

PILOT EPISODE

1 EXT.LONG STREET- EVENING

GIRL

Walks to an ATM and stands in line. It's raining heavily. There is an old guy and a young adult ahead of her.

OLD GUY 1

The weather's not great I don't think we'll be getting home any time soon son.

He takes his time and makes several transactions from eight credit cards.

YOUNG ADULT

Looks anxious.

That's hardly legal y'know.

OLD GUY 1

We've got more problems than the damning legal system.

Looks over at his son who is shuddering all over, half because of the cold and half out of fear.

Don't worry we'll pay it back. And for God's sake stop with the worrying will you.

He finishes the transaction and they walk forward up the road where a huge group of people, who have candles and lights, are making a lot of noise.

YOUNG ADULT

I've got good reason to, we can barely keep the roof over our heads and the gyms suffering bad. You'll wreck Lousa's dream if you don't put your head on right.

The younger guy speeds ahead and climbs into a taxi while his father threatens him.

Tell your sister anything and I swear I'll have you on the first train to your mother's. Then who will you disrespect she won't listen to a word you say over that mental dancing show. Manor drive.

YOUNG ADULT (CONT'D)

I'll find a way, won't I.
(jokingly)

The taxi driver drives down the road when traffic causes him to stop.

The younger guy watches the wild protest going on but only catches words like 'Where's' and 'money'.

OLD GUY 1

F...in barbarians, most of them are teenagers! thises what happens when parents don't knock some sense into their kids.

Samuel lifts his eyebrows at his seriousness. The older guy grabs his son's face and turns it close to his. His son winces.

You won't end up like those people will ya now Samuel.

Before he can reply and rock hits the window causing a bang , then a second one and a young man in his early twenties puts his head through the hole.

GUY

Hiya ladies, I hope you've not been talking about us now have you.

He smiles like a creepy clown making Samuel jump back into the corner.

TAXI DRIVER

Takes a picture that shocks the man.

Thank you for that, the local police will see to this damage. Worth four ,five hundred at least.

Guy rolls his eyes and faces his friends laughing strongly, hands still on the car, then turns back serious.

GUY

Think your tough huh, never seen an asian bad cop, you wouldn't scare a fly.

The driver starts the car and the man thrusts his head out. The older guy lets go off his sons face and the car moves forward ,the protestors shouting and swearing getting quieter, it parks later on and the older man thanks the taxi driver and pays him.

FADE TO BLACK.

2 INT.DEAL HOUSE-MORNING

Samuel is playing a running and zapping game while sitting on his well-made bed.

GAME

You're doing great, don't forget
that charm, almost there.

Samuel becomes really focused in the game now, his eyes glued to the screen.

OLD GUY 1 (FATHER)

Breakfast son, now, didn't ya hear
me.

Launa walks in with a bathrobe and pyjama bottoms,
leaning against the wall.

LAUNA

Give him a minuite or at least
until he's finished the level.

The father tenses his face and breathes slowly but Launa
pushes past him.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

Should we wait or should I bring
some toast up.

Father tries to say something but is interrupted.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

Sam, you've got to eat some time
today.

Game

Oh, ooh no

(sad voice)

Great Game

Samuel closes the gametab ,getting angry.

SAMUEL

You made me lose that I ought to
have another go.

Launa shocked looks at her father.

FATHER

Perhaps you should of listened to me, let the boy starve.

LAUNA

Wait.

She leans close into Samuel and he notices her breath, tries to keep a straight face but shriekes at the smell and jumps back.

SAMUEL

That's *sick!* Don't you ever brush your teeth in the morning.

LAUNA

Busy schedule
(beat)
I'll get a mint, anyway cheer up there's some pancakes downstairs, then you can play some twister with your neice.

Samuel nose flinches meaning he's annoyed, he kicks a white cabinet and storms off.

FATHER

Takes a second then when Samuel walks away shouts.

Excuse me!

(to Samuel)

Good work, you.

Launa shrugs but she is still smug about her success. Then she walks behind her father down the stairs.

FATHER (CONT'D)

Frankly, I've spoiled that kid, he won't see a penny of pocket money this week.

LAUNA

I never got any money.

Father stops at the bottom and waits for Launa to walk ahead then he holds the shoulder closest to him, Launa is in pain from his grip.

FATHER

I wouldn't swap places just yet. By his age you earned more than I do!

3 INT.GYM-AFTERNOON

Launa and her daughter, Tracy, walk into the ungodly quietness of the gym. Launa shudders and goes to Madeline, the front-desk receptionist.

LAUNA
Hey Maddy, have we opened yet.

MADDY
An hour ago.

Maddy's peircings move with her mouth.

