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- *A prince falls for a beautiful lie*

Sangyul's been living a lie since birth. Everyone thinks he's the feeble, omega son of Jodong Pharma's President Han, but in reality, he's as normal as can be. So what's he to do when Korea's sole alpha, Prince Reok, proposes an interesting deal? Will he finally get the ordinary life he so desires?

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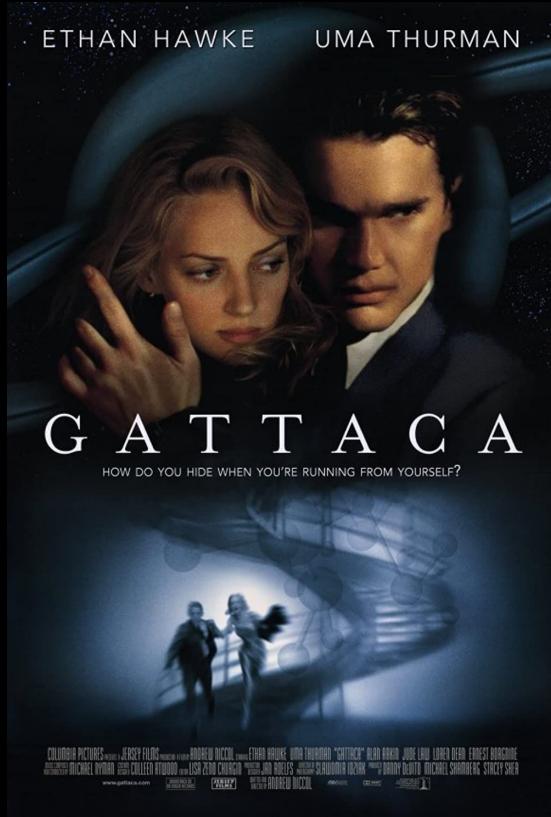
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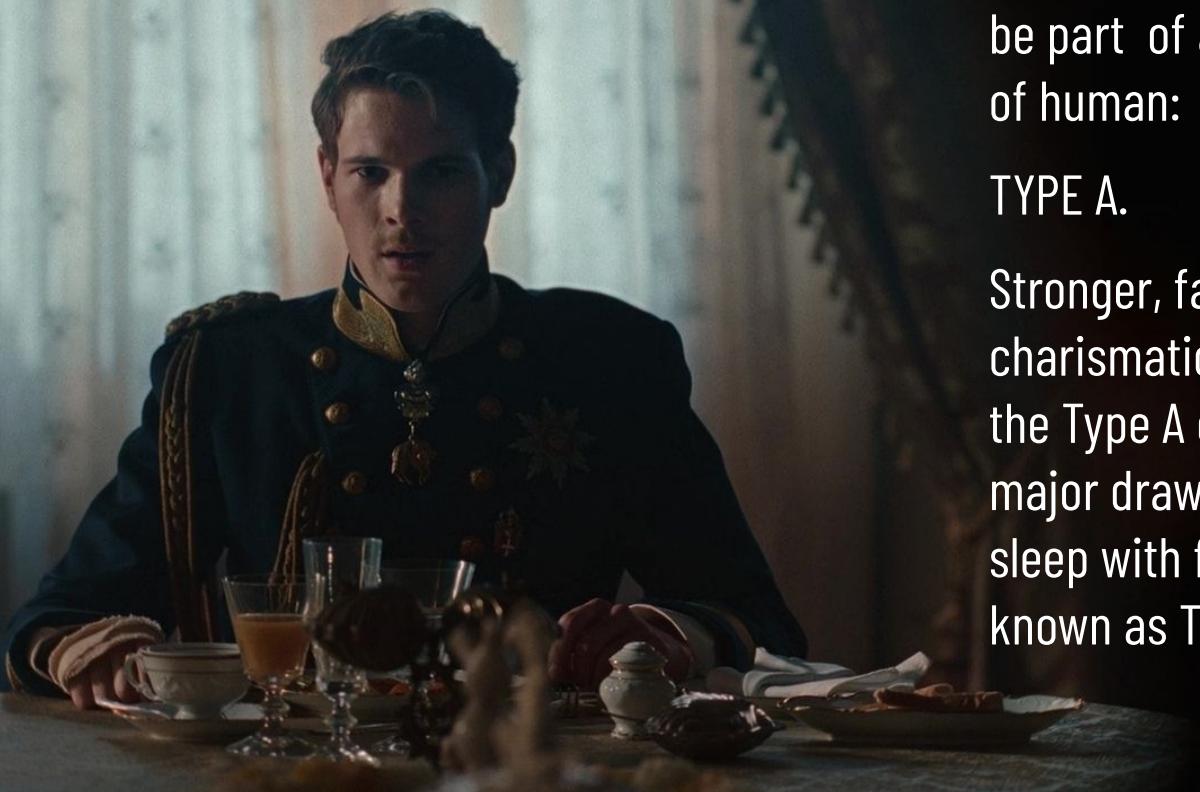
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Imagine a near future society divided by those with genetic abilities and those without.





