

**LOVE & NORAEBANG**

BIDI BIDI BOM BOM

EPISODE 10

MUA x SONORO

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7 ANA  
Us. You and me. 7

8 JAESUN  
And she didn't murder you? 8

9 ANA  
Only a little. 9

They chuckle. Then fall into awkward silence.

10 JAESUN  
This feels surreal. 10

11 ANA  
I'm definitely not in K-Town  
anymore. 11

12 JAESUN  
I didn't think coming back would  
feel like Oz. 12

13 (then)  
When I was serving, it felt like I  
was living in another dimension. 13  
The isolation--it's real. You can  
get stuck there, like when a clock  
dies. All you can do is hang on and  
hope that someone puts in new  
batteries, so you can tick forward  
again.

14 ANA  
That's funny you say that because  
my watch died. It was while the  
restaurant was going under, so I  
didn't notice. 14

15 JAESUN  
You kept the watch. 15

16 ANA  
Of course I did. Why wouldn't I? 16

17 JAESUN  
Sometimes I wondered if you had  
sold it. 17

Silence.

18 JAESUN (CONT'D)  
Do you love Mark? Are you in love  
with him? 18

19 ANA 19  
Those are two different things.  
(beat)

20 Mark knows almost everything about 20  
me, and I *do* love him. He's been my  
best friend for as long as I can  
remember. I made the mistake of not  
making it clear to him that I ...  
(nervously) that I am in love with  
someone else.

21 JAESUN 21  
(beat, as he digests this)  
22 And the kiss? 22

23 ANA 23  
(genuine)  
Was a kiss, nothing more. If it  
meant anything else, I wouldn't be  
here.

A beat.

24 ANA (CONT'D) 24  
Jaesun?

25 JAESUN 25  
Yeah?

26 ANA 26  
Why won't you look at me?

27 JAESUN 27  
What if none of this is real?

**Cue something like Youn Sun Nah's "Kangwondo Arirang."**

28 JAESUN (CONT'D) 28  
What if I'm stuck in that place  
again, and this is all in my head?  
What if I look at you and you're  
not really here?

29 ANA 29  
Look at me. Please.

30 JAESUN 30  
(panicked)  
I can't. I can't.

Ana kisses him.

31 ANA 31  
This is real.

Jaesun breaks, sobbing. **Ana holds him, rocking him back and forth.**

32 ANA (CONT'D) Shh. I'm here. I'm here. 32

**As the song and his tears finally subside, a lone bukkookii (Korean cuckoo) cries out for its mate...**

33 JAESUN (tearful but joking) I didn't think this is how our first conversation would go. 33

**Ana continues to rub his back.**

34 ANA Neither did I. I thought I'd be the one to cry. 34

35 JAESUN (laughs) Stop. You're gonna give me a hairy butt. 35

36 ANA (can't help but laugh) What? 36

37 JAESUN It's a Korean saying. About laughing and crying at the same time. 37

**He leans into her.**

38 JAESUN (CONT'D) It's really good to see you again. 38

39 ANA You have no idea. Ouch. 39

40 JAESUN What? 40

41 ANA Your hair. It's spiky. 41

42 JAESUN We're allowed to grow it out our last week. 42

43 ANA You look like Channing Tatum. 43

44 JAESUN 44  
You look different too.

45 ANA 45  
(suddenly self-conscious)  
Really? How?

46 JAESUN 46  
Like a breath of fresh air.

A beat.

47 JAESUN (CONT'D) 47  
I used to hate how protective my  
dad was because it felt so  
suffocating. He had eyes on me  
everywhere. At school, in meetings,  
with you. It wasn't until I  
enlisted, when I had nothing to  
shield me, that I understood. He  
wasn't watching me. He was watching  
everyone else.

**The bukkookii calls out.**

48 JAESUN (CONT'D) 48  
But I guess that's the privilege of  
being his son. You never really  
have to worry.

49 (beat) 49  
People can smell that.

50 ANA 50  
You think he ever tried to tell  
you?

51 JAESUN 51  
He did. I guess I just couldn't  
hear it.

52 ANA 52  
Some things you have to learn the  
hard way.

53 JAESUN 53  
Yeah.

54 (then) 54  
I'm sorry for being insensitive  
about your restaurant--

55 ANA 55  
You don't have to apologize.

56 JAESUN I want to. You didn't need saving. 56

57 ANA I was being stubborn. 57

A beat.

58 JAESUN Why didn't you want to tell me? 58

59 ANA Everyone kept telling me to, but I was terrified, like, saying it out loud would make it real. I just didn't want you to think all I saw was money with you. But that's exactly what I did. 59

60 JAESUN (teases) Only a little bit. 60

They laugh. Then, Ana's laughter turns into crying.

