

LOVE & NORAEBANG

HEART FULL OF SOUL

EPISODE 9

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The PILOT SIGNAL goes off.

8 VALENTINA
(via the PA System)
Uhhhhhhhh, ladies and gentlemen, 8
this is your captain speaking. If
you look out the aircraft, you'll
see Los Angeles right below you.
And if you look inside, you'll see
a very nervous Ana, unsure of what
to do with her life.

9 ANA
Hey! 9

**The COCKPIT DOOR OPENS. Chloe and Valentina step out,
LAUGHING.**

10 VALENTINA
So that's a cockpit. 10

11 CHLOE
I've seen bigger. 11

12 VALENTINA
How much longer till we land? 12

13 CHLOE
Thirteen hours. 13

14 VALENTINA
Thirteen hours! But we've been
flying for like forever! 14

15 ANA
It's been twenty minutes. 15

16 VALENTINA
Twenty minutes! But in Start-Up,
Do-san goes back to work in Korea
without skipping a beat. 16

17 ANA
What is Start-Up? 17

18 VALENTINA
Um, only the best K-drama ever. 18

19 CHLOE
Sorry but those shows never depict
the thirteen-hour jet lag. 19

(then)
(MORE)

20 CHLOE (CONT'D) 20
The real gem in that show is the
halmeoni (grandma, 할머니).

21 VALENTINA 21
Are you team Do-san or team Good
Boy?

22 CHLOE 22
Good Boy for life!

23 VALENTINA 23
Me too!

24 ANA 24
Listen, I don't know what you two
are talking about, but I know I
don't want to hear thirteen hours
of this. Excuse me, does this
plane show "Friends"?

A FLIGHT ATTENDANT approaches Ana.

25 FLIGHT ATTENDANT 25
Yes, we do but only in Korean. We
are currently showing "The One With
the Rabid Monkey."

We hear Korean "Friends" on TV. Korean Ross is very nasally.

26 ROSS 26
Eotteohge gyaelang jalsu-iss-eo?
27 (How could you sleep with him?! 27
어떻게 개랑 잘수있어?!))

28 RACHEL 28
Uli jamgan haeeojeoss-eossjan-a!
29 (We were on a break! 우리 잠간 29
해어졌었잔아!)

CANNED LAUGHTER.

Ross' monkey SCREECHES VIOLENTLY.

30 CHANDLER 30
Andoe! wonsung-i!
31 (Oh no! The monkey! 안되! 원승이!) 31

SOOKMIN enters.

	SOOKMIN	
32	Oh, white Friends. I love this show. (calling out)	32
33	<i>Jeogiyo</i> (Excuse me, 저기요).	33
	FLIGHT ATTENDANT	
34	<i>Ne</i> (Yes, 네)?	34
	SOOKMIN	
35	<i>Cha hanjan juseyo</i> (tea please, 차 한잔 주세요).	35
	CHLOE	
36	I'll have a cosmopolitan.	36
	VALENTINA	
37	They can make those up here?!	37
	ANA (playfully)	
38	Vale, stop being poor.	38
	VALENTINA	
39	I'll have the same.	39
	ANA	
40	Whiskey for me please. Make it a double.	40
	FLIGHT ATTENDANT	
41	So one green tea, two cosmopolitans, and a whiskey, coming right up.	41
	VALENTINA	
42	How much alcohol is in the galley?	42
	FLIGHT ATTENDANT	
43	Would you like to see?	43
	Valentina follows the flight attendant.	
	CHLOE	
44	You better be careful, Ana. Altitude and alcohol don't mix.	44
	ANA	
45	I just need something for my nerves. Not that I use alcohol to cope, Mr. Choi. I'm a very responsible drinker. (MORE)	45

ANA (CONT'D)

I mean, I barely know what whiskey tastes like...