In the near future, in a powerful but small country, a Prince is revealed to be part of a new genetic subspecies of human:

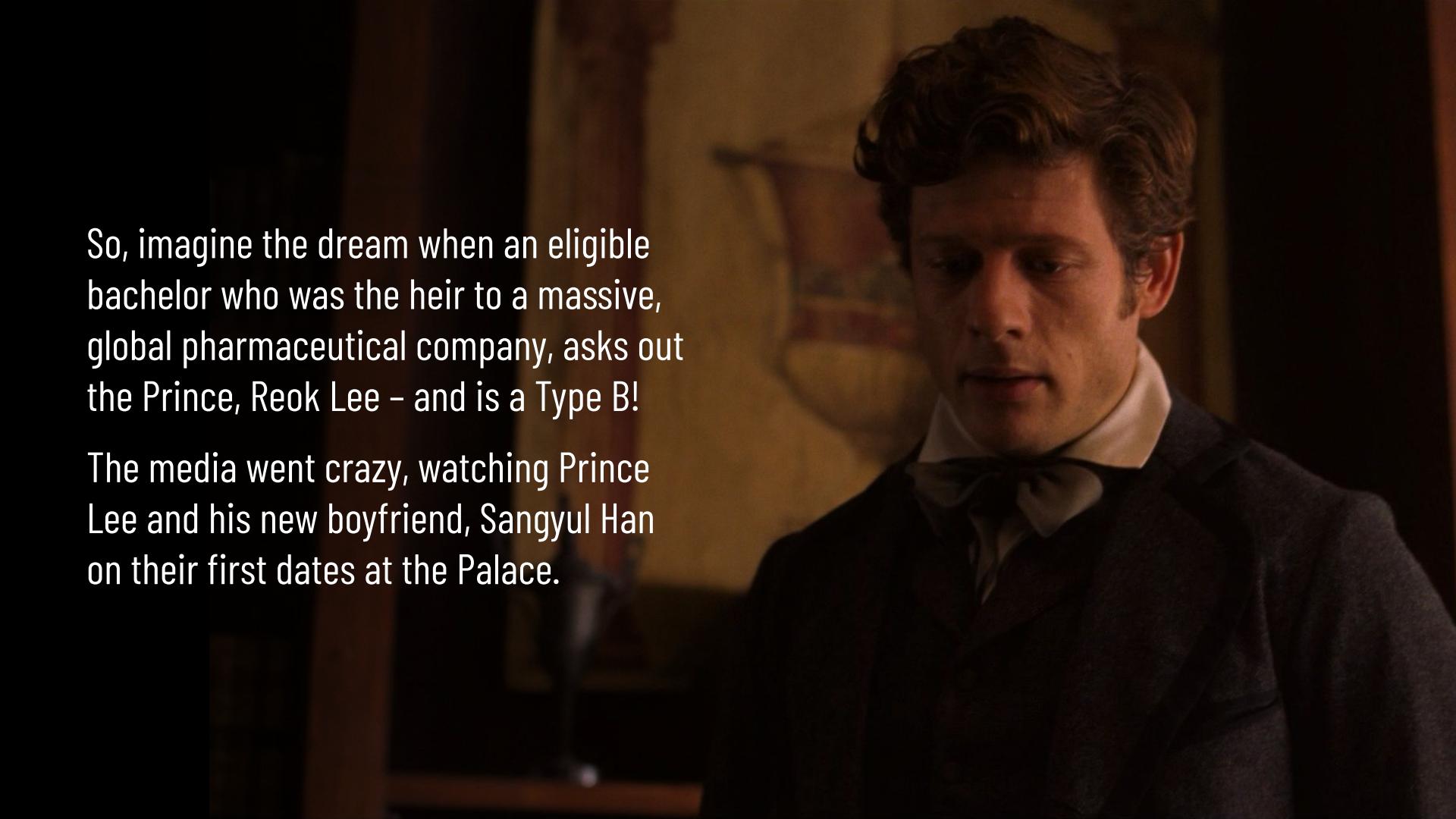
TYPE A.

Stronger, faster, more energetic and charismatic than normal humans, the Type A condition comes with a major drawback: Type A's can only sleep with fellow evolved people, known as Type B's.



It's even harder when the Type A person in question is also gay - making for a very small dating pool!

Add to this, the societal pressure of being part of the royal family, with the whole world invested in your dating life!



