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# Island Dreams

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What's happening?  
A bad dream.  
It was just a bad dream.  
Thank God. You almost  
gave me a heart attack!  
Mom, Oh-ah! A heart attack?  
Really'?  
Can't we just say  
Good Morning first?  
Good Morning. Mom!  
Morning  
Good morning Romeo!  
Good Morning Juliet!  
I prepared some mangoes for you!  
You!  
What did you dream  
about a while ago?  
I lost my voice, Mom.  
And then. one man approached me.  
He said my voice will return  
only after I've kissed him.  
He almost kissed me, gross...  
annoying.  
What's wrong with a kiss?  
Mom, can you hear  
yourself talking?  
What's wrong with a kiss?!  
I'm blind, not deaf.  
There's nothing wrong with a  
kiss from the one: you love.  
Who was the one who was  
supposed to kiss you? Tonton?  
No, mom. Why would I even  
dream about that man'?  
Besides, I don't care  
about him anymore.  
And I hops, wherever he  
may be, that ha (rips.  
You know what, child?  
Not all men are like Tonton.  
Mom, don't tell me that  
you're defending that man.  
He's a traitor.  
Out of all the liars in this world,

he's the most untrustworthy!  
Child, I'm not defending Tonton. I'm  
defending all the decent men out there.  
Like Dad?  
Do you know the longest  
journey you will take?  
From the head to the heart.  
That's the longest  
journey you will take.  
Oh-ah , Mom.  
Mom, you're being ridiculous.  
Fur ma I want to  
go to the capital.  
And then I will audition  
for Extra Talented.  
That's a journey I  
would like to go on.  
Way to get a jump on me.  
Sir, Mario uhm...  
Please, Sir Mario. Take  
me as a tourist guide?  
I really need the money.  
What's (he reason this time'?  
Who else died in your family?  
My dad  
My condolences  
Condolence again!  
If my memory serves me right, your  
father died three times this year  
Do you really hats your lather'?  
Eh, Sir Mario, he's dead for me.  
My dad  
Wall, the truth is, Sir Mario  
There's an audition.  
At the capital. It's  
called Extreme Talented  
Singing contest on  
a reality show.  
So, I want to earn  
money to go there.  
So (hat...  
I can make my...  
My dreams...  
For... My future

Really'?

That sounds great.

You have dreams?

Fur your future?

No.

You're not accredited by  
the Department of Tourism!

So you don't have the skills  
to become a tourist guide.

Sir Mario, please...

So, stop badgering me, Julie.

Why are you troubling yourself  
being a tourist guide?

You know, you're not as beautiful as me.

But you're beautiful enough.

Young and Fresh.

If you want to earn  
money, stick with me.

Karen, I'm not a prostitute.

You speak as if  
you're a rich person.

Karen, you told me before that you  
earn a lot of money with what you do.

But why are you still poor?

Excuse me, bitch.

This is not about money.

I'm happy with what I do.

That's the mission of my life.

To make all the sad foreigners  
who comes here happy.

That's the true essence of tourism  
and Filipino hospitality.

You really had to put  
flirtation, tourism, and  
Filipino hospitality  
in the same category

I'm leaving!

You're trying to look  
like a virgin loo much!

You're a virgin!

Virgin wanna be!

Crazy hitch!

How much will you earn  
from that tourist?

Mom, that's why we're  
going to talk.

So I would know his itinerary, what  
he wants to do, where he wants to go.

So that I can charge  
him accordingly.

Child...

I know that you want to  
go to those auditions.

I just don't want you to  
make a wrong decision.

What kind of wrong  
decision will I make?

Money might blind you.

You know?

You might get forced to.

You know, right'?

Wait a second, Mom.

Are you saying (hat...

I might sell my body  
just to earn money?

Child, sex is for  
love, not for money.

Mom? Oh-ah...

Don't be so nasty about my work.

I'm not going to do that. I don't  
want to taint my womanhood.

But of course!

Because is hard to stay pure once a  
man or a woman had sex without love.

Imagine that. He's going to  
touch you, hug you, kiss you.

Mum!

If you go on talking about  
that, I will really scream.

Child, it's okay to have sex as  
long as you love the person.

You're not allowed here, Julie.

What are you going to do this time?

You're going to have  
another fund raising?

Than...

you are going to use  
the band for singing?

Than what?

You're going to heat up the  
tourist when they pick an you'?

Mario, give me a break?

**I have a guns:**

Pervert.

I thought you wars nice?

Hey, Julie. How was  
your guest last night?

