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FROM THE BLACK we hear a phone ring, rapidly followed by an answer dial click sound. We hear ...

SUNNY (V.O)

Yeah?

VICKY (V.O)

What do mean by yeah? You are not even supposed to come out of the house (pause) you're grounded remember?

SUNNY (V.O)

Cut the drama, would you? I'm just at the laundry shop --

VICKY (V.O)

Drama!? You better get yourself in the house in the next ten minutes before I call Mum and Dad and tell them!

FADE IN:

INT. LAUNDRY SHOP - NIGHT

SUNDARAM A.K.A SUNNY is a sweet looking 17 year old with average physical attributes. His worried and grunting face masks genuine frustration and anger.

SUNNY

But --

The call cuts. Sunny, frustrated, stands up and kicks the stool as we ...

EXT. LAUNDRY SHOP - NIGHT - MOMENTS LATER

"TITLE: 6.50 PM"

Sunny exits the laundry shop, dragging a clean blue shirt over his shoulders. We follow Sunny as he jogs at a steady pace into the neighbourhood population before ...

INT. SUNNY'S HOUSE - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

"TITLE: 7.15 PM"

The door slight opens as Sunny walks into his house. He slams the door and makes his way to his brother's room. He gently nudges the door as Sunny notices his brother sleeping soundly. Sunny exhales deeply as we zoom into his face. A relief.

INT. HOUSE BATHROOM - NIGHT

Sunny, with only a waist wrapped around his hips, brushes his teeth as he admires himself on the mirror. Narcissistic.

INT. SUNNY'S ROOM - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Sunny buttons his blue shirt, before choking his navy blue tie's head towards the shirt collar. He gently runs his fingers over his pompadour.

INT. SUNNY'S HOUSE - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Sunny picks a fragrance bottle on the dining table, before bathing himself with it. He dashes across his own table as he picks his phone. A gentle smile ...

"TITLE: 7.35 PM"

SUNNY (O.S.)

Still early.

Sunny quickly slides the phone into his pocket as he looks to open the door before ...

VICKY (O.S.)

Where do you think you're going now?

Sunny's face quickly breaks into confusion, as he turns behind to spot a shadowy figure emerging from the dark.

VICKY, 21, smiles, knowing he has finally caught his brother.

CUT TO:

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT

VICKY and SUNNY are sitting opposite to each other --

VICKY  
Why were you trying to escape  
while I was sleeping?

SUNNY  
(grunts)  
Escape? I wasn't escaping.

VICKY  
Then what was that --

Vicky pulls a coffee jar and pours hot coffee into two mugs.

VICKY (CONT'D)  
-- exiting smootly is it?

Sunny drinks the coffee from the mug before resting it on  
the table. Sunny gazes away, refusing to give in.

VICKY (CONT'D)  
If you don't tell, I have to call  
our parents. (pause) and trust me,  
they won't be too excited about  
your night --

SUNNY  
I had to (pause) I need to attend  
to a prom. My school's prom.

Vicky smiles, extending his arms at the happiness over his  
brother's confession.

VICKY  
Prom? A silly prom? You know I  
can't let you go out right! --

Vicky stands ...

VICKY (CONT'D)  
C'mon. Don't waste my time, change  
your clothes and let's sleep.

Sunny grabs his brother's arm ...

SUNNY  
Vicky, please. You must let me  
attend the prom. It's important.

Vicky sits back on the chair.

VICKY  
And why is this (pause) this prom  
thingy a huge importance to you?

SUNNY  
Because it might be the last time  
I get to enjoy some time with  
those guys!

Vicky raises his eyebrows, confused.

VICKY  
Which guys?

SUNNY  
My friends.

VICKY  
Your friends?

SUNNY  
(frustrated)  
Oh my gosh, are you deaf or what?  
Yes, my friends. Forget it, you'll  
never understand --

VICKY  
Your friends uh? Mind telling me  
the story?

SUNNY  
Story?

VICKY  
Yeah, this friends and it's  
relation to the prom.

SUNNY  
Alright.

Sunny nods as we pre-lap into ...

CUT INTO:

INT. SCHOOL - DAY

The school's immense structure impresses us.

