

**LOVE & NORAEBANG**

SINCE U BEEN GONE

EPISODE 6

MUA x SONORO

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8 MARK  
You're mad at me. 8

9 ANA  
No. Yes. I don't know. 9

**Ana's office chair rolls back.**

10 ANA (CONT'D)  
I know I'm about to spend money I  
don't have for my restaurant that's  
about to close. 10

11 MARK  
You want me to talk to Chloe? 11

12 ANA  
No, I will. 12

13 MARK  
I meant what I said back there. I  
love you, Ana. 13

14 ANA  
Please stop saying that. 14

15 MARK  
Remember the night we rode our  
bikes to sneak into that Rage  
Against the Machine cover band  
show, and we somehow ended up by  
the LA River? Thank God your tío  
Jaime found us. Turns out, we were  
just in a different part of the  
neighborhood. But while we were  
together, I never once felt lost.  
That was the day I knew. I knew it  
then and I know it now. I love you,  
Ana. 15

A long pause as Ana absorbs all this. Then, **Ana relentlessly hits Mark on the shoulder.**

16 ANA  
You're. So. Stupid. 16

17 MARK  
Ow! Ow, stop it. You're hurting me,  
Ana. Stop! 17

18 ANA  
Why are you ruining our friendship? 18

19 MARK 19  
I'm already losing the most  
important person in my life to some  
guy halfway across the world.

20 ANA 20  
He's coming back.

21 MARK 21  
Do you honestly think he loves you  
if he was willing to leave you for  
two years?

22 ANA 22  
He... he had to leave.

23 MARK 23  
But I'm here. I've always been. You  
just never noticed.

**He gathers his papers.**

24 MARK (CONT'D) 24  
The difference between him and me  
isn't the money, or the driver, or  
the fancy clothes. It's that he  
left and went back to his old life.  
Me? This is my life. You are my  
life.

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26 ANA 26  
(sadly)  
27 Mark ... 27

28 MARK 28  
I'm leaving.

**We hear a door close. Door reopens.**

29 MARK (CONT'D) 29  
(flustered)  
I'm not leaving YOU. I just wanted  
to finish payroll at home.

30 ANA 30  
Yes, Mark. I know.

**PRE-LAP: cigarette being lit.**

INT. SWANKY DTLA LOFT - NIGHT

**Chloe paces, stress-smoking cigarettes. Her phone rings.**

31 CHLOE Hello, Jaesun? 31

**She exhales cigarette smoke.**

32 JAESUN *Neo ajig dambaepyeo? Kkeun-eunjul-* 32  
*al-assneunde.*  
 33 (Are you smoking? I thought you 33  
 quit. 너 아직 담배피? 끈은줄알았는데.)

34 CHLOE I did. 34

35 JAESUN Way to blow up my phone. What is it 35  
 now? Whose chakras pissed you off  
 this time?

36 CHLOE *Dagchyeo* (shut up, 닥쳐). This is 36  
 serious.

**She exhales more smoke.**

37 CHLOE (CONT'D) Did you know Ana's restaurant's 37  
 about to get evicted?

38 JAESUN What? No, no way. She and Valentina 38  
 are working on their salsa line.

39 CHLOE Your *yeojachingu's* (girlfriend, 39  
 여자친구) been keeping shit from you.  
 I knew something was off about  
 them, but I thought I was  
 projecting and didn't want to prove  
 my therapist right, but she was  
 wrong! I wasn't projecting!

40 JAESUN Chloe, slow down. Can you start 40  
 from the beginning, please?

**Chloe stabs out her cigarette and lights another.**

41 CHLOE Fuck. I should've told you after 41  
*noraebang*, but I didn't.

42 JAESUN  
*Noraebang* (karaoke, 노래방) was how many months ago. 42

43 CHLOE  
 I overheard Mark admit to Valentina that he loves Ana. 43

44 JAESUN  
 Obviously. He's pretty much family. 44

45 CHLOE  
 Fuck, I keep fucking this up. No, he's in love with her. I saw him and Ana basically making out at the restaurant today. 45

A long pause. Chloe takes in a deep breath.

46 CHLOE (CONT'D)  
 I walked in, saw them say I love you, then they kissed. 46

A beat.

47 CHLOE (CONT'D)  
 I'm so sorry, Jaesun, but I think Ana's been sleeping with Mark since you've been gone. 47

48 JAESUN  
 Ana would never sneak around behind my back. She's not like that. 48

49 CHLOE  
 Then why didn't she tell you about the eviction notice? If she kept that from you, what else is she hiding? 49

Jaesun tries to come up with an answer, anything, but can't.