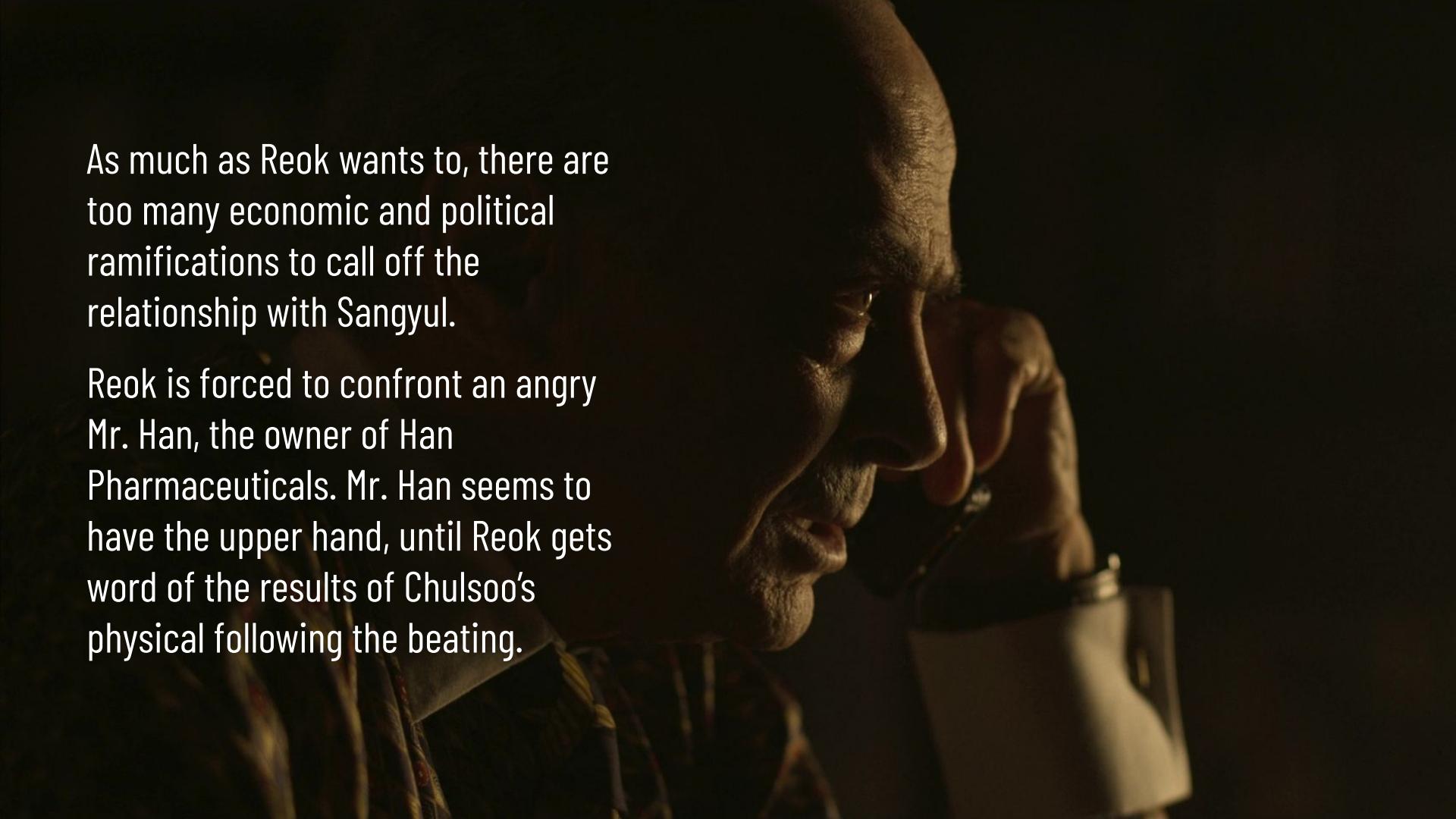
So, imagine the dream when an eligible bachelor who was the heir to a massive, global pharmaceutical company, asks out the Prince, Reok Lee - and is a Type B!

The media went crazy, watching Prince Lee and his new boyfriend, Sangyul Han on their first dates at the Palace.