VALENTINA

(yells from the galley)

46 You're word vomming again. 46

SOOKMIN

47 It's more than all right, Ana. I understand how nervous you are about seeing Jaesun. But don't worry, he thinks the world of you. 47

ANA

48 How do you talk to someone-- 48

VALENTINA

(from the galley)

49 Who dumped her! 49

ANA

50 ...You haven't seen in two years? 50

SOOKMIN

51 It will come to you. The heart has a way of doing that. 51

CHLOE

52 Plus you've got two whole days to think about it before he arrives. 52

ANA

53 I hope so. 53

VALENTINA

(from the galley)

54 Thinking has never been my sister's strength. 54

(gasps, quickly)

55 They have green tea choco pies! I'm gonna eat them all. 55

LOS ANGELES

56 For thirteen hours, Valentina mowed down seven boxes of green tea choco pies, five cosmopolitans, eight pounds of king crab, and a whole season of white Friends. While all Ana could do was pour whiskey on her nerves. Responsibly, of course. 56

Sookmin's plane lands.

INT. SEOUL TOWER - NIGHT

Hear tourists milling about.

	LOS ANGELES	
57	As soon as they landed, Chloe made haste to show around the Campos sisters. First stop, the magnificent Seoul Tower. Wow, look at this view!	57
	(beat)	
58	Standing over fifteen hundred feet tall, it gives you a perspective of Seoul that's simply breathtaking.	58
	CHLOE	
59	You hanging in there, Valentina? Valentina?	59
	VALENTINA	
60	Yeah. This glass is crystal clear. It feels like I'm floating? Man, this jetlag is something else.	60
	ANA	
61	Aw, are you crashing, <i>viejita</i> ?	61
	VALENTINA	
62	Me? Pfft, nah!	62
	Hear squeaking as Valentina leans on and slides down the glass barrier.	
	VALENTINA (CONT'D)	
63	But maybe I'll just enjoy the view from down here on the floor.	63
	Hear Valentina gently snoring.	
	ANA	
64	Wow, this view is something.	64
	CHLOE	
65	It better be. We paid for half of it.	65
	ANA	
66	You got a discount on the tickets?	66
	CHLOE	
67	You see that building over there?	67
	ANA	
68	Yeah.	68

69 CHLOE My uncle owns from there 69
tooooooooo... there.

70 ANA That's like from the 10 to the 101. 70

71 CHLOE My uncle doesn't fuck around. And 71
one day, it will all be Jaesun's.

A beat.

72 ANA Why's Mr. Choi's face on that 72
electronic news billboard?

73 CHLOE (straining to read) 73
"Choi Acquires Jeju." Looks like
my uncle landed the renovation bid
for Jeju International Airport.
Man, he collects those like Pokemon
cards.

74 ANA Huh. 74
WHOOSH.

EXT. SEOUL - CHEONGGYECHEON - DAY

TOWNSPEOPLE walk by a RUNNING CREEK.

75 LOS ANGELES 75
Ah, *Cheonggyecheon* (청계천), a
natural creek that runs right
through the town. Nature and city
in perfect harmony. The stream is
a gentle reminder to take time to
relax from the hustle and bustle of
the working world.

76 VALENTINA 76
Am I allowed to dip my feet in the
water? Can I dip? Would it be
rude to dip?

77 ANA 77
Stop saying dip!

78 VALENTINA 78
You gotta admit though, it's a
pretty enticing dip.

79 ANA 79
Can we just enjoy this in peace?

Hear the BUZZ of a DRONE.

80 ANA (CONT'D) 80
What the hell is that?

81 VALENTINA 81
(excited)
Bees if they sounded evil!
82 (gasps) 82
Zombees!

83 CHLOE 83
(sighs)
Nope. Domino's Pizza delivers via
drone here.

84 VALENTINA 84
You guys are in the future!

85 CHLOE 85
The really annoying future.

86 VALENTINA 86
Aww, look at that couple over there
in matching outfits. And now
they're feeding the drone pizza to
each other!