"TITLE: 4 MONTHS AGO"

The camera tilts down to reveal a Malay student with girls  
on his side.

NAJMI, also 17, is your modern popular kid in school. His  
posture and closeness with female counterparts alerts us of  
something.

"TITLE: NAJMI"

We hear Sunny's voice pre-lap with Najmi's introduction.

SUNNY (V.O)  
That's one of my two closest  
friend. Najmi. (pause) The  
Womanizer.

"TITLE: THE WOMANIZER"

Najmi's montages rapidly ensues.

CUT TO:

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT

Vicky is impressed as ...

VICKY  
Wah, impressive actually. Speaking  
of whihc, does this Najmi has a  
girlfriend?

SUNNY  
(frustrated)  
Does it matter?

Vicky is visibly hit by it ...

SUNNY (CONT'D)  
Moving on --

PRE-LAPPING INTO:

INT. SCHOOL - DAY

Camera pans towards the left, as a Chinese student walks  
forwards, heavily bombarded with thick revision books on  
both hands.

HANS, is a 17 year old genius - or a geek, depending on your  
keen observation and perception. Hans represents  
intellectuality, but remains unpopular and underappreciated  
due to failure in communicating with his female  
counterparts.

"TITLE: HANS"

SUNNY (V.O)  
That's Hans. Genius. Smart. At  
times, annoying.

"TITLE: THE ANNOYING GENIUS"

HANS'S MONTAGES ensues.

SUNNY (V.O) (CONT'D)  
The next on the list is no other  
than --

Camera pans towards the right, to reveal Sunny whose  
greeting wave is rejected by an oncoming student.

SUNNY (V.O) (CONT'D)  
-- myself. To explain about  
myself, I'm a creative genius with  
plenty of girls liking me and --

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

VICKY  
Please be honest la dei.

Sunny smirks.

INT. SCHOOL - DAY - CONTINUOUS

"TITLE: SUNNY - THE NOBODY"

SUNNY (V.O)  
Speaking about myself would be  
prideful. But ...

As we cut into SUNNY'S MONTAGES.

We cut back into Sunny joining with Hans and Najmi, as they  
laugh sharing a joke.

CUT TO:

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT

Vicks takes a sip from the coffee mug, before rotating his  
head.

SUNNY  
We're great friends, honestly.  
Even a baby can tell!

FRIENDSHIP MONTAGES ensue.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL - DAY

DYLAN is standing remotely far away from incoming Sunny,  
Hans and Najmi - completely displeased with their presence.  
Camera zooms into Dylan ...



SUNNY (O.S.)  
-- this day itself. Worse off --

Dylan brings out his ammo - hockey sticks.

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
-- we're totally unprepared for  
this and we don't have weapons.

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT

Vicky jumps off his seat.

VICKY  
What? You got assaulted in a  
bridge?

Sunny nods.

"TITLE: 7.49 PM"

VICKY (CONT'D)  
What happened after that?

INT. BRIDGE - NIGHT

Dylan dashes towards Sunny, hoping for an easy spar. Sunny surprises him, dodging the hockey stick swing before landing a blow on his gut.

SUNNY (O.S.)  
If your enemy has a weapon, get  
him to drop it first (pause) by  
agression, of course.

Dylan drops the hockey stick. We move to Hans, combating with hands against HENCHMAN #1. Hans makes movement left and right, constantly jumping.

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Never let your enemy grab control.  
Always tip toe and never stay in  
the same position.

Henchman #1 tries to swing his fist towards Hans' cheeks, but vainly misses. Hans curls his elbow as we hear ...

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Once your enemy lost his footing,  
immediately pounce like a tiger.  
Utilize your elbow, as it pin  
points great impulse.

Hans slams his elbow onto Henchman #1's chest. Henchman #1 falls on the ground, knocked out. We move to Najmi, whose spar opponent doesn't make a move.

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Here's a trick if your opponent doesn't make a move. You attack first (pause) sharp and quick.

Najmi launches a scathing punch on HENCHMAN #2's cheeks, before sliding down to ...

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Always start with the face first, it would discombobulate the victim. Slide down and topple him off his balance to gain lead.