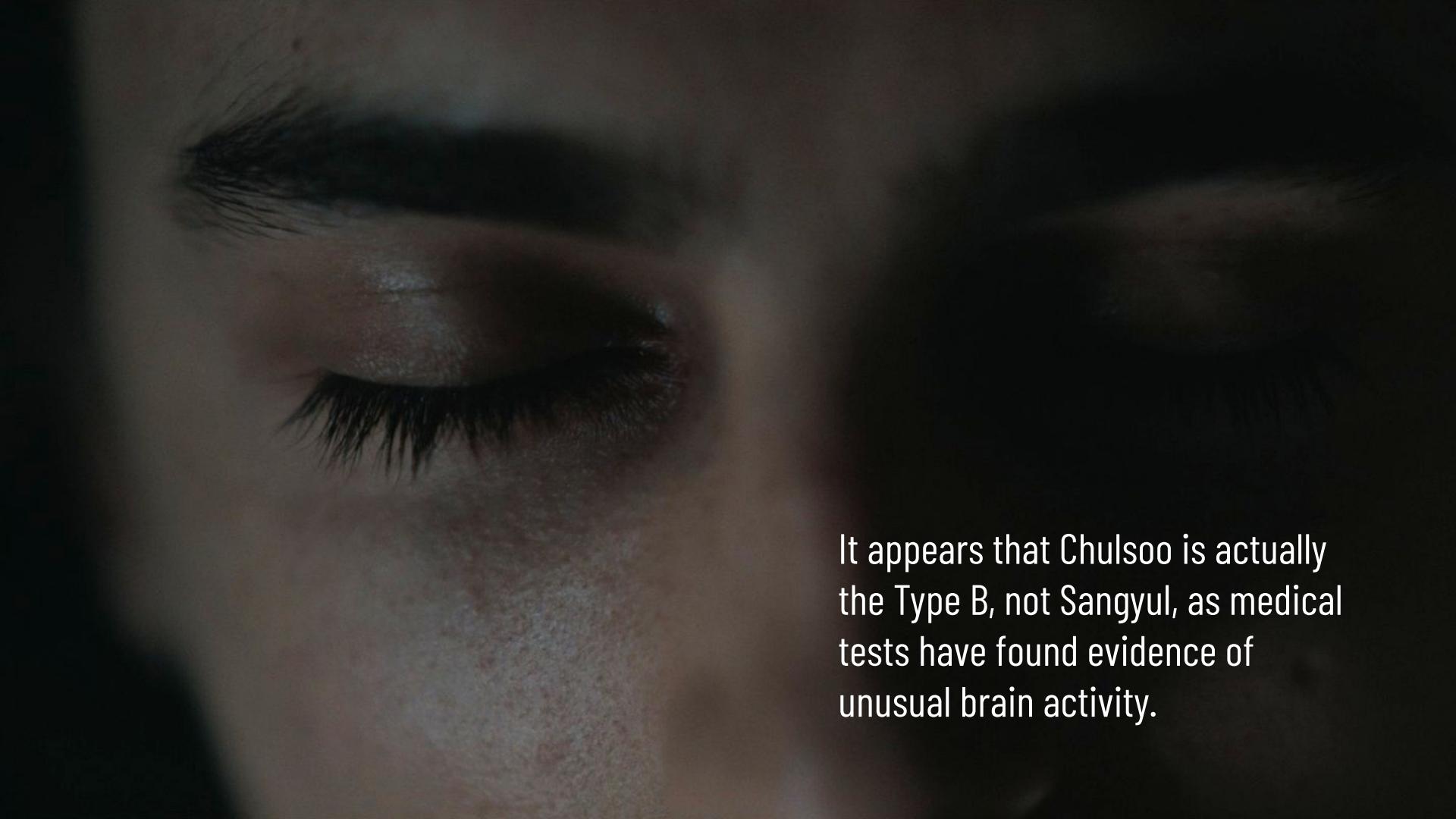
Reok Lee may be royalty, but Sangyul Han is one of the richest men on the planet, allowing him a full retinue – including a handsome, but nervous Chulsoo Kim.

But when Sangyul is caught physically assaulting Chulsoo, Reok brings Sangyul's assistant under his protection.



As much as Reok wants to, there are too many economic and political ramifications to call off the relationship with Sangyul.

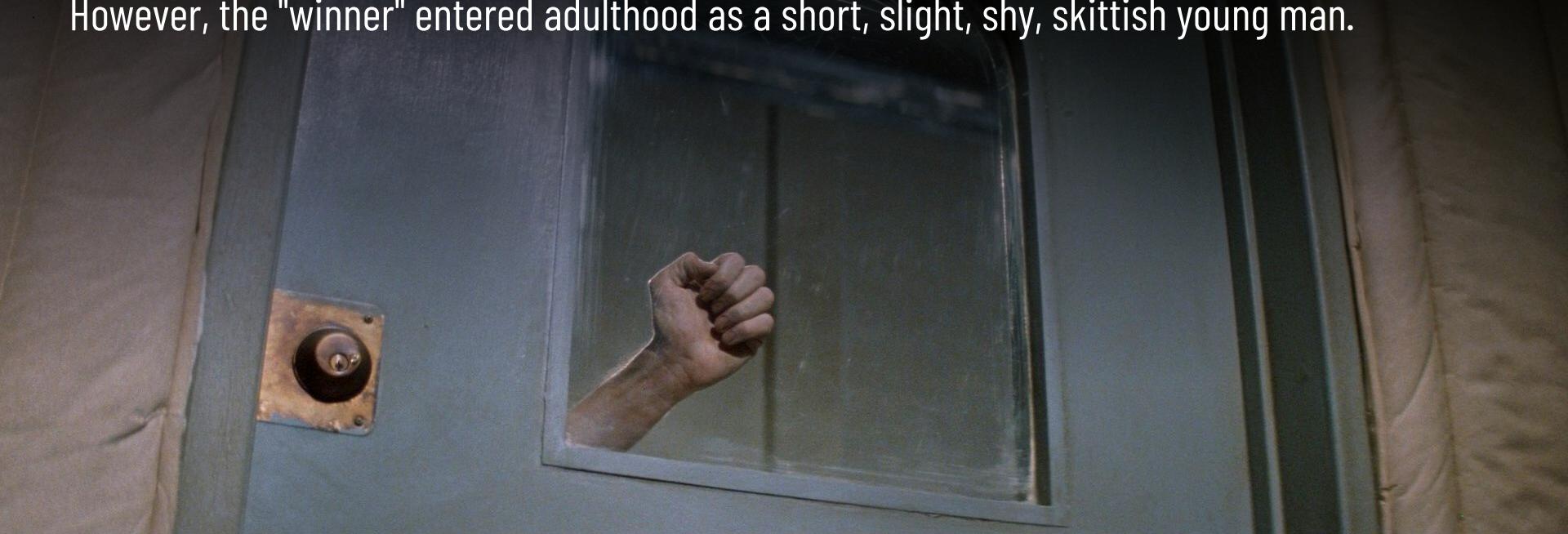
Reok is forced to confront an angry Mr. Han, the owner of Han Pharmaceuticals. Mr. Han seems to have the upper hand, until Reok gets word of the results of Chulsoo's physical following the beating.