87 CHLOE 87
Yeah, it's pretty gross.

88 VALENTINA 88
Wasn't Jaesun always trying to get
you to do that kinda stuff?

89 ANA 89
Yeah, and I never understood it.
But like, everyone here seems to
embrace that they're a couple. Wow,
like, have I been pushing him away
this whole time but didn't even
know it? Did we break up because of
me? Am I incapable of accepting
love in my life--

VALENTINA
 (leans over to Chloe)
 90 Who would've thought drone pizza 90
 would trigger my sister?

CHLOE
 91 Like I said, pretty gross. But you 91
 know what's not pretty gross?

WHOOSH.

EXT. SAMSEONG DONG - DAY

LIGHT TRAFFIC, people walking.

CHLOE
 92 *Samseong Dong (삼성동)!* The Beverly 92
 Hills of South Korea. Boutiques and
 shopping galore where you can find
 a plethora of...

VALENTINA
 93 K-Beauty products?! Oh my gosh, 93
 Pony was just here.

ANA
 94 Should I even ask? 94

VALENTINA
 95 Pony. Pony Park? 95
 (under her breath)
 96 Bro, are we even related. 96
 (smiling through teeth)
 97 The beauty influencer who made 97
 Forbes Asia's 30 under 30 list?

ANA
 98 (no clue) 98
 Oh, yes, of course.

VALENTINA
 99 (examining price) 99
 Wow, look at these prices. That's a
 lot of dollars to won. I wish my
 bank account had this many zeroes.
 Well it does, but it's only zeroes.

CHLOE
 100 It's all on me. 100

Valentina SCOOPS up all the bottles.

VALENTINA

(gasps)

101 Is that placenta cream? 101

Hear Valentina run off.

CHLOE

102 You getting anything, Ana? 102

ANA

103 I wouldn't even know where to 103
begin.

(then)

104 Oh, hey, Jaesun uses this stuff. He 104
raves about it.

CHLOE

105 Pfft, I put him onto that. 105

ANA

106 In Mexico City, he showed me his 106
ten-step skincare routine. It was
nice but a little intimidating.

CHLOE

107 That's dating a Choi for ya. Nice 107
but intimidating.

ANA

108 Was it weird that I didn't find him 108
intimidating?

CHLOE

109 It's probably a good sign. You 109
weren't impressed by the glitz and
glamour of it all.

ANA

110 Should I have been? At least a 110
little?

CHLOE

111 Maybe his skincare routine. You 111
gotta respect a man who takes care
of himself. God, his skin must feel
rough right now.

ANA

112 Especially for someone who eats the 112
way he does.

CHLOE

113 Speaking of eating... 113

WHOOSH

EXT. GWANGJANG MARKET - DAY

A BUSY market: SIZZLING, CHOPPING, customers ordering food, bags and money exchanging hands, etc.

CHLOE

114 Gwangjang (광장) Market! Best street food on Earth. 114

ANA

115 Look at those dumplings! 115

CHLOE

116 There's also *soondae*, blood sausage, and *mayak gimbab* over there, which translates to "drug" rice roll because it's so addicting--oh! That *bindaetteok*, fried mung bean pancake, looks dank. Here, try it. 116

Crinkle of paper wrapping.

ANA

117 Wow. You know, I've had a lot of this in K-Town before, but being here, it's like, a different kind of wow. The flavors are on a whole new level. 117

CHLOE

118 Uh, where's Valentina? 118

Overhear Valentina--

VALENTINA

119 *Gomawo, oppa.*
(Thanks. 고마워, 오빠.) 119

Valentina walks over.

ANA

120 Wow, it looks like he served you extra! 120

Food wrappers crinkle as Valentina shares her spoils.

VALENTINA

121 I speak four languages. Spanish, English, Korean, and flirting. 121

CHLOE
 122 In my playbook, *aegyo* (애교) is the 122
 lowest form of flirting.

