

BEFORE REACHING THE GRAVE

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MAIN PLOT

A man stuck in the monotony of his work-from-home routine wakes up one morning, and notices a bird struggling to free itself from a nest outside his window. After persistent efforts, the bird finally flies, symbolizing freedom and joy. Inspired, the man smiles but returns to his dull laptop work. As the days pass, he finds brief solace in watching joyful basketball players and salsa dancers from his home, imagining himself joining them. However, he repeatedly prioritizes his job over pursuing these moments of happiness, driven by the financial security symbolized in a money-themed wall photo. One morning, he witnesses an egg falling from the same tree and shattering on the ground, a stark reminder of unfulfilled potential. This moment shakes him, but before he can act on his desires, he suffers a heart attack while working. As he lies on the floor, he visualizes the joyful life he could have lived, playing basketball and dancing, but regret overwhelms him. The story ends with his grave, etched with the message: "Before Reaching the Grave, Do what you love," urging viewers to embrace their passions before it's too late.

PLOT STRUCTURE

Opening Image: A man wakes up to the sight of a bird struggling to free itself from a nest on a tree outside his window. After persistent effort, the bird finally breaks free and soars into the sky, symbolizing freedom and joy, while the man smiles wistfully.

Setup: Trapped in a monotonous work-from-home routine, he finds fleeting happiness in watching basketball players and salsa dancers living in the moment, but he never joins them.

Inciting Incident: Day after day, he imagines himself playing basketball and dancing salsa but chooses the security of his unfulfilling job, driven by the money symbolized in a wall photo.

Rising Action: The cycle continues as he suppresses his desires, prioritizing work over pursuing the freedom and joy he yearns for.

Climax: One morning, he sees an egg fall from the same nest and break, symbolizing unfulfilled potential. Shortly after, he suffers a heart attack while working, overwhelmed by regret.

Falling Action: As he lies on the floor, he vividly visualizes the joyful moments he could have lived but never acted upon, feeling the weight of his missed opportunities.

Closing Image: His grave stands as a silent reminder, urging others to embrace life and "Do what you love" before it's too late.

SCREENPLAY

1. INT.MAN'S HOME - MORNING.

Closeup shot on our man , opens his eyes in the morning ..

Stares at alarm (Time-6:58 AM) FOR two Minutes.. And then alarm starts buzzes at 7:00 AM..Stops the Alarm..

Black Screen

Does his works .. Like brushing(**Frame like in the Movie PERFECT DAYS , THE PROTOGONIST BRUSHING FRAME AND CAMERA ANGLE**)

Bathing (**Back View of showing Back Body having Stich Marks near the backbone**)

And comes ..then sits infront of his laptop and opens it ..as he is working from home ..

While doing his work without any interest..He listens a Bird Sound ..

And then He sees that bird which is beside his house .. Stuck in a nest upon a tree .. Trying to come out of the nest to fly..

And the man was very Much Curious About the bird's Trying ..as he wants the bird to Fly..

After trying ..and trying..the bird finally comes out of that nest ..and Fly to the sky which **Symbolizes the freedom and happiness to the bird..**

And the man watches the bird fly ..and Smiles

Back to his work on laptop..

And sees a Notification(CloseUp On Mobile)

Salary Credited Message on his Mobile.. sees that notification..And again Doing his work..

After that He hears shouting of Players while The is working..

and the man getsup from the working and goes near the window and sees a Group of Players(18-24 age group) Playing Basket Ball game beside his House.

2. EXT. BASKET BALL GROUND - MORNING

Players Playing the Basketball with joyfulness and Playfulness ..

All the players are just shouting.. and all are with an ease at what they are playing ..

There is a Fun Atmosphere.. around there without any disturbance.. They are Living that moment without any worries..

3. INT.MAN'S HOME - MORNING.CONTINUES

The man Smiles and face is like he wants to play the basketball with players..

He sees himself.. Playing the Basketball with the players..

4. EXT. BASKET BALL GROUND - MORNING.CONTINUES.

As the Man from the Room Imagines himself Playing the Basketball..

The Man Literally Playing the Basketball without any worries..and plays With full of joy with the players..

5. INT.MAN'S HOME - MORNING.CONTINUES

The Man Literally Sees Himself from the window..

(We show both himself from
the basketball court and
him from the room
Parallely..)

When the Man in the Ground Attempting to Throw the Ball in the basket..SUDDEN CUT to Laptop ..

A Sudden Call from his Boss in the Laptop..

He suddenly Stops Imagining that he is playing..

Regret in the Face that he had not even played the Game yet..

And Attends the Call..