61 JAESUN (CONT'D) Hey, hey. What's wrong? 61

62 ANA I feel so stupid. 62

63 JAESUN Why? It's fine. We're good now. 63

64 ANA All of this could've been avoided. I was trying so hard to do everything alone and not burdening you that I ended up pushing you away. 64

**She takes his hand.**

65 ANA (CONT'D) I shut you out. I'm sorry. 65

**Silence as the bukkookii cries again. He brushes her hair out of her face.**

66 JAESUN I love you, Ana. 66

67 ANA I love you. 67

68 JAESUN 68  
If I promise not to join the  
military again, can we promise not  
to fight?

ANA  
(mad "aegyo")  
69 Ne, oppa (yes, lover. 네, 오빠). 69

JAESUN  
(surprised and slightly  
turned on)  
70 Where did you learn that? 70

ANA  
71 Valentina knows how to flirt in  
three different language. 71

JAESUN  
72 Does she know how to say, "That was  
hot"? 72

Ana laughs, shoving him away.

JAESUN (CONT'D)  
73 What? 73

ANA  
74 You're cornier than a corndog. 74  
(then)  
75 I missed you. 75

JAESUN  
76 I missed you, too. 76

ANA  
77 So what next? 77

JAESUN  
78 I don't know. But it's nice not to  
know. What about you? 78

**Ana snuggles into Jaesun.**

ANA  
79 I just want to be with you. 79

JAESUN  
80 Well, now that I'm not spending any  
money on you-- 80

**Ana hits his arm.**



93	JAESUN That's what she said.	93
94	VALENTINA (re: purring) Aww, your cats are so cute. What're their names?	94
95	SOOKMIN Snu, Ku, and Yonsei.	95
96	CHLOE After the SKY Universities?	96
97	SOOKMIN Eung (yup, 응). You know, there are a lot of misconceptions about street cats here. A lot of people think they're sneaky, but I find them purrrfect.	97
98	JAESUN Oh my god <i>appa</i> , seriously?	98
99 100	AJUMEONI <i>Eoseo meogha.</i> 어서 먹어. (Eat, eat.)	99 100
101 102	CHLOE <i>Ajumeoni, igeo neomu mas-iss- eulgeogat-ayo!</i> 아주머니, 이거 너무 맛있을거같아요! (Ajumeoni, this looks amazing!)	101 102
103	ANA Yes. Thank you. I don't even know where to begin.	103
104	CHLOE Start with the <i>myeolchi bokk-eum</i> (stir-fried dried anchovy, 멸치 볶음) before <i>samchon</i> (uncle, 삼촌) eats it all. Wait, Ana, did you make these chocolate churros yourself?	104
<b>Jaesun takes a bite. Slight crunch.</b>		
105	JAESUN (mouth full) What's in them? How'd you make the chocolate?	105

106 ANA  
I melted down the chocolate from  
that one Korean snack. The  
chocolate mushrooms? 106

107 JAESUN  
How are you so amazing and  
creative? 107

108 ANA  
(embarrassed but secretly  
loving it)  
Stop. 108

109 SOOKMIN  
Valentina, eat. 109

110 VALENTINA  
(bowing)  
*Jalmeoggesseubnida* (thank you for  
the food, 잘먹겠습니다). 110

111 ANA  
Valentina, you can take your BTS  
gear off. The tour's over. 111

112 CHLOE  
How'd you like it? Did you like  
Gangnam? 112

113 VALENTINA  
It was amazing! I felt like a  
random *chaebol* would see me any  
second and fall in love with me.  
That's what this light stick is  
for, so I'm noticeable. 113

114 CHLOE  
(teases)  
Life isn't a K-Drama, Vale. 114

115 VALENTINA  
It happened to Ana! 115

Everyone laughs.

116 SOOKMIN  
(wipes his mouth)  
Ana, you can't go back. I love your  
cooking. 116

117 ANA I'd love to, but Valentina and I have a restaurant to tend to and a salsa line to launch. But I guess this means you'll have to visit us in LA. 117

118 JAESUN Wait, I thought the restaurant closed. 118

119 VALENTINA Did you not tell him? Again? 119

120 ANA I was going to tell you. Thanks to your dad, you are looking at the new owners of Don Dago's! 120

121 JAESUN (confused) Weren't you always? 121

122 ANA Turns out your dad was right about his enemies, which are now your enemies and our enemies. 122

123 CHLOE A.K.A. MJ Group A.K.A. Kunwoo. 123

124 JAESUN Kunwoo? *Appa, jinjja?* 124

125 (Dad, really? *아빠, 진짜?*) 125

126 LOS ANGELES (cheeky) Looks like Jaesun needs to listen to episode nine. 126

**A winking BING sound.**

127 VALENTINA So, *oppa* (big bro)-- 127

128 CHLOE Please don't call him that. 128

129 VALENTINA First night back with my sister. Got any plans? 129

130 JAESUN Well, there is one thing I really missed doing with you, Ana... 130

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. LUXURY SU NORAEBANG - NIGHT

**Ambient NRB sounds and room tone throughout the montage, e.g. tambourines jangling, soju bottles and glasses clinking.**

Chloe  
(on the mic; voice of God)  
131 *Samchon* (uncle, 삼촌), you're up. 131

SOOKMIN  
132 Watch out, I'm going to tear the roof off. 132

MUSIC PLAYS, something like "Tutti Frutti" by Little Richard.