VALENTINA
 123 It's just an overly cute display of 123
 affection A.K.A. meee!

CHLOE
 124 I will never understand why poking 124
 your cheek with your index finger
 is cute.

ANA
 125 Jaesun does that every time we take 125
 pictures.

CHLOE
 126 You lie. 126

ANA
 127 No, see? Here's our last photo 127
 together.

Ana shows Chloe her phone.

CHLOE
 128 My eyes. Please burn them. 128

ANA
 129 I mean, he's cute as it is. It just 129
 makes him cuter.

VALENTINA
 130 Aww, he does look cute! 130

CHLOE
 131 I'm not hungry anymore. 131

WHOOSH.

EXT. SEOUL - IMJINGAK PARK - DAY

Quiet but for a distant wind blowing. A single cicada cries.

LOS ANGELES
 132 The last place Chloe took Ana and 132
 Valentina was *Imjingak* Park, a
 memorial to the Korean War. One
 would never expect that this lush,
 expansive field was once the site
 of bloodshed.
 (MORE)

LOS ANGELES (CONT'D)

Nature has healed what man could not. Here, a peaceful bridge that once was crossed by prisoners of war. Beautiful monuments to lives lost. And an observation deck looking over the 38th parallel, the Demilitarized Zone that has divided Korea for over half a century. It continues to divide Korea to this day.

ANA

(straining to see)

133 Are those ribbons tied to the barbed wire? 133

CHLOE

134 People write messages on them for their families in the North. I know Jaesun's doing this for our country, but it all seems so pointless. 134

VALENTINA

135 I guess that's war. 135

CHLOE

136 Yeah. I mean, it's war, but it's also a vestige of the past. Who are we warring with? Our own people? I think service is more a rite of passage for Korean men than anything else. 136

ANA

137 And he still went. 137

CHLOE

138 He did. But for Jaesun -- we grew up with the stories. Our family came from nothing. Our grandfather was a laborer. (contemplative) We were part of literally rebuilding this country after the war... People forget. Korea wasn't what it is now until recently. Maybe this is why Seoul is so shiny now. (snaps out of her reverie) Jaesun always thought that serving would help him understand what it all means. 138

(beat)

139 I'm proud of him. 139

140 ANA I'm proud of him too. 140

The wind picks up.

INT. CHOI RESIDENCE - NIGHT

A KNOCK at the door. Hear SLIPPED FEET patter over.

AJUMEONI (60s, Korean, warm and meticulous), the housekeeper, opens the door.

141 AJUMEONI *Jaeseon-a! Jeon-yeoghaessne.* 141
sugohaessne.
 142 (Jaesun! You've discharged from the 142
 military. Welcome home!)
 (재선아! 전역했네. 수고했네.)

Jaesun kicks off his shoes and scoops her into a big hug.

143 JAESUN *Ajumeoni (Auntie, 아주머니)!* 143

144 AJUMEONI *Eomeo (Oh my, 어머)!* 144

The Korean crossfades into translated English.

145 JAESUN I missed you. And your cooking. 145
 What're we eating?

146 AJUMEONI (laughs) 146
 Dinner's almost ready. Look at your
 hair. It's growing out lopsided.

Jaesun rubs his head.

147 JAESUN (chuckling) 147
 At least I have hair now.

The rice cooker goes off.

148 AJUMEONI And that's my cue. Welcome home, 148
Jaeseon-a (Jaesun, 재선아).

She hurries away.

SOOKMIN
 (approaching)
 149 Now your lopsided hair can match your lopsided head. 149

JAESUN
 150 Hi, *appa* (Dad, 아빠). 150

Jaesun embraces Sookmin.

SOOKMIN
 151 How was the drive? 151

JAESUN
 152 Slept right through. How come Kunwoo didn't pick me up? 152

SOOKMIN
 (clears his throat)
 153 He's taking a leave of absence. You must be hungry. Why don't you help *Ajumeoni* get some *ganjang* (soy sauce, 간장) from the pantry? 153

JAESUN
 154 *Ganjang* (soy sauce, 간장)? Uh, okay-- 154

Jaesun OPENS the pantry door. Chloe POPS out.

