

CURRENT SOCIO- CULTURAL NORMS : A SHORT STORY

Featuring: Infidelity, Love Triangle, Teenage Love & Family Stereotypes

SCRIPT

11-Kepler

Proponents of the story:

Vince Besana
Geoseff Castellanes
Raphael Dingal
JD Laguna
Andre Natividad
Jose Miguel Timoner
Patrick Tresmaria
Michaela Serrano

Characters:

1. Jose Miguel Timoner as - in the story *Visitation of the Gods*
2. Patrick Tresmaria as Patrick in the story *Bread and Salt*
3. Geoseff Castellanes as Pablo Cabading in the story *The House on Zapote Street*
4. Michaela Serrano as Teang Cabading in the story *Footnote to Youth*
5. Andre Natividad as Mario in the story *The World is an Apple* & Alfredo Salazar in the story *Dead Stars*
6. JD Laguna as the drug dealer in the story *The World is an Apple* & Pablo
7. Vince Besana as Julio, a character based on the story *Dead Stars*
8. Raphael Dingal as the narrator

LEGENDS:

Italicized - stage direction

- Blue: action, emotion
- Red: tone of voice

SCENE 1

Setting: Bakery

Characters: Patrick, Mica

Raph: One day, a boy named Patrick was sitting at the bakery, waiting for someone to pass by. Then, suddenly...

Patrick stares blankly while on the counter of the bakery

Michaela enters the shop

Livened was Patrick's soul

Michaela: 30 pieces of pandesal please.

Patrick: Ok **gets pandesal** you're a new face, just moved here?

Michaela: Yeah, we moved near Zapote street.

Patrick: Well welcome to our little community, I'm Pat by the way **shakes hand with Michaela**

Michaela: Im Teang Cabading **shakes hand with Patrick** Well, I best be going, see you around
waves at Patrick

Patrick: **waves at Michaela**

SCENE 2

Setting: House of Timo

Characters: Patrick, Timo

Raph: After the day, Patrick went home to tell his father about the girl he had just met.

Timoner sits down at his office when Patrick entered the room

Patrick: Pops dad papa , there was a cute girl earlier!

Timo: Hmm? I thought you weren't interested in romance, son?

Patrick: She's... different **stares into the distance as remembering Michaela**

Timo: Hmm... did you get her name?

Patrick: I only remembered her last name, it was Cabading

Timo: Oh, Cabading? I have a worker with the same surname, it must be her dad.

Patrick: Really?! Can you do me a favor then?

SCENE 3.1

Setting: Bread Factory

Characters: Timo, Geoseff

Raph: After hearing of what his son said, he wanted talked to Mr. Cabading, Teang's father, about this.

Timoner approaches Geoseff

Timo: Mr. Cabading, I heard that you just moved here?

Geoseff: Yes sir, just three days ago.

Timo: I see, mind if I talk to you in private?

Geoseff: **scared and worried** Sure sir.

SCENE 3.2

Setting: Office ni Timo

Characters: Timo, Geoseff

Timo: Here's the thing, you see, my son seems to be infatuated with your daughter

Geoseff: **sigh of relief** Well...he's more than welcome to court Teang sir, I permit it.

Timo:...I have an offer to make, should you choose to accept it or not. I want to ask your daughter to marry my son. If she does, I will promote you as the new supervisor of this factory.

Geoseff: Certainly sir! I assure you that my daughter would be more than happy to wed your son!

Timo: This is certainly great news! Well then, welcome to the family, Mr. Cabading.

SCENE 4

Setting: Cabading Household

Characters: Michaela, Geoseff

Raph: When Mr. Cabading came home, he wanted to discuss with his daughter about the marriage that his boss had proposed.

Michaela's reading a book

Geoseff: Teang!

Michaela: What is it dad?

Geoseff: I guess you've met Patrick this morning, huh?

Michaela: **shocked** How'd you know?

Geoseff: He's the son of my boss.

Michaela: So?