LAUNA
So where's the customers, look Tracy there's Deck, go play.

Tracy runs up to the gym's 'Childrens corner' to play with the son of a regular called Deck.

MADDY
Left, someone noticed the leak in the wall and freaked, loads of people followed.

Maddy doesn't seemed phased and pulls out her tiny phone.

LAUNA
Well, lets make use of the time you set up the smoothie machine and Marcus.

She stops one of the staff walking by.

LAUNA (CONT'D)
Where's Sam?

MARCUS
Donno Mam.

LAUNA
Alright, you and the others get music on and some customers.

MARCUS
Ok, but what if they don't want to come.

LAUNA
Tell them about the discounts.

MADDY

A discount, again!
I don't even think it *counts* as
money anymore.

LAUNA

Well we've got to make something,
have you got the stuff out the
back.

MADDY

I will.

MARCUS

And what if they still don't want
to come.

LAUNA

Then tell them about the specials.

MARCUS

Uh
(taking a mental note)
Wait we have specials?

Launa thrusts a menu into Marcus' hands and points at the
front.

LAUNA

There the ones with the *special*
sign around then.

Marcus tries to read the specials but is interrupted by his
twin brother Mathew who grabs it and after a small fight
takes the menu.

MATHEW

Oh, struggling are we, don't worry
Miss Deal, I'll get this done.

LAUNA

Thank you Mathew.

She disappears into the back.

MARCUS

I'll get it done too.
(to Launa)

When there's no reply Mathew takes his victory and speaks to
someone outside when they take a leaflet, he gives Marcus an
annoying look.

MARCUS (CONT'D)

Alright then.

Marcus goes outside and starts talking to a thin man in his mid 30s and convinces him to go inside.

The brothers keep going working faster. Mathew gives out ten leaflets and brings in seven people and Marcus only gives out a few leaflets and convinces one more person to go in, an old lady who thinks its a bingo centre.

OLD LADY

Ooh Bingo!

MARCUS

I've got other talents, I'm smarter.

MATHEW

Ha! *I* know what a strawberry milkshake is.

MARCUS

I know what that is.

MATHEW

Really, so what's a strawberry.

MARCUS

I meant I know what a milkshake is.

Mathew rolls his eyes than stands in the circle where Launa is inspiring her team of six.

LAUNA

Great job guys

The brothers look at eachother.

All right we've got more customers than any time this month so I want everyone at their best.

An 18 year old named Lucy looks like she's about to pop. She's got several clipboards and a notebook where she's taking notes vigourously.

LUCY

And how would you describe specifically 'at our best'.

LAUNA

Um, work hard I guess,
 Now I need Parlo and Jenny to clean
 down the equipment before too many
 people come in lets make today
 mistake free.
 (excited)

Maddy smashes the smoothie machine and takes out a wet cloth.

MADDY

Sorry!

The whole crew are suprised.

LAUNA

Careful with the glass
 (to Maddy)
 OK, lets make today productive.

Parlo nods before taking out a tishue and blowing nose, he
 throws it near the bin and misses. Mathew and Marcus shout
 'oooo'.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

Just make some money.
 (smiling)

The team split, the cleaning pair take out a mop and the
 brothers start talking to the customers and Maddy and her
 assistant take informationa and make smoothies. Launa turns
 but is greeted by her father at the door.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

Oh, hey dad, what's wrong?
 (worried at the end)

FATHER

Oh,oh nothing's wrong darling, can
 we talk for a minuite.

Launa turns to Maddy's assistant, Katelyn

KATELYN

We'll survive for a minuite without
 you.

MADDY

Barely.

Launa follows her father into the sunny road in front of the
 gym.

LAUNA

What did you want to talk about.

FATHER

Nothing, nothing just wanted to check in, how are you?

LAUNA

Dad, I'm fine.
(laughing slightly)

FATHER

You sure?

LAUNA

Really, I'm fine like I was this morning, why're you asking so suddenly.

FATHER

Uh, will you promise you won't tell Sam, dear.

LAUNA

I promise.
(scared)
Dad, what's going on?

FATHER

I'm sorry, I really am, I-I-I borrowed some money, a little too much, but nothing to worry about.

LAUNA

How much exactly?

FATHER

50
(beat)
60

LAUNA

Ok
(hopeful)

FATHER

Thousand

LAUNA

Oh good lord, what do you need that kind of cash for, you know what don't tell me, just how do you plan to pay that kind of money back.

Her Dad tilted his head beckoning towards the gym.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

No you can't Dad, it's a gamble,
you know how I feel about that!

FATHER

It's only a slight risk and you
need an investment, anyway your
getting more people by the minuite.