SOOKMIN (CONT'D)  
(giving it his all)  
133 Wop bop a loo bop a lop bom bom 133  
134 Tutti frutti, oh rootie 134

JAESUN  
(whispers to Ana)  
135 I'm definitely in a different dimension. He never sings like that in public. 135

ANA  
(whispers back)  
136 What did I say? Valentina's a bruja. 136

Ana joins in with the singing.

SOOKMIN / ANA  
137 Wop bop a loo bop a lop bom bom! 137

VALENTINA  
138 This one's going in the archives. 138

**Valentina SNAPS a photo.**

BEGIN NRB MONTAGE:

- Valentina sings something like BTS' "Dynamite."

- Chloe sings something like Aaliyah's "Are You That Somebody."

- They all sing something like Whitney Houston's "I Wanna Dance with Somebody."

- Jaesun and Ana sing their "Underneath the lights," their love song. Slightly off-key, but having a blast.

	JAESUN/ANA	
139	And when the starry night	139
140	comes down around me	140
141	I will find	141
142	your voice in the darkness	142
143	to ground me	143
144	Underneath the lights of the city	144
145	I can see it clearly	145
146	I could be anywhere with you	146
147	and it's feels like home	147

END MONTAGE.

	VALENTINA	
148	Kiss! <i>Ppoppo, poppo, poppo</i> (kiss, kiss, kiss)!	148

	CHLOE	
	( <b>on the mic</b> ; voice of God)	
149	Do it.	149

	LOS ANGELES	
150	And this was the moment when they knew, no matter where they were in the world, they could call each other home. They were family. Now and forever.	150

As the song finishes out--

	CHLOE	
	( <b>on the mic</b> ; <b>voice of God</b> )	
151	I forgot how cute you guys look together.	151

	JAESUN	
	(whispers)	
152	Oye.	152

	ANA	
	(whispers back)	
153	¿Comò está usted?	153

CROSSFADE TO:

Something like Selena's "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom" plays.

	LOS ANGELES	
154	What did I say? Love in Los Angeles <u>is</u> possible. Just got to keep your heart open, willing, and not let the LA traffic get to you.	154
155	Jaesun returned with Ana to reopen Don Dago's, and the place was as busy as ever. Valentina's salsa launch was a huge success and was named Curbed LA's Hottest Salsa in KTown. Choi Enterprises unveiled their new LA headquarters, complete with an interactive park, free and open to the public, thanks to Chloe and her artist outreach. As far as our favorite <i>appa</i> (dad), Sookmin welcomed his new family with open arms whenever they visited him in Korea ... Or In-n-Out.	155
	(happily sighs)	
156	I love love. It makes my heart feel like a cheerful fish swimming in the ocean. What else but love can span across time, countries, and cultures? Until next time...	156

Los Angeles sings along to Ana and Jaesun's song...

	LOS ANGELES (CONT'D)	
157	Underneath the lights of the city	157
158	I can see it clearly	158
159	Your love is everything I need	159
160	This was meant to be	160

ROLL CREDITS.

EXT. ITAEWON - DAY

**Footsteps walking.**

	LOS ANGELES	
161	Oh! I almost forgot! We still have one more surprise for you...	161
	CHLOE	
162	And this is <i>Itaewon</i> , one of Korea's most diverse and vibrant neighborhoods.	162

VALENTINA  
 (to Ana)  
 163 It's also the setting of-- 163

ANA  
 164 Itaewon Club, a Korean drama series 164  
 about an ex-con opening a bar while  
 seeking revenge.

VALENTINA  
 165 Itaewon *Class*, but okay. I see you 165  
 studying.

JAESUN  
 166 It's also home to your future new 166  
 restaurant. If you want.

ANA  
 167 What? 167

VALENTINA  
 168 *Mwolago yo* (what did you say, 뭐라고 168  
 요)?!

JAESUN  
 169 One of our retail spaces vacated, 169  
 and we'd like to get a small  
 business in there.

SOOKMIN  
 170 Plus, it'd be nice to have your 170  
*pozole* without the thirteen-hour  
 jetlag. Seoul could use your  
 family's flavors.

CHLOE  
 171 We could do pop-up shop to do a 171  
 test run.

JAESUN  
 172 Or a taste run. 172

SOOKMIN  
 173 Ha! Jaesun! That was funny! 173

VALENTINA  
 174 It's your call, Ana. 174

A beat as everyone waits with bated breath.

ANA  
 175 *¡Pues, vámonos!* 175

Everyone cheers. Cue Jaesun and Ana's love song.

FADE OUT.

**END OF SHOW**

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