50 CHLOE (CONT'D)  
 Remember what your dad always says? A sleeping dog still carries fleas. 50

51 JAESUN  
 Chloe, I gotta go. 51

52 CHLOE  
 Jaesun-- 52





80                                   JAESUN                                   80  
Chloe said--

81                                   ANA                                   81  
Wow. I said no. So you believe  
Chloe over me?

82                                   JAESUN                                   82  
She's my cousin. And you haven't  
responded to any of my voice memos  
in weeks.

83                                   ANA                                   83  
I've been busy!

84                                   JAESUN                                   84  
So nothing happened then?  
Absolutely nothing happened between  
you and Mark?

85                                   ANA                                   85  
Yes, nothing happened! Can we talk  
about this later? I'm going through  
a really tough time right now, and--

86                                   JAESUN                                   86  
                                 (scoffs)  
You're going through a tough time?

87                                   ANA                                   87  
You have no idea. My boyfriend's  
decided to go dig ditches halfway  
across the world "for his country."  
Then, when I finally get to see  
him, he yells at me about my  
childhood best friend as I'm about  
to lose my family's restaurant and  
everyone with it because unlike  
you, we don't have a safety net.

A beat.

88                                   JAESUN                                   88  
You're right. I have no idea.

89                                   ANA                                   89  
No, you don't.

90                                   JAESUN                                   90  
But neither do you. You haven't  
even asked me once how I'm doing. I  
don't remember the last time I shit  
in private. We eat the same crap  
every day.

(MORE)

## JAESUN (CONT'D)

I worked for years and never let myself have a life and now I can't get any updates on the business I've built because I'm supposed to be focused "on my duty." And while I'm in here hanging out with a bunch of twenty-year-olds with guns who mostly ignore me, I can't even get my girlfriend to respond to my stupid fucking voice memos. Would it kill you to just say, "Hi, I miss you"?

91 ANA  
Jaesun, I-- 91

92 JAESUN  
I wish I had known sooner that's how you really felt about me serving. So much for being on each other's team, huh? 92

93 ANA  
94 (backpedaling, frightened)  
No, I am. We are. 93  
94

95 JAESUN  
We're not. Let's not waste each other's time anymore. You have other things to worry about, and I got ditches to dig, right? 95

96 ANA  
That's not what I meant, Jaesun-- 96

97 JAESUN  
(softly)  
Good-bye, Ana. 97

**Click.** Ana bursts into tears, heaving earth-shattering sobs.

INT. CHOI VACATION HOME - NIGHT - MOMENTS LATER

**The sound of a dial tone.** Sookmin picks up Jaesun's call.

98 JAESUN  
(watery)  
Appa (Dad, 아빠)? 98

99 SOOKMIN  
(in Korean)  
Eo adeul (Son, 어 아들)! 99

**The Korean crossfades into translated English.**

SOOKMIN (CONT'D)  
 (in translated English)  
 100 Jaesun, what's wrong? 100

JAESUN  
 (in translated English)  
 101 I broke up with Ana. I'm never 101  
 going to love again. Wow, is this  
 what real heartbreak feels like?

A beat. **Sookmin chuckles.**

JAESUN (CONT'D)  
 102 Why're you laughing? 102

SOOKMIN  
 103 Because. You remind me of your 103  
 mother.

JAESUN  
 104 My breakup reminds you of *eomma* 104  
 (mom, **엄마**)?

SOOKMIN  
 105 I'm sorry, son. 105  
 (beat)

106 Wanna go to *jjimjilbang* (sauna, 106  
**찜질방**) with me?

INT. KOREAN SPA - BATHING AREA - NIGHT - LATER

**Shower water hits expensive tile. Hear splashing as people  
 dunk themselves in cold and hot tubs.**

LOS ANGELES  
 107 Ahhh, *jjimjilbang*. Bathhouses are 107  
 essential to the Korean way of  
 life. Men, women, and children  
 alike participate in *seshin*, an  
 intense cleansing process where the  
 body is soaked in hot water, then  
 rubbed down with a thin, sandpapery  
 loofah to rid the body of all the  
 naturally accumulated dirt and dead  
 skin. A new concept to most  
 Americans. In layman's terms, a  
 Korean spa is the granddaddy of  
 self-care and exactly what Jaesun  
 needed.