LAUNA

Please, just get a job.

FATHER

I have one.

LAUNA

Betting on anything you can with
your life-savings, not a job. I've
got to go back in now. Here.

Launa passes him a page from inside the gym, on its notice board.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

There's some new job opening, some
don't need any schooling. Find one
and call me when you get an
interview ok.

Her father nods and walks away, Launa enters the shop and when she's gone her father throws the sheet into the a bin outside a restaurant.

FADE OUT.

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EXT.SCHOOL BUILDING-2PM

Marcus and Mathew take out their bikes down the busy road, swerving in and out of people before Mathew notices Samuel and rides up to him, Marcus follows.

MARCUS

Hey Sam where you been, Miss Deal's
been worryin.

MATHEW

Not that she should be, we worked
fine without ya.

SAMUEL

Just a little annoyed, needed to skip , blow of some steam.

Marcus rides on Samuel's right and Matheew on his left.

MATHEW

Hey,if your so angry you'd willin to lose a tenner, then take my bike, it'll help you *really* blow some steam.

Mathew gives Samuel his bike who hesitates then takes it, Marcus rides ahead of the boys and takes a turn.

SAMUEL

Thanks, but the pays twenty pounds, you do know that right?

Samuel follows Marcus doing some tricks. Mathew kicks an old can then hears a roar coming from ahead;outside a local secondary school's locked gates stands a crowd of 20 to 30 people with banners against school uniform protesting, one of them is Samuel's father.

MATHEW

Guys!

Mathew realises they can't hear him so he calls Marcus on his phone but no answer. He runs across the road, curious. Meanwhile Marcus and Samuel stop and turn back, when they see the misscall.

The boys group together.

SAMUEL

Why do call.

MATHEW

I think your dad's up to somethink, again.

MARCUS

Come on, Mr Deal's just smoking, can we go now.
(annoyed)

SAMUEL

Thises a secondary school, how desperate is he.

MATHEW

We won't find out anythin standing here, will we.

They ride up but father doesn't see them.

SAMUEL
Dad, what's this?

FATHER
Oh hello Samuel, Mathew, Marcus
great to see you boys.

MATHEW+ MARCUS
Sir.

SAMUEL
Their kids, dad

FATHER
I know, oh you thought I was,
nooh, I would never supply
children.

The boys relax. Father gives a boy a cigarette and takes some cash. Samuel gives the bike back to Mathew.

SAMUEL
You **are** supplyin!

FATHER
I swear, it's for their parents,
now why would innocent children
like this smoke ,huh.

MARCUS
Yeah, its like why would innocent
children start a fire.

Marcus isn't looking at the father.

FATHER
Exactly, Marcus here gets it.

MARCUS
Get what, there's really a fire.
(calm)

A fire busts up from a bundle of banners and signs that were used in the protest. A teacher jogs then stops tired, she realises the fire and runs up to them.

TEACHER
What on earth is going on here,
sir, what's the meaning of this.

FATHER

Uh, I came here to uh stop this nonsense, I'm as confused as you are.

TEACHER

Everyone home now!

The teacher calls the police and goes to hurry off some people who stay. The boys and father walk away slowly.

TEACHER (CONT'D)

Not you, you need to stay here, these kids said you ripped them off, what did you give them.

Father stutters but then runs.

FATHER

RUN!

The boys follow and the teacher's shouts disappear into the background.

MARCUS

Good luck.

SAMUEL

What!

MATHEW

When you tell Miss Deal.

Samuel sighs frustrated and slows down but the polices' screams behind him make him run.

SAMUEL

Wait up!

5 INT.DEAL HOUSE- 2:30PM

Samuel and Father run in sweaty and panting.

FATHER

No... Need
(panting inbetween)
To tell your sister.

Samuel nods in agreement then takes off his jacket and slumps down on the staircase.

LAUNA

No need to tell me what?

FATHER
Nothing, nothing could you get me
some water, dear.

LAUNA
Alright, but this clearly isn't
nothing.

Goes to the kitchen and comes out with two freezing cold cups
of water, Samuel sighs with relief.

SAMUEL
(pant)
Thank you, thank you so...

He quickly drinks.

LAUNA
Huh, interesting.

Father and Samuel look nervous.

LAUNA (CONT'D)
Hey your free right.

FATHER
Yeah I guess.

SAMUEL
Like you can go outside.
(jokingly)

Father tries to shush Samuel.

LAUNA
Why can't he go outside.

FATHER
Uh fi-poli-schoo the usual, anyway
what do you need us for.

LAUNA
There's a get together at Sarah's.

She checks her watch.