Geoseff: You are to wed him, Teang

Michaela: What?!

Geoseff: I already agreed to the terms and all things are set.

Michaela: I barely even know the guy-

Geoseff: You WILL marry him Teang, DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME?

Michaela: **sarcastic sassy tone** As you say so "Dear Father" ...selfish old prick (as Geoseff turns back)

SCENE 5

Setting: Bakery

Characters: Pat, Mica, Raph

Patrick tries to court Michaela by the confidence he mustered

Michaela is not reciprocating the effort and adoration of Patrick

Raphael: Patrick decided to try to court Michaela, but, due to his lack of self-confidence, his efforts are put to waste.

SCENE 6.1

Setting: Cabading Household

Characters: Mica, Geoseff, Andre

Raph: Coming home, Teang was greeted by his father, already wanting to plan for her marriage.

Andre enters the room secretly

Geoseff: Come Teang! We need to start planning your wedding with Patrick.

Mica: **voice intensifies** DO YOU EVEN HAVE EYES DAD? I DON'T LOVE HIM, I DON'T WANT TO BE WITH HIM!

Geoseff: HOW DARE YOU TO RAISE YOUR TONE TO YOUR OWN FATHER?! **raises hand but is stopped by the sudden entrance of Mario**

Andre: I won't let you hurt the woman I love, Mr. Cabading **stops Mr. Cabading**

Mica: Mario!

Geoseff: Why are you here Mario?!

Andre: I ask you to let me take your daughter's hand in marriage.

SCENE 6.2

Setting: Bedroom ni Mica

Characters: Mica, Andre

Raph: After the argument, Teang and Mario lived secretly with happy lives.

TATAKAS SI MICA AND ANDRE YUNG MGA BAG AND ALL SA BALCONY

SCENE 7.1

Characters: Mica, Andre, JD

Setting: House of Mica & Andre

Raph: But, as years passed, their happy lives started to loosen.

Mica: Honey, we are running out of grocery items. We have nothing left to eat besides from neverending noodles and sardines. Does this situation really not concern you?

Andre: I understand that because as you know, selling rags will not make any good living on us. You understand that RIGHT?

Mica: I think that you should get a better job for the benefit for the two of us.

Andre: **raises voice** Why won't you help me instead, get yourself a job and not always relying on my earnings? *(SYLLABICATE FOR IMPACT)* You are just a "housemother" anyway!

Mica: Is that what you always thought of me? I guess we better split and separate then.

Raph: After some time

Andre: **in a sad tone** I am sorry for the things that I have said earlier. I promise you that I will find a way to get out of this situation.

Raph: Mario decided to meet up with an old friend of his to find a job.

SCENE 7.2

Characters: Andre, JD

Setting: Alley

JD sees Andre

JD: Mario, long time no see! How have you been lately?

Andre: Hey *Pablo*! Im fine. I'm just..out of money that's all

JD: Oh yeah, you finally married Teang, your longtime girlfriend.

Andre:*Pablo*, I gotta ask you a favor, you're rich, maybe you could uhh employ me, you catch my drift?

JD: I hear ya dude. Assuming that you want to be in my business, I get it that you'll be down with anything, right?

Andre: **looks confused** what are you talking about?

JD: Come over here.

showed andre sachet of drugs

Andre: **surprised** Are you serious?

JD: You know bro, that's the fastest thing to earn money but it's too risky, I know. Go home and take time to consider my offer..

Andre: **undecided** Thanks *Pablo*

Raph: after sometime

Andre: Yo, Im here, What am I supposed to do?

JD: Welcome aboard. Now, here's what you're going to do

SCENE 8

Setting: Warehouse

Characters: JD, Andre, Vince

Raph: Mario decided to work for Pablo and sell drugs for extra income

JD: Mario, come here for a moment

Andre: What is it?

JD: Well, despite you being my highest profiting dealer in this operation, you're still my best friend, and I don't want my best friend being worked to the bone, so, I'm assigning you a partner. (Julio enters) This is Julio, a dear friend of mine and **say and for a long time** your official partner.