It appears that Chulsoo is actually the Type B, not Sangyul, as medical tests have found evidence of unusual brain activity.

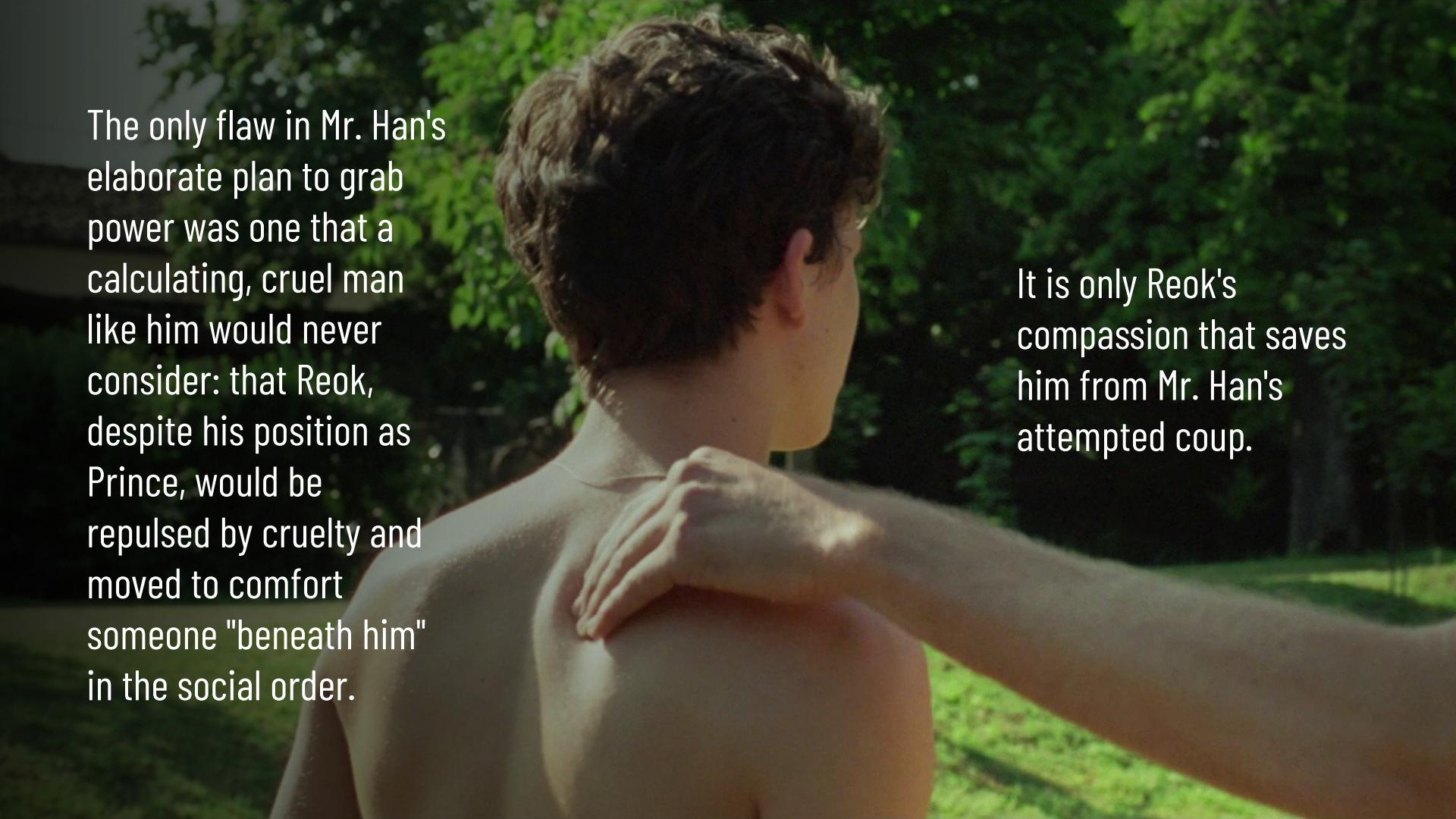
But Reok learns a stunning, horrifying truth:

There IS NO "Sangyul". The identity is a LEGAL FICTION created by Mr. Han, who then BOUGHT CHILDREN ON THE BLACK MARKET and EXPERIMENTED ON THEM, in hopes of creating an artificially-engineered Type B. Any child who survived would legally become "Sangyul". However, the "winner" entered adulthood as a short, slight, shy, skittish young man.