LAUNA (CONT'D)
In half-an-hour so can you look
after Tracy for me.

Father looks at Tracy distracted by her train set.

FATHER

Sure, anything for you Little bunny.

LAUNA

Dad I'm 34, I think its time you dropped the nicknames.

FATHER

Never.

He kisses her on her forehead.

LAUNA

Alright, I'm gone, her lunch's in the microwave and the spare money's in the drawer, don't spend it unless you need to , I'll be back in an hour.

FATHER

K,OK bye then.

He shuts the door and smiles. Samuel shakes his head.

SAMUEL

I'll be in my room if you need me, please don't, oh and Dad she's smart, she'll figure it out sooner or later.

FATHER

Let's just hope for my good, it's later.

Samuel smiles then goes up.

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INT.DEAL HOUSE. SAM'S BEDROOM-EVENING

Samuel's playing a game when the notification sound stops him. He reads the text, 'Party at the beach, swimsuit required', from Mathew. Samuel ignores the text and keeps playing but an after text stating , 'Jenny's gonna be there', makes him change into sonme brown jeans and white top and a bag with swimming clothes he then covers it with his bathrobe and runs downstairs. He goes back up and take 6 one pound coins and puts them in the bag also then runs down.

FATHER

Oh Samuel finally decided to come down.

SAMUEL

Uh yeah I needed some fresh air,
the clean clothes are down here.

Could I go for a ride, I'll get out
of your hair and it'll be good for
me.

Father is busy trying to get 5 year old Tracy to eat her
fishfingers.

FATHER

Come on, you can have some ice-
cream after.

TRACY

No, it's yucky!

FATHER

Yeah sure just don't be long.

Samuel goes to the kitchen and takes of the bathrobe before
going out the back and picking up his bike and the lock.

FATHER (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Just half, please.

TRACY (O.S.)

No, I want mummy to feed me,
grandpa mean.

Father growls angrily but he is cut off when Samuel shuts the
door and goes round the corner.

JUMP CUT TO:

7 EXT. BEACH-EVENING

Groups of people in wild, summer clothes are holding
firecrackers, playing volleyball with live music and having a
great time. The bus rolls away and Samuel is left watching
the events with his bike tucked under his arm.

He takes out his phone and texts to Mathew and Marcus on the
whatsapp chat called 'GymBoys3'. Marcus come up behind him and
calls out.

MARCUS

Over here, Over here, Sam.

Samuel looks up at his name and makes his way to them. He
puts his bike next to the locks but doesn't secure it right
when the calling makes him leave it and jog over.

The camera turns or curves up to make his journey across the beach take a second.

MATHEW

You made it , thought for a second
you weren't going to come.

MARCUS

Good Jenny's here, wasn't that
luck.

MATHEW

Course it wasn't its her party.

SAMUEL

What this is Jenny's party, what i
she sees me, I'm basically wearing
rags.

His world slows down as he breathes deeply turning around
searching for Jenny.

SAMUEL (CONT'D)

I'll just avoid her, there's loads
of people here, I bet they wouldn't
have talked to half of em.

(slowly as he thinks)

He realises the boys are too quiet and when he turns the
music plays again.

SAMUEL (CONT'D)

What no mock-hi Jennifer

In front of him is Jenny who's looking out at the sea.

JENNY

Oh, hey, I didn't know you were
here, there's some drinks over by
Tom and them if your thirsty, you
do look kinda faint.

SAMUEL

Oh, I'm feeling fabulous
(extremely high pitched)

He realises what he just said and shakes his head deciding to
try again when Jenny sees someone called Jamie goes to have a
conversation.

JENNY

Jamie, hi.

He feels disappointed watching her walk away. A comforting hand on his shoulder makes him turn back to reality.

MATHEW

Better luck next time yeah.

MARCUS

'Fabulous', hah.

Samuel replies with a weak agreement then enters the small hut his friends have been sitting in.

MATHEW

What're they doin.

A huge group of teenagers start running in the sea in swimsuits and an over-exited girl runs up to them.

GIRL

Tom and them are having a pool game everyone can play.

Marsu and Mathew already have their trunks on and run taking of their shirts.

MARCUS

Hurry up then
(to Samuel)

SAMUEL

Sure I'm just gonna change real quick.

MARCUS

Alright.

The boys run in and Samuel goes to the bathroom to change.

He comes out hurridely sees his sister and her friends.

SAMUEL

Oh damn.

Instinctally he rushes to the sea but the group move to the exit and Samuel sinks into the game to not seem suspicious.

SAMUEL (CONT'D)

Hey guys I'm here
(to the twins.)

They signal him over.