INT. KOREAN SPA - STEAM ROOM - CONTINUOUS

**Steam wafts. Sookmin sighs a long sigh of relief.**

108 SOOKMIN  
Ahhhhhh. Come on, Jaesun, it's good for you. 108

109 JAESUN  
(forced)  
Ahhh. 109

110 SOOKMIN  
No, no, deep from the belly. 110

**Sookmin slaps his belly.**

111 SOOKMIN (CONT'D)  
Pain must move to be released. 111

112 JAESUN  
Ahhhhhh. 112

113 SOOKMIN  
Feel better? 113

114 JAESUN  
A little. 114

115 SOOKMIN  
Tell me, what's hurting your heart? 115

116 JAESUN  
I don't want to talk about it. 116

117 SOOKMIN  
Okay. 117

A beat.

118 JAESUN  
I can't remember you and *eomma*  
(mom, **엄마**) ever fighting. 118

119 SOOKMIN  
What? She'd run head first into a  
fight. 119

120 JAESUN  
We talking about the same person? 120

121 SOOKMIN 121  
 I was terrified of your mom. Took  
 me weeks to ask her out. At the end  
 of our first date, she demanded  
 that I kiss her. Then, she got mad  
 that she had to ask. It didn't help  
 that we were lost in *Bukchon Hanook*  
 Village. Had to piggyback her home  
 because her feet hurt.

122 JAESUN 122  
 You never told me that story.

123 SOOKMIN 123  
 It never came up.  
 (then)  
 124 You have her heart. 124

**A heavy sauna door opens.** An AJUSHI, a middle-aged, Korean man, pokes his head in.

125 AJUSHI 125  
 Number eighty-eight? Scrub massage?  
**Jaesun's locker key jingles as he checks his number.**

126 JAESUN 126  
 We're fifty and fifty-two.

**The door shuts.**

127 JAESUN (CONT'D) 127  
 How'd you do it?

128 SOOKMIN 128  
 Do what?

129 JAESUN 129  
 Your relationship. Stay in love  
 when you were gone.

130 SOOKMIN 130  
 She was never afraid of being  
 honest about how she felt.

**More steam wafts.**

131 JAESUN 131  
 Ana's restaurant's about to go  
 under, and she won't let me help  
 her.

132 SOOKMIN 132  
 Is that why you broke up?



They chuckle. Then sigh.

144	JAESUN It's funny what you remember after a break up.	144
145	SOOKMIN Bad stuff?	145
146	JAESUN No. More of the good stuff. How she got chocolate on her nose when we ate churros. How she'd reach for my hand when we walked together. How she rolled her eyes at couple look but she always matched with me.	146
147	SOOKMIN Sounds like you really love her.	147
148	JAESUN I do.	148
149	SOOKMIN I think your mom would be proud. You're only an asshole to me.	149
150	JAESUN Haha.	150
	A beat.	
151	JAESUN (CONT'D) Going back to base is going to be so hard.	151
152	SOOKMIN You're almost done.	152
153	JAESUN Almost done feels like looking for the exit out of the Century City Mall only to find another line of angry cars.	153
154	SOOKMIN Huh?	154
155	JAESUN It's an LA thing.	155

156 SOOKMIN Just keep your head down. *Hwaiting* 156  
(you got this, 화이팅).

157 JAESUN I didn't think we'd end up like 157  
this. I didn't think we were ever  
going to end.

158 SOOKMIN Sometimes we need small endings for 158  
big beginnings. You'll figure out  
what's important. Being happy or  
being right.

159 JAESUN What's that mean? 159

**Sookmin pats Jaesun's leg.**

160 SOOKMIN If you don't know, you still 160  
haven't figured it out yet.

**The heavy sauna door opens again.**

161 AJUSHI Number fifty and fifty-two? 161

162 SOOKMIN *Gaja* (that's us, 가자.) 162

163 JAESUN *Appa* (Dad, 아빠)? Thanks. 163

164 SOOKMIN *Eung* (mm, 응). 164

**Steam wafts.**

CROSSFADE TO:

165 LOS ANGELES See what I said about human error? 165  
There are some things you can never  
plan for. Too bad heartache can't  
be sweated out. If it could, we'd  
all just dust ourselves off and get  
back up again. But the path to love  
is paved with good intentions. Oh  
wait... or was that hell?

And as something like Kelly Clarkson's Since U Been Gone takes us out...

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