

## "P.S. I LOVE YOU"

### EXPOSITION SCENE

FADE IN

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

DESMOND LEE is at his study desk typing up an assignment. He has his headphones on, he's listening to music.

His phone rings. It's his mother calling. He pauses his music. He picks up the phone and answers the call.

DESMOND

Hi ma!

He moves to his bed and sits on it, with his legs dangling off the bed.

MOTHER (over the phone)

Hello darling! How are you doing? First week of school in the US ok or not?

DESMOND

Ahh so far ok ah... A bit busy with assignments. How is everyone doing at home?

MOTHER

Ok lo... We miss you all very much... Especially ah mei.

DESMOND

Aww no worries la... I'm doing fine here.

MOTHER

Good good... Glad you are settling in well.

SISTER

(in the background) EHHHH I WANT TO TALK TO KOR KOR ALSO WEIHHHHHH... MUMMY MUMMY PASS THE PHONE LA

MOTHER

(chuckles) Ok ok. Wait a second yeah kor...

DESMOND

Hahah sure.

SISTER  
HI KOR! DO YOU MISS US??

DESMOND  
No lah, I only miss Malaysian food.

SISTER  
Yeeeeer why you so mean...  
(away from phone) Mummmmm, kor kor say he  
don't miss us!

DESMOND  
Aiyoh... I'm just joking la, of course I miss you all.

SISTER  
Yeeeeer fine...  
Oh yeah, did you bring Mr. Panda along with you?  
He's going to make sure you're not lonely since I'm  
not there to kacau you heheh.

DESMOND picks up the panda toy lying on his bed and looks at it.

DESMOND  
Of course I did.

SISTER  
Make sure you take care of him okay!

DESMOND  
Hahah I will, don't worry la mei.

SISTER  
Ok I need to go for afternoon tuition already...  
Bye kor kor! I love you okay!!

DESMOND  
Yes la I know. Me too okay?

SISTER  
HEY! Say you love me too or I won't leave heheh.

DESMOND  
Ugh fine... I love you too mei...

SISTER  
LOVE YOU TOO KOR! OK BYE BYE

MOTHER

Okay boy, I need to drive mei mei to tuition already. Will call later yeah?

DESMOND

Sure mom. I need to sleep anyways hahah. It's almost 2am here.

MOTHER

Ooo I see. Have a good rest ya boy. Mummy loves you.

DESMOND

Me too ma. See you soon.

He hangs up the phone.

CUT TO BLACK

### **MONTAGE SCENE**

FADE IN

INT. NIGH FOOD COURT (near Market) /EXT. BENCHES - DAY

DESMOND walks over to a table where his friends are sitting.

DESMOND

Hey what up guys!

His FRIENDS greet him. He sits with them.

FRIEND 1

Eh, what are you guys eating today?

FRIEND 2

I don't know man, I'm so sick of campus food.

The conversation continues. DESMOND's phone starts ringing - it's his mum. He shushes his friends and picks up the phone.

DESMOND

Hello?

MOTHER

Hello ah kor? You free to talk or not?

DESMOND  
Oh hi ma...

His friends start making fun of him. Making comments like "mama's boy" and sex noises.

DESMOND  
Uhh not really, why?

He's trying to hush his friends while calling.

MOTHER  
Ohhh... Just wanted to call and check up on you. We haven't talked in a while... And your sister misses you too. She keeps asking where you are...

DESMOND  
Sorry, I'm a bit busy now. I'll call you guys back later okay? I gotta go...

He hangs up the call and stares angrily at his friends.

DESMOND  
You guys are so annoying.

FRIEND 2  
yOu gUys ArE sO AnnOyiNg. Dude, lighten up man.

FRIEND 1  
Guys, chill out. We have a bigger problem to deal with: what the heck to eat?

The group laughs together and continues talking. Someone passes in front of the camera.

INT. RESTAURANT - DAY (Nigh Food Court or Murdaugh lobby)

A waiter walks past the camera. We can see DESMOND's GIRLFRIEND is sitting at the booth alone, waiting for him. He runs into frame.