Najmi slides down and extends his legs to topple Henchman #2 off his balance. Henchman #2, Henchman #1 and Dylan fall to the same place.

Sunny picks up the hockey stick and ...

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Lastly, never just leave them like that. Always leave with an --

Sunny slams the hockey stick onto Dylan's temple. Blood spurts onto the screen.

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
-- Impression.

CUT TO:

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT

Vicky's mandible is wide open.

VICKY  
You blew off a guy's head with a hockey stick?

Sunny smirks.

SUNNY  
Wasn't worthy of anything actually. Got arrested by police half a day for attempted murder. Dad managed to bail me within hours, with a heavy money under the table of course.

EXT. SCHOOL - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Sunny is standing outside his school, rugged tie and shirt.  
Messy hair.

SUNNY (O.S.)  
School suspended me for three  
weeks, plus counseling for another  
five weeks.

INT. SUNNY'S HOUSE - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Sunny is sitting on the couch. His PARENTS are pacing across  
the hall, angry and frustrated. We can't see his parents  
faces, just legs dancing in front of us.

PARENTS  
You're grounded for three months.  
That's it.

SUNNY  
Whattt? (sighs and curses) I'm  
sorry alright? I didn't mean it.

PARENTS  
You didn't mean it? The guy you  
beat (pause) Dylan (pause) was  
three blows away from being a  
comatose. You were charged for  
attempted murder. Do you know how  
much money I had to spend to --

SUNNY  
(gazes away)  
He deserved it.

Parents slap Sunny. Sunny, shocked as ...

PARENTS  
You just earned yourself grounding  
for four months.

SUNNY  
Whatt? You said three, now four?  
This isn't fair you --

PARENTS  
Do you want me to make it five?  
And one more thing --

Sunny, silent, gazes upwards - expecting the worse.

PARENTS (CONT'D)  
You are not allowed to meet or  
speak to your filthy friends  
(MORE)

PARENTS (CONT'D)  
anymore. Who was it again  
(scratches head) ermmm (pause) oh  
yes, Najmi and Hans. They are the  
result for your filthy moral  
degradation. I've spoken to your  
teachers, I've told them to  
supervise you from mixing with  
those idiotics rascals anymore.

SUNNY  
Dad, please no. My friends is all  
I've got --

Parents leave the room, paying no attention to Sunny's  
plead.

SUNNY (CONT'D)  
(screams)  
DADDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDD.

Sunny becomes silent, at the same time, extremely  
infuriated. Irritation fuels him.

CUT TO:

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT

VICKY  
When the heck did these happened?

SUNNY  
While you were away for three  
months in Australia.

VICKY  
(honestly impressed)  
Wow.

Sunny glances at his watch.

"TITLE: 7.50 PM"

SUNNY  
And then, it came.

VICKY  
(confused)  
What came?

CUT TO:

EXT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Students are scatted around the aisle on the side of the

classroom. Students are divided into uneven groups, mostly studying. We are revealed to Sunny, hovering over Najmi and Hans' shoulders to get a peek on the book.

SUNNY (O.S.)  
SPM came, of course.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY - CONTINUOUS

The whiteboard is written with "BAHASA MELAYU 1". We are rising high till the scribble on the board disappears from our sight as we zoom out to see the classroom occupied. Students answering papers.

SUNNY (O.S.)  
I couldn't wait for the day to  
pack my bags and finish off with  
this exams.

Sunny's voice prelaps a dolly movement, as we are introduced to students cheating and exchanging papers. Najmi exchanges his exam sheets with Sunny as we hear ...

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Honestly, SPM is a nightmare for  
me. Thankfully, there were there.

We return to spot the reappearing whiteboard, as a new scribble fills it. "BIOLOGY 3".

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
I managed to overcome it, hoping  
it was the only obstacle. It  
wasn't --

CUT TO:

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT

We zoom into Vicky's absorbed face.

SUNNY (O.S.)  
-- the last. There was worse.

VICKY  
Why? What happened? TELLLL MEEEE.

Sunny lets out a small laugh.

SUNNY  
Calm down Vicky. (chuckles) Take  
it easy.