Mr. Han's rationale to create a Type B was specifically to arrange this marriage with the Prince. Mr. Han has the long-range plan to use the marriage to have Han Pharmaceuticals destroy and usurp the national healthcare system, to their own profit. But none of that works if Reok doesn't accept the marriage (no matter how much economic and political pressure Mr. Han applies). So Mr. Han recruits the most handsome and charismatic of his many illegitimate sons, born to a mistress, to pose as "Sangyul" – in the situation that opened the movie. The "real" Sangyul would be on hand for Type B blood tests.





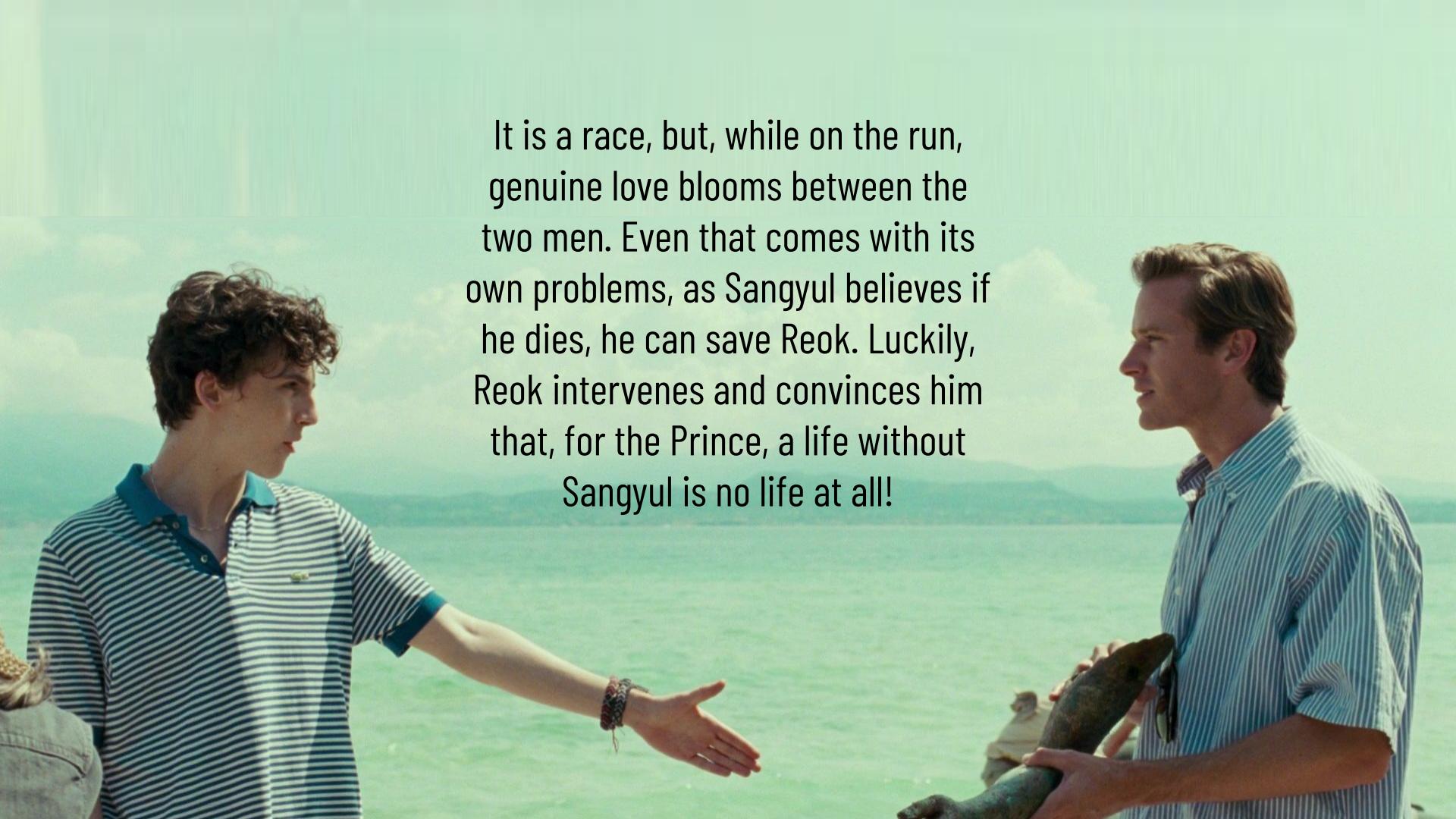
The only flaw in Mr. Han's elaborate plan to grab power was one that a calculating, cruel man like him would never consider: that Reok, despite his position as Prince, would be repulsed by cruelty and moved to comfort someone "beneath him" in the social order.