Vince: You must be Mario, you see Pablo talks about you all the time.

Andre: Oh really? **looks at JD**

Vince: **chuckles** From what I've heard, you're a good-hearted guy, I hope we be friends as well. **shakes hand**

Andre: Likewise **shakes hand**

JD: With two brilliant minds working in this joint, there would be fat loads of cash everywhere!
they all laugh

ACT: Vince and Andre became friends, bonded and developed feelings for each other

Raph: After sometime Julio and Mario became best friends, they bonded over work, they got to know each other better, and eventually harbored feelings for each other

SCENE 9

Setting: Bar

Characters: Andre, Mica, Vince

Mica: Where could he have gone to this time?

Teang sees Mario with another guy that look like flirting

Mica: That's him! What is he doing?

she goes to Mario

Mario and Julio are flirting with each other

Mica: What are you doing!?

Andre: W-what? Teang?, what are you doing here?!

Mica: What am I doing here? What are YOU doing here?!ARE YOU CHEATING ON ME?!

Andre: N-No I'm not, I'm just....**hesitating** drinking with my friend from work. **looks at Julio nervously** Teang meet Julio, Julio meet Teang...my wife.

Vince: **awkward state** Nice to meet you Teang, you really have a good and FAITHFUL husband here **stares angrily at Mario**

Mica: I KNOW, he's the BEST

Andre: **nervous laugh** Julio, it was fun drinking with you but sadly I must depart, Goodbye

Mica: But I just got here-

Andre: Let's just go

Teang and Mario left, julio stares at the door sadly

SCENE 10

Setting: House of Vince

Andre visits Vince, but Vince is not happy to see him

Andre: Good Morning

Vince does not respond

Andre: Are you okay?

Vince: You're married?

Andre doesn't respond

Vince: Dre, I thought we had something special.

Vince: You've made me feel the best I've ever felt. But all this time, it was all a lie?

Andre still doesn't respond

Vince: Mario, if you didn't love me at all, that's fine. But you have a wife. It's not just me that you hurt, it's her too. I don't want to get involved any more. I don't wanna see you.

Andre: Julio, let me explain...

Andre approaches him to embrace him, but Vince punches him and Andre drops to the floor

Vince: Get out.

Andre: Julio...

Vince: I said GET OUT. And don't ever show yourself again.

Andre leaves with his face hurting as bad as his heart

SCENE 11

Setting: House of Mica & Andre

Characters: Andre, Michaela

Andre is walking towards his house, contemplating with what happened sa scene 10

Raphael: Mario was walking home.. What happened earlier was a total and utter mess.. He wonders how one man can screw up so badly, he opened the house's door and...

Andre: *lethargic* I'm home

Michaela: Welcome home! How's work?

Andre: Same old same old

Michaela: Wait here while I fix you some dinner

Mario is glum

after eating

Andre: Teang, darling, I need to tell you something...

Michaela: Hm? What is it?

Andre kneels I'm sorry...

Michaela: What?

Andre: I-I.....c-cheated on you

Mica: *no response*

Andre: I-I cheated on you with Julio

Mica: *no response*

Andre: U-I thought- It's just-...I don't know what to say. Please... Forgive me

Mica:*Silence*...I knew it all along...

Andre: *shocked* Wha-

Mica: Huh.... silly me huh? I kept my mouth shut *annunciate* a l l t h i s t i m e . while you had your fun with Julio.

Andre: I know what I did is unforgivable but I'm still hoping to-

Mica: I'm glad that you've come to terms with your feelings and mustered the courage to face me.

Andre: Thank you.... I'll go pack my bags-

Mica: I forgive you

Andre: **surprised** w-why? I wronged you Teang, I don't deserve your forgiveness

Mica: I don't know, it's because I love you

Andre: **swelling tears** Thank you.... I love you so so much

Mica: **embrace** now come on, let's watch tv.

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