Vicky, embarrassed, fixes his attire to disguise his embarrassment.

VICKY  
I'm calm okay? Just go on with the story.

CUT TO:

INT. NAJMI'S ROOM - DAY

Najmi's scrolling through his phone screen.

SUNNY (V.O)  
Oh yes, where was I again. Oh right --

We zoom into Najmi's phone. Najmi's registering on an online application form.

SUNNY (V.O) (CONT'D)  
Coping with our dad's restrictions on me, along with SPM, it turns out that I will not even have a chance to bade farewell to them.

VICKY (V.O)  
Why?

We zoom closer onto the phone screen. It's an application form for Australian Matriculation.

SUNNY (V.O)  
Najmi's dad has already planned to send Najmi to Australia. On the 7th of December, which gave us just one week.

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

SUNNY  
It's already months since I've met and utter two words to him. I won't even be able to meet him I guess.

VICKY  
What about Hans?

INT. SUNNY'S ROOM - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Sunny is scrolling through his Facebook feeds on his computer. We zoom into the screen, only to see a post from

HANS - "NOOOOO! MY DAD HAS ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO SEND ME TO UK TO STUDY LAW ON THE 7TH DEC. NOO!"

We zoom into Sunny, broken and frustrated.

SUNNY (O.S.)  
My last hope (pause) broken and  
devastated.

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Vicky is totally into the story.

SUNNY  
Hans' dad has already made plans  
to send him to UK to study Law.  
You know --

We zoom closer into Sunny's face - close to tears.

SUNNY (CONT'D)  
-- what. Both my best friends are  
leaving me on the 7th December.  
One to west, the other to east.  
Wanna know the worse --

This time we pan towards distraughted Vicky, whom finally understands Sunny's pain.

SUNNY (CONT'D)  
-- part? I've yet to meet and talk  
to the them for four months. My  
soulmates. (tears flow)

Vicky is tore between moving on with the story or consoling Sunny.

VICKY  
I'm sorry alright? But, how does  
the prom come into the equation?

SUNNY  
See (pause) after finding out that  
Hans' leaving to UK on the 7th --

INT. SUNNY'S ROOM - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Sunny vents his frustration on the chair, before grabbing a Rubik's Cube and jumping on his bed.

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
-- I decided that regretting  
wasn't an option. A plan --

Sunny makes a turn on the Rubik's cube - NOPE, wrong turn.

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D) (CONT'D)  
 -- a cunning plan, where all three  
 of us can elope and escape to meet  
 --

Sunny makes another wrong turn on the Rubik's cube.

SUNNY (O.S.)  
 -- where all three of us could  
 enjoy and have the times of our  
 lives. That's when I remembered  
 about something. --

Sunny makes the final turn, BINGO - Rubik's Cube solved.

SUNNY (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
 -- The Prom. I remember seeing it  
 on the site, long ago, but I never  
 really paid any particular  
 attention to it --

Sunny pulls the chair, switches on his monitor and begins scrolling again. Sunny smiles, as we realise he has found what he wanted. We zoom into the monitor screen, to reveal "THE FINAL CHAPTER" page. "6TH DECEMBER" and "BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW" flashes across the screen.

Sunny grabs his phone and dials.

SUNNY  
 Najmi?

We can't hear the opposite voice as we pan towards the darkness and then to the solved Rubik's Cube as we hear ...

SUNNY (CONT'D)  
 I have a plan.

CUT TO:

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Vicky is stunned.

VICKY  
 Wah wah wah. (claps)

SUNNY  
 (glances at his watch)  
 This isn't a joke, you know.

"TITLE: 7.58 PM"

Sunny's phone rings. "NAJMI". We can't hear the opposite party.

SUNNY (CONT'D)

You're here down? ... Come down now? ... Okay, alright? Coming....

Sunny stands and begins to leave, before Vicky grabs his arm.

VICKY

Hey, hey, hey. Who said I'm letting you go?

SUNNY

But, you heard my story and the importance behind this --

VICKY

(mimicks)

Blah blah blah. It's me who have to answer the parents. I'll be scolded.

SUNNY

Not if you don't tell them.

