

Revised Storyline for Full Length Movie (RomCom)

Working Title: Hi!

Setting is weeks into the ECQuarantine, we see Sola, a small time interior designer, following every protocol. Happy Birthday to you x 2 when washing hands, disinfecting door knobs, tamang paglagay at pag-alis ng face mask, face shield at ng gloves, social distancing. Nag-aayos siya ng kanyang mga themed rooms sa minanang bahay na kinonvert niya para sa BnB (Airbnb). Naglalagay na ng alcohol kada kwarto. Paskil ng covid reminders. Simula ng magpandemic, wala pa siyang booking. It seems like she has no one with her. She is busy online. Checking her listings, checking on people's newsfeeds... she bites her fingernails, very insecure ang dating ni Sola. She is talking to someone sa cellphone, we just hear her say "I am not selling the house, okay, bahala na..."

As bills pile up and no booking in sight, she calls an online seller friend, asks if she can be her reseller. Sola tries and fails, she is a very awkward seller. In the middle of making a video to promote one of her friend's product, she receives a BnB message from an Ash: Hi! My friend recommended you... Sola quickly offers the room for half the price... but that is not why Ash messaged... Gusto niya rin sumubok mag BnB, naisip niya, since TopHost si Sola and has first hand experience in her place, maybe she can just give him tips and help with designing the rooms. Sola, sees this as an opportunity to earn, while waiting for actual bookings, and so onthespot offers a special online class on hosting and designing your space. Ash was in.

Sola did a quick background socmed check of Ash – normal pics nmh, had friends, looked kind. Next, she searched... how to teach an online class...

First "class" they started just chatting... but Ash insisted it's hard that way, video call dapat. Sola obliged. They introduced themselves to each other. "Good morning", Sola starts with a short story of how she began... and asked Ash kung bakit niya gusto mag BnB, they discussed basics, and then Goodbye. They do this for a couple more times, both were professional.

On one class, she heard her favorite song playing in Ash's background. It was not a popular song so she asked how he knew the song. They apparently liked the same album... started to bond, singing the songs to the album. After that their good mornings are more giggly, may asaran na, at kung ano anong jokes. The class then progressed to include more personal stuff... Sola mentions she misses going out, breathing fresh air, says she really has dreamt of living on the beach, but walang maiiwan sa baahy, I have to be here, so Ash "takes" her via video call to the beach (his BnB is by the beach)... on her end, she takes him to his favorite kainan... Their classes now included endless kwentuhan, coping with the quarantine, future plans... on Sola's end, she kept talking about her fears.. with the covid. How she wants to stay safe at home.

Ash, in passing, comments on Sola's smile/laugh, Sola feels a bit uncomfortable, at first. Later she will crave more of his attention, she starts to fix herself up, smile more laugh more... they would start having naughty topics...sexual topics. Sola would have very realistic imaginations... she will start to fantasize

about Ash. As their online connection deepens, Ash asks if he could go to her for a visit. Sola was very much against it, highlights its not worth it, covid woes.

One time, on a video call with hidden background, Ash announces na malapit na siya sa bahay ni Sola because he can't help it anymore. The urge to see her in person is too strong. Sola is super excited but at the same time anxious, quickly prepares her safety stuff, and runs to the door when she heard his knocks... when she opened the door, it's not Ash, it's Frank, Sola's BF who was stranded during the quarantine. Ash sees that it was a guy, Sola ended their video call abruptly.

Frank is a very nice guy, stable job despite covid, loves Sola. While Frank is there, Sola chats Ash about being busy and rescheduling their lessons, Ash does not respond. Sola keeps remembering Ash daily, in little things, sometimes even with what Franks says or does, it reminds her of Ash. Sola, misses Ash badly, so she stalks his socmed. Frank notices Sola is distant. Tries to get her to open up. Frank thinks it's the covid and financial woes. Suggests he help her out, she declines, and he suggests maybe it's time to sell the place and just move in together. Something they have always been arguing about.

Sola opens up to her friend about missing her client. Her friend encourages her to follow Frank, sell the place, start over together. Her friend reminds her of how they started ni Frank, how it all began with a Hi. How lucky she is. The friend points out... when your parents died, si Frank ang andun, as you fixed yourself. He practically saved you. Sola does not admit to anything, she insists that they just have this connection, like she would with other friends... Friend warns her to be careful she does not end up hurting people.

Out of the blue, Ash goes back online and says hi. Resumes where they left off like nothing happened. But interaction is now strictly about BnB only. Sola tries to open about the last time but Ash either cuts her off or just ends the video call. No casual flirting. None. As each class starts and ends, Sola feels more desperate to get Ash "back" while still dutifully being a "loyal" girlfriend to Frank.

To make matters worse bills kept coming. Covid cases kept rising. Frank pushes for the house to be sold. She hates Frank for this. She tries to open up to Ash, but he doesn't seem to care anymore. Frank accidentally sees her messages to Ash, and confronts Sola. She denies having anything aside from friendship, and a teacher-student relationship...

Sola is confused though. She knows she loves Frank... and she knows she has strong feelings for Ash as well. Frank ends the argument telling Sola that she has a choice to make. Frank or Ash. Sola does not answer. Frank leaves, to give her space.

She turns to her friend who blames her for starting this whatever with Ash. The friend so passionately defends Frank that Sola realizes her friend has feelings for her boyfriend. She leaves, she is not angry though.

Sola left on her own, with her bills, with her covid anxiety, and empty units...

She now has interweaving dreams of being with Frank and Ash, with Frank sweet stuff with Ash some naught and sweet stuff too... she tries to call Frank.. and then stops, then she packs her things and decides to just go to Ash, with all her PPEs.

The trip to Ash gives her more time to reflect, and think of Frank as well... memories of both continue to intertwine. Interaction with other travelers give her more insight about her predicament.

When she reaches Ash's place, she immediately sees Ash in the distance... then she remembers, a scene from when her parents were still alive, they were talking about if maiwan cia, wala siyang kapatid, what will she do? A young her exclaims we will stay here forever, we wont leave I cant live without you! to which her parents reminded her, this is just a house... and not everybody will be with u forever... but u will always have u.

She looks at Ash who has not noticed her... Frank is calling on her phone....

She realizes she has a third choice. Be with herself.

She looks toward the beach, writes on the sand, "Hi Sola :)" removes her PPEs and swims... (we see Ash spotting her and coming closer)

THE END.