Sudden **CUT TO:**

One of the Player Throw the ball in the Basket. **as Our Man has Imagined this player as him throwing the ball in the Basket..**

CUT TO:

6. INT.MAN'S HOME - NIGHT.

While the man is about to sleep..

He Listens a Smooth Salsa Music that is coming from the Other Buiding Terrace..

Then the Man sees goes near the window and sees .. 4 Paired Dancers Dancing to that Smooth Salsa Song.. with Having an Excellent Chemistry between them..

7. EXT.NEIGHBOUR TERRACE - NIGHT

Pleasant Atmosphere with colourful Lights.. With Smooth Salsa Background Music..

4 Paired Dancers deeply involved in their dance.. With the Smooth Salsa Music around them..

8. INT.MAN'S HOME - NIGHT.CONTINUOUS

He smiles ..while watching their chemistry in their Dance Steps.. He feels like Excited just watching their Dance..

He feels like he wanted to Dance with them..

He then starts Imagining himself Dancing with them..

9. EXT.NEIGHBOUR TERRACE - NIGHT.CONTINUOUS

Our Man is Dancing with them..(As Our man from his room imagines dancing with that lady).. the face is full of joy and Happy while Dancing with the lady Woman. The Music of Salsa is still Going on..

10. INT.MAN'S HOME - NIGHT.CONTINUOUS

While he is Enjoying.. Suddenly a Remainder Alarm is Ringing in his Phone.. Showing "Its Bed Time" .

(Black Screen.. As he goes to bed)

CLOSEUP SHOT- He still hears a little music while in the bed Feel sad..that he Stopped imagining his dance ..

Closes Eyes.. And Sleeps..

BLACK SCREEN.

CUT TO:

BEGIN MONTAGE :

Smooth and FLOW music starts -Changing the dresses day by day.. as we are showing for few days running as montage begings

11. INT.MAN'S HOME - MORNING.

Our Man watching The Basket ball players..playing the basket ball.. And again he imagines himself..

(Dress changes everyday on
his body, as it is a
montage)

12. EXT. BASKET BALL GROUND - MORNING.

He plays the basketball with them(As he imagins.. From his window that he is playing)..

13. INT.MAN'S- HOME

Working with laptop with his long face..

Attends meeting with.. Fake Smiles.. And Closes the Laptop after the meeting with Tiredness.. And He sees Money Symbol in his WallPhoto which is attached to the wall..

(The Wall Photo tells us
..He is working for Money
)

And He Again Opens the Laptop.. As he realized he needs the money for Living..

14. INT.MAN'S HOME - NIGHT.

He is Still watching him Dancing with the Salsa dancers in the Neighbours Terrace..

(Dress changes everyday on
his body, as it is a
montage)

15. EXT.NEIGHBOUR TERRACE - NIGHT.

He is Still Dancing with them as he imagines.. Himself dancing.. From just seeing from the window..

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MONTAGE ENDS

BlackScreen

16. INT.MAN'S HOME - MORNING.

Our Man is sitting in front of HIS LAPTOP..

He is working on his laptop..

He randomly sees the Tree Beside his House..

There is the Nest we showed in the first scene

From that nest .. An Egg in the Edge suddenly falls from the Tree..and The man getups from the seat.. and goes near the window.. And sees the Egg has broken on the Ground.

He feels pity from his window ..and Goes back to the Seat.. In front his laptop..

(Here EGG Tells us.. the
life has ended even before
exploring the life..which
is going to sink with
Current situation of our
man)
(Silent Atmosphere)

After he sits..

He feels pain at his Chest ..

Unable to breath properly..

He keeps his hand on his chest .. And not able to shout.. As voice is Not Coming from his Mouth..

And fell down from the Chair..And he is in Unbearable pain.. He is Suffering alot ..

And he looks at the Picture..of Money in the WallPhoto..

(As the WallPhoto tells
us..Money is not coming
with us while we are
dying.. ..)
(Heart beat sound
increases in the
background.. Suspense bgm
increases..)

While suffering with the HeartAttack on the Floor..

He Saw his death Coming ..

He Starts Visualizing the Memories like.. Dancing the Salsa with joy.. And Playing The BasketBall with an ease..

And he is Crying ..while suffering..

He has put a face.. Of Regret that He is Still not yet Played and Danced with the People Around him..

He Dies ..**CLOSEUP SHOT** By closing his eyes ..

17. EXT.GRAVE- EVENING

We show his Grave.. With his Name On it..
 (Camera moving away from
 the Grave Slowly -
 ZoomOut)

-----THE END-----

..Black Screen..

Before Reaching the Grave .. Do what you love..