He was a pervert.

It's your fault. You're trying  
too hard to be innocent.

All the men who comes  
here are perverts.

Drunkard

That's what you get.

Oh, what a stuck-up guy.

It would be a pleasure to pinch  
you and push you off a cliff!

When are you taking him?

Just over at Malabungkay

Is that Zach cute'?

No. He's fat. he's stinks.

And he's cross-eyed.

Julieta. If you're going to  
lie to ma, say it to my lace.

Okay, fine, Mom...

Okay, fine, Mom...

He's handsome. nice eyes.

So what?

Oh, dear.

What is it now, Mom?

You haven't moved

on with Tonton.

You might get too fascinated with  
that tourist and immediately give in.

Oh Mom...

I'm not sure if you're just naturally  
cruel or have too much imagination.

Either way, I'm not going to  
fall in love with that fool.

It's not like you can  
fall in love that easily.

Oh come on!  
You started shouting "I'm  
in love!" the day after  
Tonton brought you to that  
dance at the festival.  
Mom, it's not the same!  
T amen was my hast  
(fiend, fight'!?)  
I don't even know this guy and he's  
only staying here for a few days.  
That's what I'm worried about.  
You know, our hearts  
are traitors...  
Even if you shut the door,  
It will still open and let  
someone in without notice.  
Mom, I'm doing this  
to earn money...  
...for my dream. I'm not  
doing this for my heart.  
Okay'?  
Is that the truth?  
Yes, Mom.  
Did you hear something?  
Yeah...  
I hear lot of voices in my head.  
They've been chatting to me...  
Idiot...  
I mean somebody  
is really here...  
Well, well, well!  
Lava birds?  
On your honeymoon in the woods?  
Who are you'?  
What are you doing hare'?  
This is private territory!  
Ah, sir? well? we're just passing  
through here. We're on our way home.  
You can't leave until  
you pay your dues!  
What is that?  
Please, sir. We're  
just passing through.  
We're on our way home

Can't you understand?  
You can't leave without paying!  
What did you do, Julieta?  
Why did you deceive him?  
Mom, I don't want him to believe  
in the story of True Love's Peak.  
Because it's not real.  
Is that how hard your  
heart has become?  
Mom. that's not really true.  
I know what is true or not true.  
I know (ha truth.  
Don't judge your father. He carved  
that path for me because he loved me!  
And then what?  
He left us because you  
became a liability for him  
Yes, he left us.  
But I know that he loved me  
when he made that path for me.  
That might be (rue.  
He might have loved you.  
But do you think  
it was (rue love?  
Child,  
Two people need to  
fight for true love.  
I could've fought for your father but I  
didn't because I want him to be free.  
Child,  
Wu an all looking for true lava.  
Don't deny it just  
because you got hurt.  
People who don't  
believe in true love.  
Won't ever be happy.  
You're so arrogant!  
I'm the one trying  
to be humble here.  
Apologizing to you.  
And you're doing that?  
I forgave you when  
you were rude to me!  
You're so arrogant!

Where are you taking  
your guest today?  
Nowhere. mom.  
Why'?'  
He's leaving today.  
What's with the face'?'  
Mom?  
You're blind. How can  
you see my face'?'  
I'm blind but I'm  
not insensitive.  
I don't want to tell  
you that Hold you so.  
Bu! I'm going to say it anyway.  
I told you so.  
How far have you journeyed?  
Did it reach the heart?  
Mom, it is possible, isn't it?  
You can develop feelings for  
someone who you've only just met.  
Are you not going to  
at least say goodbye'?'  
Hello to the viewers  
of Extra Talented!  
My name is Julia.  
This is where I practice  
Arnis sometimes.  
I want to be on TV too!  
Actually, Julie is a kind person  
because I'm her role model.  
This is my fianc, Bob.  
He's a foreigner. Now, we're rich and  
I have a best friend who's an artist.  
Oh my God. Lord  
must love ma, Lord!  
That's Karen and her fianc.  
I'm always here, working.  
I'm a tourist guide. Oh  
can you edit that out?  
I'm not accredited,  
like Mario said.  
My mom and I are  
caretakers of this farm.  
I take care of cows and goats

and I have a favorite couple!  
Romeo and Juliet, they're my greatest fans!  
This is their baby, Britney!  
Child, give your  
guests some mangoes?  
Hello! Hello to all of you!  
Hello! I'm Julie's mother.  
She's kind kid! Very kind!  
We're here now at a place  
that is special to ma.