CHLOE
 155 Surprise! 155

JAESUN
 156 A *ssibal* (oh fuck, 아 씨발)! 156

CHLOE
 157 Whoa! You kiss your dad with that mouth? 157

JAESUN
 158 Sorry. Picked up some bad habits. 158

CHLOE
 159 Clearly. Good thing I didn't hide under the table. Would've gotten a kick in the face before dinner. 159

Jaesun hugs Chloe.

JAESUN
 160 I missed you so, so much! 160

161 CHLOE I missed you too. Look at you! 161
You're like a twig!

162 JAESUN A buff twig that can do push-ups on 162
command now.

163 CHLOE Show me. 163

164 SOOKMIN No, no, we don't need any proof. 164
Would you let him rest, Chloe? Get
yourself cleaned up and ready for
dinner.

165 JAESUN Yes, sir. 165

INT. BATHROOM - MOMENTS LATER

The SHOWER FAUCET squeakily turns on. In almost double time, the water SPRAYS in a SPEEDY MOTION, signaling Jaesun's efficiency.

The FAUCET TURNS OFF, and the shower stops.

INT. CHOI RESIDENCE - DINING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Jaesun returns. Ajumeoni sets PLATES DOWN at the table.

166 AJUMEONI Uwa (wow, 우와). You've grown a lot. 166
That was fast.

167 JAESUN Also picked up some new habits. Why 167
is *Ajumeoni* setting two extra
plates?

168 SOOKMIN Two of my associates may be joining 168
us for dinner.

169 JAESUN Oh, really? 169

170 SOOKMIN Something the matter? 170

171 JAESUN I was just looking for a quiet dinner tonight. 171

172 CHLOE It'll be quick. 172

Chairs get PULLED back from the dinner table.

173 CHLOE (CONT'D) So what do you want to do first tomorrow? Sleep in and then head over to Lotte World? 173

174 JAESUN Actually, I was thinking of a run. 174

175 CHLOE What time? 175

176 JAESUN 5 a.m. 176

177 CHLOE So, *samchon*, (uncle, 삼촌), what are you doing tomorrow morning? 177

178 SOOKMIN I'm sorry, Chloe, but I have a phone call with our new partners in Los Angeles. Would you care to join Jaesun? 178

179 JAESUN Can you just have Kunwoo fill me in? 179

180 SOOKMIN (choking on water) Sure. 180

181 CHLOE (quickly) So I just finished your new office in LA. Will I be decorating a potential apartment as well? 181

182 JAESUN Uh, I don't know. 182

183 CHLOE Have you talked to her? 183

184 SOOKMIN 184
 Stop pestering your cousin.

Ajumeoni POURS TEA, porcelain clinking.

185 SOOKMIN (CONT'D) 185
 But a trip to LA doesn't sound like
 a bad idea. It might be a good way
 to clear your mind.

186 JAESUN 186
 You just want a Double-Double.

187 SOOKMIN 187
 (chuckles)
 A Double-Double animal style
 wouldn't hurt either.
 (wipes his mouth)
 188 Whatever you decide, know that you 188
 have my full support.

189 JAESUN 189
 As much as I love Los Angeles,
 what's the point of going?

190 CHLOE 190
 Are you worried she wouldn't want
 to see you?

The doorbell rings. Slipped feet start to patter over.

191 SOOKMIN 191
Ajumeoni, Jaesun will get it.

**Jaesun pushes out his chair and walks in SLIPPED FEET to
 the door. OPENS it.**

192 JAESUN 192
 Ana?

193 ANA 193
 Hi.

194 LOS ANGELES 194
 Their eyes locked, both unsure of
 what would happen next. And even
 though they were together, could
 the same be said of their souls?

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