning them and watching them with growing suspicion, making things even more difficult. But the real danger comes from the true owners of the bag. The gang running the underground gambling operation starts tracking down the missing Ilyas.

Amid all this tension, Cihangir and Hakan sink deeper into trouble with every step they take. Though they believe they'll finally find relief after dumping the body into the sea, they have no idea where this crime will lead them. What begins as an absurd crime story in a small shop in a modest neighborhood spirals into an increasingly complex disaster. Every decision the brothers make triggers a new problem, trapping them in an inescapable vicious cycle.

Hot Deli offers a story where dark comedy and crime intertwine through a series of absurd events, portraying how ordinary people respond when faced with extraordinary crimes—and how their moral boundaries begin to blur. In the end, watching where fate ultimately drags them delivers a finale that is both thought-provoking and darkly humorous.