

KOREATL

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Based on, If Any

The Intersection of Korean and American culture in Georgia

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HAE-MI (CONT'D)

It's a collective, we can't do this without him. And Eventually we'll make the money back and visit home again.

(in English)

Besides, I would put that on credit, I don't have to just do cash!

Mr. Seo shares a laugh with his wife. He gets up and goes to the closet to change into his pajamas. She goes to the bathroom and closes the door, thus getting ready to go to bed.

FADE OUT.

**END OF ACT ONE.**

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

11 INT. GOGO GOGI KOREAN BBQ #2 - DAY 11

Sunny is sitting at on of the tables, he is reviewing statements from the first store and forecasting sales to exceed them.

SUNNY

Aigoo.

Coming from the front door is Gia and Mr. Seo, his niece and his brother. They walk in and the Host greets them. Gia walks on ahead to see Sunny. She creeps behind him and looks at what he is doing.

GIA

Uncle Sunny, what's up?

SUNNY

Oh precious one! What brings you here?

GIA

Looking at my inheritance.

SUNNY

You're gonna run these stores into franchises one day!

Mr. Seo comes upon his brother and Gia. He is wearing sunglasses indoors, which indicates his douchey nature and need to be seen as powerful.

MR. SEO

Daesung.

SUNNY

Daejung.

MR. SEO

How are you?

SUNNY

Better.

MR. SEO

Slow?

SUNNY

It's 10 a.m.

MR. SEO

Oh.

SUNNY

Store opens at 11.

MR. SEO

Ah.

SUNNY

What's wrong?

MR. SEO

Well I came to-

GIA

May I, excuse me Dad, may I inspect the restaurant?

MR. SEO

Of course.

SUNNY

Go ahead. Go ahead. Future CEO of Seo Enterprises.

GIA

I like that.

Gia goes around the restaurant self-inspecting the place, giving her father and uncle time to talk.

SUNNY

She's remarkable. You've raised a great daughter, great niece.

MR. SEO

Yes, yes.

SUNNY

What is it you wanted to talk about?

Mr. Seo hesitates to continue on with what he wanted to talk about, but he decides to shift gears in the subject.

MR. SEO

When are you going to finalize the date of marriage with Jenny?

SUNNY

We're exploring the dates and getting the funding in order.

MR. SEO

Ah, would you like-

MR. SEO (CONT'D)

Errr...

Errr...

SUNNY

MR. SEO (CONT'D)

(in Korean)

I'll avoid that question.

SUNNY

(in Korean)

When I finish paying Hae-Mi and you back, we'll talk.

MR. SEO

(in Korean)

This one would be generous.

SUNNY

(in Korean)

Of course.

MR. SEO

When are you having children?

SUNNY

When I'm married.

MR. SEO

Oh.

SUNNY

Duh.

They both chuckle lightly, knowing that what should be said is still not being said.

MR. SEO

Well, what are you doing?

SUNNY

Forecasting.

MR. SEO

(in Korean)

Who taught you that?

SUNNY

(in Korean)

I went to Business School, I have a Masters...anyway I watch Father do it, and I watched you.

MR. SEO

Father...he's proud of you, you know.

SUNNY

He called me last night to tell me. I take it, he doesn't know what you did to get me the store?

MR. SEO

No. You don't need that pressure on you.

Beat.

SUNNY

Is there something you'd like to say?

MR. SEO

I-

Gia walks back into their circle.

GIA

Dad, Uncle Sunny, this place is all up to standards. I just like how it's cleaner than the other store.

SUNNY

Because it's new.

GIA

Right, right.

MR. SEO

We do our best at the other store. It's not dirty!

(in Korean)

Don't say that in company that is not us.

GIA

(in Korean)

Of course, dad.

SUNNY

Gia, help me out here, what should we do to maximize profits for the restaurant?

GIA

Really this stage is marketing and promotion.

(to Mr. Seo)

Dad, we should give Uncle Sunny the passwords to Facebook and Instagram to post about this store while I continue posting about our store.

SUNNY

That's a great idea!

MR. SEO

I don't think so, it might cause confusion!

SUNNY

No, if we position it right, I only have to make fewer posts than what Gia already makes for the store.

GIA

In fact, I'll add it to the Instastory now about the second location! Doi! Gia what we're you thinking!

Gia goes outside to start promotion for the restaurant.

SUNNY

She's the best!

MR. SEO

Pride and Joy.

SUNNY

(in Korean)

I have to get ready for opening.  
Can we talk later?

MR. SEO

(in Korean)

Yes, yes, yes. Sure.

SUNNY

Okay...have a good Sunday, brother.

Sunny takes his papers and goes to the back of the restaurant with his papers.

MAYA  
(in Korean)  
Oh my gosh!

HAE-MI  
You're getting good at pouting in  
Korean.  
(in Korean)  
Little girl, clean your room...then  
maybe you can go.

Maya stops pouting and smiles brightly.

MAYA  
Really! Oh thank you mom! I'll do  
it fast and neat.