It is only Reok's compassion that saves him from Mr. Han's attempted coup.



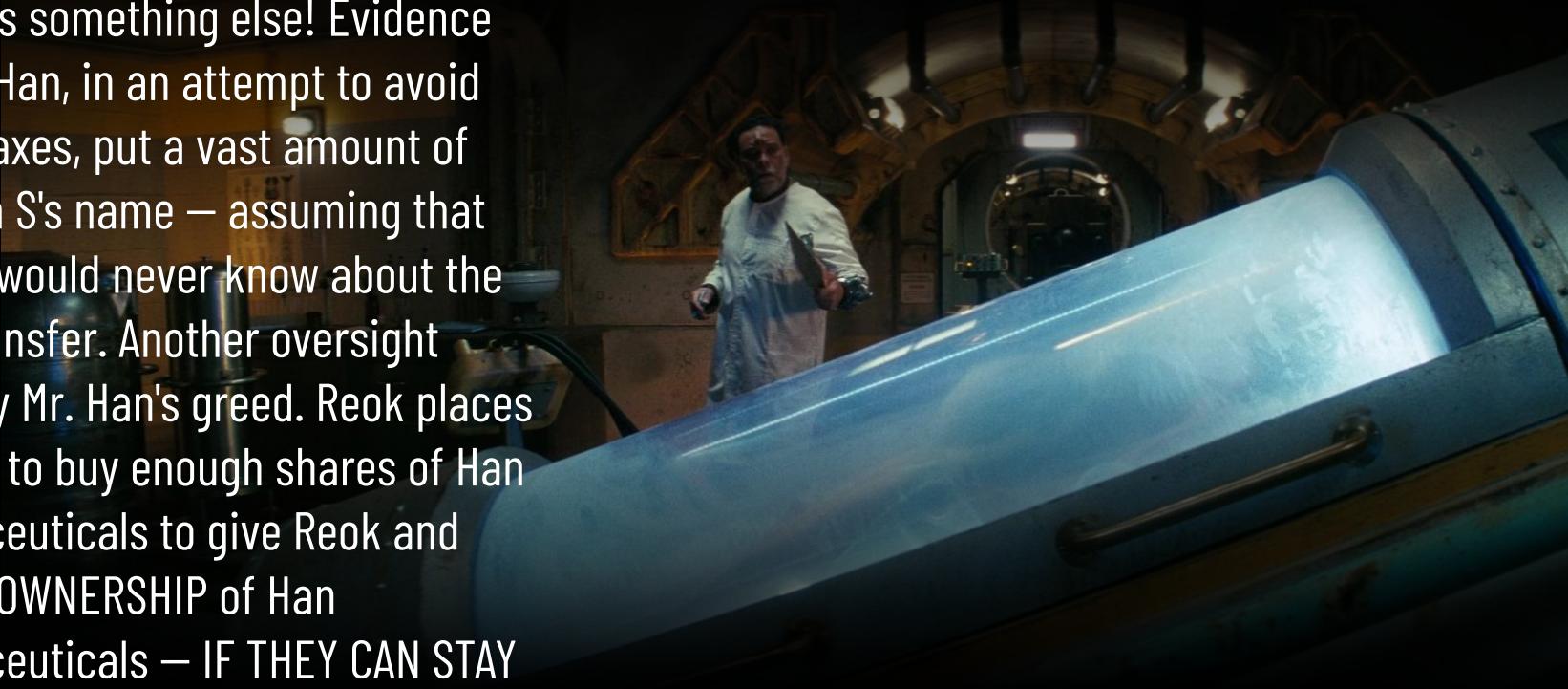
With this hard-fought knowledge gained, Reok has to spring into action: leaving the palace and going undercover, with "Sangyul" to find a "smoking gun" to prove Mr. Han's treachery.