DESMOND  
(panting) Hey, I'm sorry I'm late. The bus broke down and I ended up walking here.

GIRLFRIEND

It's okay. At least you're here. (forced smile)

DESMOND sits down and grabs her hand.

DESMOND

I'll make it up to you. I promise.

DESMOND's phone dings from a notification. It's his SISTER. The text reads "Korrerr are you free now? Can we call? I miss u. :(" He reads the notifications and replies "Later ok? I'm busy now." She replies "Ok :(". He locks and puts down his phone.

GIRLFRIEND

Who was that?

DESMOND

Just my sister, it's nothing important. Let's order first okay?

DESMOND raises his hand to signal a waiter.

CUT TO

INT. WELLNESS CENTER/EXT. FIELD - DAY

DESMOND is playing captain ball with his friends. He is raising his hand trying to catch the ball. He succeeds and his team cheers. The game ends.

He walks over to his FRIEND, who is sitting on the floor. He sits with him.

DESMOND

(panting) Man, I am so tired right now.

FRIEND

Same man. I feel like I haven't worked out in YEARS.

DESMOND

I know right. I'm so unfit.

DESMOND shakes his head in frustration.

CUT TO

INT. LIBRARY or STUDY ROOM

DESMOND and his FRIEND are sitting side-by-side at a table. They are studying for a midterm. There are books and papers all over the table. He shakes his head and turns to his FRIEND.

DESMOND

Bro, do you like understand any of this?

FRIEND

Nah man. I'm honestly as lost as you are right.

DESMOND

We're so screwed for the paper tomorrow.

DESMOND's phone rings. It's his mum. He mutes his phone and continues studying.

FRIEND

Dude, aren't you gonna get that?

DESMOND

It's fine. I'll just call her later. I need to finish studying this first.

FRIEND

Aight man. If you say so.

DESMOND

Ugh. I hate midterms. I'm going to fail.

He buries his face in his hands.

CUT TO

INT. LIVING ROOM (Quad)

DESMOND and his GIRLFRIEND are sitting side-by-side on the couch. They are arguing. His face is buried in his hands.

DESMOND

Look, can we just talk about this?

GIRLFRIEND

No, I've made up my mind.

DESMOND

Please. We can try to work things out. I'll change.

GIRLFRIEND  
I'm sorry. This is my final decision. I'm done.

GIRLFRIEND crosses her arms and looks away. DESMOND sighs. Fed up, he falls back against the couch.

CUT TO

INT. FRIEND'S LIVING ROOM

DESMOND and his FRIEND are gaming in the living room. They lean back against the couch after losing a round.

FRIEND  
Walao eh. We lost again. For the fifth time.

DESMOND  
Aiyah, relax. It's the weekend. We have all night to play man.

FRIEND  
Yeah man. Who needs girls, am I right?

They both chuckle and high five.

DESMOND's phone (on silent) is vibrating on the table next to him, he doesn't realize this. He and his friend continue talking and playing the game.

CUT TO

### **ENDING SCENE**

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

DESMOND is sitting at his desk playing League of Legends. His phone (on silent) is vibrating - it's his mum calling. He looks at the phone and turns away, annoyed.

The phone rings again for a second time. He has the same reaction.

The phone rings for the third time. He is very annoyed and picks up his phone in a rage. He stands up and paces around the room.

DESMOND

(annoyed) What ma? What do you want? I'm very busy right now. I already said I'll call later. I'm in the middle of—

MOTHER

(upset) DESMOND LEE JUN SHENG. Your sister is dead.

DESMOND

(shocked) W-w-what...?

MOTHER

(distraught/crying) There was a car accident. She was walking back from the 7/11 and she was hit by a drunk driver. I told her so many times not to go out alone and she didn't listen to me. I was supposed to follow her...

MOTHER's words fade away. All DESMOND hears is a ringing noise.

Shocked, DESMOND drops his phone to the ground, while his phone is still on call.

Words appear on the screen - "P.S. I LOVE YOU; Tell someone you love them, before it's too late."

FADE TO BLACK

**END**