HAE-MI  
You better.

Hae-Mi puts a mask on and scrubs the bathroom clean. She gets  
a call via Alexa.

DANNY (O.S.)  
(yelling)  
Mom! Alexa's getting a call.

HAE-MI  
(yelling)  
Get it!

DANNY (O.S.)  
(yelling)  
I can't, I uh, um am cleaning my  
room.

MAYA (O.S.)  
(yelling)  
Liar!

DANNY (O.S.)  
(yelling)  
Clean your room correctly!

MAYA (O.S.)  
(yelling in Korean)  
Shut up!

HAE-MI  
(in Korean)  
Both of you shut up.  
(in English)  
Alexa, turn off music.

She picks up the phone.

HAE-MI (CONT'D)

Hello?

Talking to her is, Daejung's sister, **JAE HWA PARK**, she is the second sibling to Daejung, then her, then Sunny, and then their younger sister.

JAE HWA (V.O.)

(in Korean)

Hey there, sister!

HAE-MI

Jae Hwa! How are you?

(in Korean)

We missed you yesterday!

JAE HWA (V.O.)

I know, I know, but there is some good news! We've been talking to my Father, and he's decided what to do with the inherited stores.

HAE-MI

Oh, what's he have planned?

JAE HWA (V.O.)

Is Daejung there?

HAE-MI

No, he was out with Gia to see Sunny.

JAE HWA (V.O.)

Well, I thought you'd like to know, being how you've been in on this for a while. Father has decided to give the inheritance to Jimin and I.

Beat.

Hae-Mi drops the phone. She collapses into the bed and onto the floor, safely. She lost balance after hearing the news she just heard.

JAE HWA

Hello? Hae-Mi? Hae-Mi? Hello?

Hae-Mi grabs the phone and picks it up. Struggling to hold it in her hand she speaks:

HAE-MI

Hello! This is...exciting news!  
Congratulations!

JAE HWA (V.O.)

I know! I can finally exit the  
stock game and retire to maintain  
the two stores! This is will be  
great, since Rose Park already has  
her full ride to school, I have  
nothing to worry about!

HAE-MI

And Jimin? His place in all of  
this?

JAE HWA

He's still managing the Car  
Dealership over on Pleasant Hill  
Road.

HAE-MI

So he's okay with this?

JAE HWA (V.O.)

More than okay, people have been  
eating this Korean culture up. Boba  
is more popular than ever.

Hae-Mi flashes back to last night's conversation.

CUT TO:

14 INT. SEO MASTER BEDROOM (FLASHBACK) - NIGHT

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She remembers vividly what Daejung said to her. She actually  
did want one of the other places, since he now has two  
stores. This was to gain more ground and capital, as she  
wanted to maintain face and hold the higher ground.

MR. SEO

(in Korean)

Maybe I can gift you one of the  
inheritances? What would you like,  
the Boba shop or the Market?

BACK TO:

JENNY

(in Korean)

Hello Hae-Mi, sorry for Sunny's antics. We had to have a long discussion about his debts.

Mr. Seo looks over at Jenny at the door and realizes she knows what shouldn't be known. He quickly grabs the phone and answers. He looks up and sees Sunny, giddily, sitting across from him. Jenny and sits down on the sofa next to Sunny. Hae-Mi goes to the kitchen to get refreshments.

MR. SEO

(in Korean)

Hello.

JAE HWA

(in Korean)

Daejung.

MR. SEO

Jae Hwa.

JAE HWA

How are you?

MR. SEO

Congratulations.

The look on Sunny's face crumbles into a look of utter disgust.

JAE HWA

Oh, Hae-Mi told you? I'm joining the ranks of you and Sunny.

MR. SEO

Mhmm. Father made the right choice. I'm proud of you.

Sunny clasps his hands together and holds in his sheer angst he's releasing.

JAE HWA

I hope so. It means a lot that you are proud of me.

MR. SEO

Let's talk soon. Okay?

JAE HWA

Sure thing. Bye.

MR. SEO

Bye

He hangs up and drops the phone on the table.

MR. SEO (CONT'D)

Yes. I know.

SUNNY

(in Korean)

Just this once, I wanted to have something over you, for once in our miserable lives!

JENNY

(in Korean)

Miserable?

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INT. SEO FAMILY KITCHEN - AFTERNOON

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Mrs. Seo prepares the refreshments. She overhears the conversation, hoping for Mr. Seo to apologize.

SUNNY (O.S.)

(in Korean)

Now, I mean between my brother and I-

JENNY (O.S.)

Make it make sense.

Mrs. Seo walks into the room with the refreshments and places them on the table.

MR. SEO

Sunny, I need you.

Sunny appears shocked. He couldn't believe what he's hearing.

MR. SEO (CONT'D)

Together, with Yun Hee defaulting her share and vote to me, we can take over the inherited properties from Jae Hwa.

SUNNY

Y-you and me?

MR. SEO

Yes.

SUNNY

I don't accept.