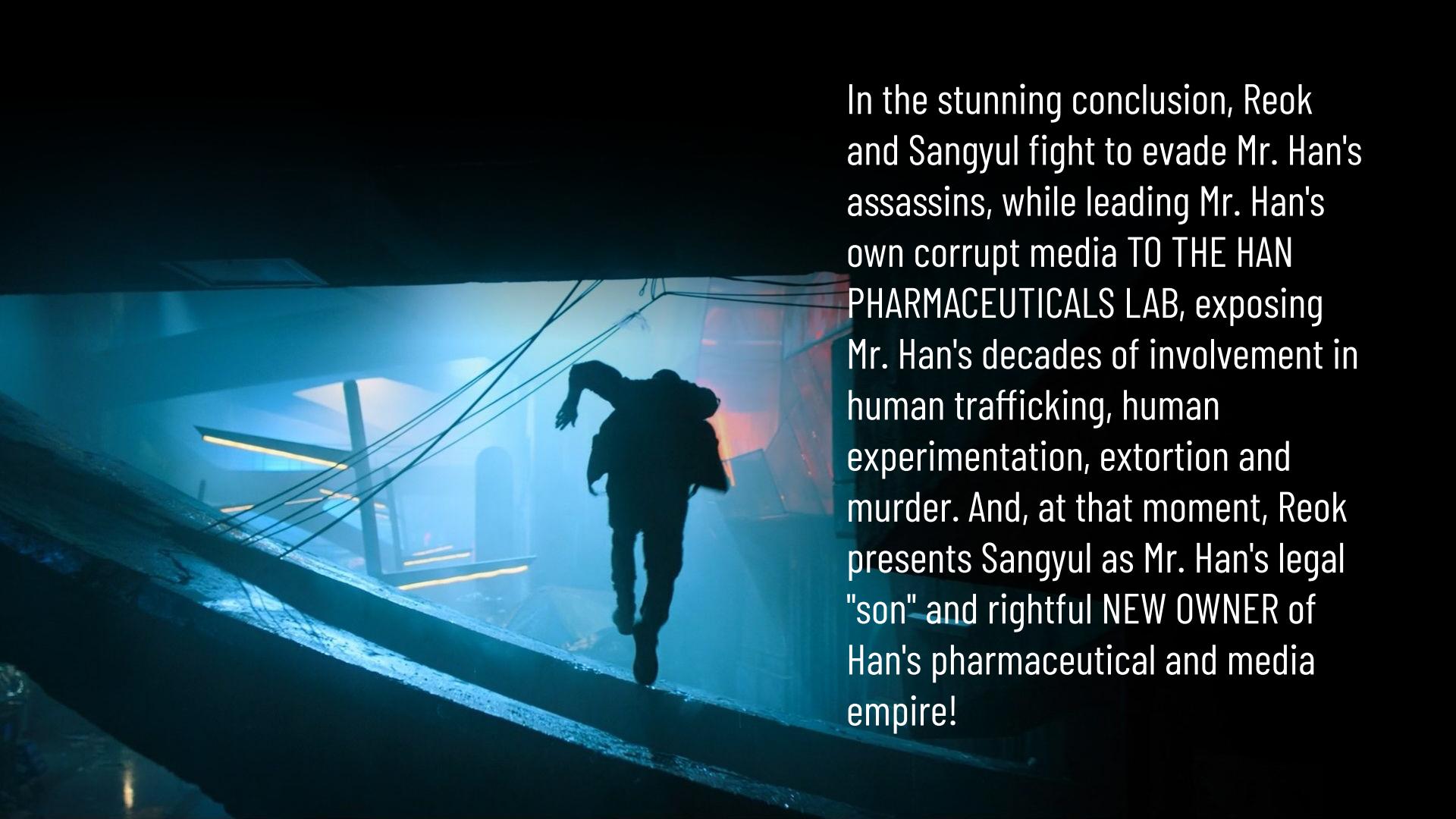
Publicly, Mr. Han uses his media empire to paint Reok as a criminal on a spree (complete with a tipline for sightings), while privately, he unleashes mercenaries to hunt down and kill Sangyul and frame Reok.

A photograph of two young men on a boat. One man, on the left, has curly brown hair and wears a blue and white striped polo shirt. He is reaching his right hand towards the other man. The second man, on the right, has straight brown hair and wears a light blue and white striped short-sleeved shirt. He is holding a large fish by its tail and looking towards the first man. They are on a boat with a clear blue sea and distant mountains in the background.

It is a race, but, while on the run,
genuine love blooms between the
two men. Even that comes with its
own problems, as Sangyul believes if
he dies, he can save Reok. Luckily,
Reok intervenes and convinces him
that, for the Prince, a life without
Sangyul is no life at all!

The couple is able to evade Mr. Han's killers, and find the lab. Reok discovers something else! Evidence that Mr. Han, in an attempt to avoid paying taxes, put a vast amount of assets in S's name – assuming that Sangyul would never know about the asset transfer. Another oversight driven by Mr. Han's greed. Reok places an order to buy enough shares of Han Pharmaceuticals to give Reok and Sangyul OWNERSHIP of Han Pharmaceuticals – IF THEY CAN STAY ALIVE LONG ENOUGH.



A dark, atmospheric scene showing a silhouette of a person running across a bridge or walkway. The background is filled with glowing blue lights from buildings and power lines, creating a sense of a futuristic or dystopian setting.

In the stunning conclusion, Reok and Sangyul fight to evade Mr. Han's assassins, while leading Mr. Han's own corrupt media TO THE HAN PHARMACEUTICALS LAB, exposing Mr. Han's decades of involvement in human trafficking, human experimentation, extortion and murder. And, at that moment, Reok presents Sangyul as Mr. Han's legal "son" and rightful NEW OWNER of Han's pharmaceutical and media empire!

Prince Reok and Sangyul marry and it seems like the whole country is in attendance – everyone except Mr. Han, who is locked away in prison.





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