VICKY

What makes you think I can filthly lie like you?

Sunny grabs Vicky's arm and swings it around.

SUNNY

Remember the hockey stick? I still have it, you know?

Camera pans towards the lonely hockey stick, resting on the wall. Vicky flinches, much to Sunny's amusement.

SUNNY (CONT'D)

That's my boy. Now, stay home and sleep tight pumpkin.

Sunny leaves, as Vicky watches him. Vicky smiles, scratching his head. Sunny closes the door as Vicky receives a call - "DAD".

EXT. CONDOMINIUM PARKING LOT - NIGHT

Najmi and Hans are impatiently waiting as Sunny dashes across to meet them. Sunny hugs them both tightly as we ...

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Vicky attends the call.

VICKY

Yes dad?

DAD (V.O.)

Hi, Vicky. Just called to make sure everything's okay.

VICKY

Yeah, everything's fine.

DAD (V.O.)

Where's Sunny? Did he go out anywhere?

Sunny shudders, looking through the glass windows. Gazing his brother and his friends.

EXT. CONDOMINIUM PARKING LOT - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Najmi, Sunny and Hans begin occupying the car.

HANS

Damn Sunny. What took you so long?

SUNNY

Ah (pause) my brother caught me.

Najmi vomits the water he was drinking.

NAJMI

What? You brother caught you and you're here? How?

SUNNY

No worries. I scared him.

HANS

What if he tells your Dad? We're screwed then!

Sunny smiles and waves a goodbye to his brother.

SUNNY

He wouldn't. I know him, he's my brother.

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

A long silence fills the space.

DAD (V.O.)  
(suspicious)  
Vicky, did he escape?

Vicky pauses for a while, as he waves towards his brother.

VICKY (V.O.)  
Dad, actually (pauses) --

EXT. CONDOMINIUM PARKING LOT - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

"TITLE: 8.07 PM"

The car leaves the road as we hear ...

VICKY (V.O.)  
-- Sunny sleep already la.  
SUNNNYYYYY! SUNNNNNYY! WAKE UP LA.  
DAD WANNA TALK. See dad, haiz.  
Stubborn la, Sunny.

INT. SUNNY HOUSE BALCONY - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

VICKY (V.O.)  
Nevermine la Dad. I'll ask him to  
call you tomorrow, alright?]

DAD (V.O.)  
Ah, alright. Take care Vicky --

Vicky abruptly cuts the call and swings it away on the couch. Vicky exhales.

FADE IN:

INT. SUNNY'S HOUSE - NIGHT

"TITLE: 11.30 PM"

Vicky sits on the computer table, and swtiches on the monitor. We zoom as we see Vicky stalking Sunny on Twitter. Vicky opens a picture post with a tagline - "HAVING GREAT FUN." that leads to Najmi, Hans and Sunny's group selfie.

Vicky smiles.

"TITLE:

HANS AND NAJMI FLEW TO UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA  
RESPECTIVELY AFTER A HORRENDOUS HANGOVER IN THE MORNING.  
SUNNY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT.

SUNNY EVENTUALLY BROKE UP HIS GIRLFRIEND, FOR REAL AFTER  
REALISING THAT SHE'S A CONSTANT NAG.

DYLAN AND SUNNY EVENTUALLY MADE UP, BECOMING GREAT FRIENDS  
IN THE PROCESS AFTER REALISING THEY HAD SO MUCH IN COMMON.

SUNNY JOINED HIS COLLEGE'S HOCKEY TEAM AFTER THE COACH  
IDENTIFIED HIM AS A POTENTIAL GEM WITH MASSIVE TALENT.

AND VICKY. VICKY, INSPIRED BY HIS BROTHER, BEGAN SEARCHING  
FOR HIS TRUE SOULMATE FRIENDS. JUST LIKE HOW NAJMI AND HANS  
WERE TO SUNNY."

Fade into black as we ...

"TITLE:

DEDICATED TO ALL GROUP OF FRIENDS WHOM ARE HAVING A GREAT  
NIGHT. FOR ETERNITY, FRIENDSHIP LASTS."

ROLL MAIN TITLE.

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