Around an hour later Samuel and some others including the twins leave the water to change and head home, some people including Tom and his friends and Jenny and her friends stay behind.

SAMUEL (CONT'D)

I've gotta go now.
(to no-one in particular)

MATHEW

Us to wait up.

Samuel heads to the bathrooms after grabbing his bag from the beach. Its empty. He hears people coming in and out before deciding to go looking, dropping the other bag where he found it.

SAMUEL

Where are you? Where are you you
stupid bag?

He keeps looking and looking before bumping into someone. He looks up.

LAUNA

Is this what your looking for.

Startled he puts his hand over his face.

SAMUEL

Thank you ma'am.
(in a disguised voice)

Launa pulls his hands off.

SAMUEL (CONT'D)

How did you know I was here?

LAUNA

I heroically stopped a guy
stealing a bike before I recognised
it. He tried to yank the lock
before realising it was already
open. Sam.

She pushes the bag into his chest and he takes it.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

This,

She faces the people still in the sea.

This, isn't like you, running off to
parties at night.

SAMUEL

Party hah! what party, this is a busy night at the beach, I-I-I'm just here for a walk.

LAUNA

A walk huh.

SAMUEL

I swear.
(genuinely)

MARCUS

Hey Samuel, great party right.

Marcus sees Launa and gulps and smiling nervously then side-steps away.

LAUNA

In the car now, you can change at home.

Samuel sighs. Launa goes ahead.

SAMUEL

Fabulous
(whispering)

He cringes at the memory.

8 EXT.DEAL HOUSE-NIGHT

The silver toyata purrs as it enters the driveway. The door slam shut and in complete silence, launa opens the front door.

LAUNA

Go change.

Samuel looks for a single sign he'll get any mercy. Launa's face is unreadable.

SAMUEL

Alright
(mumbles)

Runs upstairs with his bag still dripping.

LAUNA

We follow Launa into the living room where Father is sitting watching tv. Hands to her hips Launa stands glaring at her father, it takes him a few seconds to realise she's there.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

What were you thinking, letting
your son out at 11 at night.

FATHER

He just needed some air thats all.

Father stands up to pour himself some coffee in the half of
the room thats a kitchen. He seems undisturbed by Launa's
anger.

LAUNA

Dad a party is't *just* air and on
the beach! There 30 or 40 of them

FATHER

Now hold on, he did *not* say
anything about a party, I'm sorry I
should of guessed, he'll just stay
in his room the rest off the night,
who knows maybe learn a thing or
two up there.

Father flops back in the seat and contiues to watch tv the
same way as before.

LAUNA

Dad, an early bedtime, what is he
six, you need to start disciplining
that child he won't under your roof
for long then what, he'll end up a
homeless alchoholic if you don't
start thinking.

SAMUEL

That's a little harsh sis.

LAUNA

It's true, your 5 year old niece
acts more mature than you do.

SAMUEL

Have you spoken to your daughter
recently, kid's got no respect.

FATHER

He's got a point
(jokingly)

LAUNA

Well she that *is* expected she's
twelve years younger than you and
50 years younger than you dad.

FATHER

All right, all right then Sam your grounded son a week got it.

SAMUEL

Got it Dad
(unfathomed.)

Father gives him a high five still in his seat. Samuel sits by his dad in a seperate chair.

SAMUEL (CONT'D)

I can feel the maturity running through me already.

Jerks to exaggerate his point the laughs. Launa storms off.

LAUNA

Bunch of useless-meanies.

Tracy walks up to her in her pyjamas. She ducks down to tie up her hair with a hair band on the heater.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

Meanies.
(ties hair)
Have you brushed your teeth, had a bath.

Tracy nods violently to every chore.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

Alright then sweetie off to bed OK.

Launa reaches in for a hug which Tracy accepts. Launa gives Tracy a kiss.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

Goodnight, go on then.

Tracy begins climbing the stairs.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

You've got to get a job tommorow dad and Sam you've got school.

They reply by a slight murmer and a nod still watching. Launa bites hr bottom lick thinking.

LAUNA (CONT'D)

By the way I'm not lending either you any money next week.

She then goes up the stairs quickly before Samuel and Father realise when she is almost at the top.

SAMUEL

Wa-w-wait.

They rush to the bottom of the stairs.

SAMUEL (CONT'D)

Hold on.

FATHER

No need for *that*, little bunny.

She smiles and enters the bathroom taking no notice, Father and Samuel look scared, they both sigh and cross their arms identically.

SAMUEL

Hey that's rude.

Looks at his Father.

SAMUEL (CONT'D)

Can you believe her.

FATHER

Yeah actually I can.

SAMUEL

Thought so.

THE END

