

Banana Trip

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INT. CAR. DAY

It is dawn. Thin two yellow lines on the road dance in beautiful curves. They are dimly lit by the car lights.

SEUNGMIN (21) is a Korean male with short hair. He is behind the wheel. He notices something on his right side taps JOHN (20)'s shoulder who is asleep, resting his neck on a travel pillow with white ear phones. John wears glasses. John wakes up and looks out the window.

DONGJOO (21) whose face is dimly lit by his smartphone, seems to be typing on his phone at his backseat left corner. He is smoking. He now tilts his head up and slides to the right side of the backseat and looks through the window and sees-

beautiful ocean and beautiful sky with various color mixed.

A silver sedan car is riding on a long bridge that goes across the blue ocean.

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EXT. PARKING LOT.

It is bright outside with sunlights.

Dongjoo's face with Giorgio Armani sunglasses are reflected through the car window. He looks into the reflection of himself, shaping his hair. He speaks (in Korean).

DONGJOO

I will get laid with a white girl
tonight before I go back to
Korea.

Dongjoo turns around and faces his two fellows.

JOHN

White girls are *easy*. I will get
you laid before you go back.

SEUNGMIN

Hey guys, we came here to make
memories before Dongjoo leaves,
remember?

In close distance, a big pick up truck pulls over.

Dongjoo turns around and sees-

There are four muscular Caucasian males in early 20s in the truck bed. They jump out of the bed as other three fellows hop out driver seat and join the group. They walk toward the beach, chatting.

Dongjoo now looks at his skinny friends who are also watching the muscular males walking as they quietly put sun-screen on their arms.

As the guys pass by, Dongjoo drops off the frame and starts push-ups.

John drops to do push up as well while Seunmgmin is amused.

EXT. WAY TO THE BEACH. DAY

Our three Korean walk slowly to the beach. Dongjoo shakes his protein shake bottle and sips it. John eats a banana.

Korean guys keep walking and notice something ahead of them O.S. Their eyes are locked into--

Two beautiful Caucasian girls in bikinis, chatting and walking to the other direction. The boys can't stop looking.

Now finally stop as they notice something ahead of them-

Groups of beautiful girls walking and tanning on the beautiful beach of Florida. Excitement swarms over their faces and they look at each other and smile.

SEUNGMIN

Finally we are here...Florida beach.

EXT. BEACH. DAY

Dongjoo, John, and Seunmgmin are sitting under a small parasol, which is their new territory. Seungmin is in the middle with two guys sitting next to him. Dongjoo and Seungmin are smoking a cigarette. John is eating a banana.

They look around and see--

A group of attractive American males hanging out with beautiful girls in bikinis. They are having a lot of fun.

SEUNGMIN

Well...so now what?

Silence swarms over under the parasol. Dongjoo lies down and sighs.

DONGJOO

John, you are the only one fluent in speaking English. Go and talk to those firs or something.

JOHN

I would but I haven't worked out in a while...and they don't really seem into Asian guys.

DONGJOO

Hey, when an elder tells you to do something, you should do it. Also, did you really fucking date a white girl before?

SEUNGMIN

Come on man, why would John lie to us about that. Also give up on white girls, it's impossible. We can still have fun together.

JOHN

Dude, you are just eight months older I am *and I wasn't lying.*
how many times do I have to tell you?

DONGJOO

This is a problem with the whitewashed kids. They don't know how to respect their elders, and just keep lying.

John gives Dongjoo a casual middle finger. Seungmin watches these two and tries to figure out something.

SEUNGMIN

Hey we're at the beach. Why don't we go swimming?

EXT. AT WATER. DAY

John, Seungmin, and Dongjoo are floating on water near the shore. Not much of an activity is going on, other

than just floating around. Soon with a LOUD MOTOR is heard.

Noticing that his friends are not having fun, Seungmin splashes water to Dongjoo's face to get some reaction from him. However, Dongjoo does not respond but looks depressed as his eyes are locked to girls in a distance.

Dongjoo notices something, a short line waiting in front of a small station that says "Banana boat ride" and--

three beautiful Caucasian girls walking to the line.

Dongjoo's face lights up with hope and determination.

DONGJOO

Hey guys, that's it. Let's go.

EXT. BEACH. DAY

Three guys get in a line. They stand right behind those three girls. They are soaked in water with their shirts on.

They all seem to think of same thing but no one takes an action. They just scan through the girls attractive bodies and hair.

DONGJOO

(To John, in Korean)
Back me up.

Dongjoo takes a step forward.

DONGJOO

Hi.

Girls turn around and look (scanning) at Dongjoo.

DONGJOO

Wee, 그나간, wee are from Korea.

BLONDE GIRL

I'm sorry?

JOHN

He says that we are from Korea.

BLONDE GIRL

(trying to be polite)
Ah..That's great..North or South?

Dongjoo and John become dumbfounded, not knowing what to say.

A hand taps the shoulder of Seungmin who is watching the conversation between the boys and the girls.

Seungmin turns around and sees a group of diverse girls, one Latina with beach dress (EMILY), one Arabic with sun hat (MELISSA), and one African with with braids(ALEXA).

MELISSA

(in fluent English)

Excuse me, we just wanted to ask you a quick question, where are you guys from?

SEUNGMIN

(in his slight accent)

Um...South Korea.

As soon as they heard that, the girls exchange looks in excitement.

ALEXA

I told you. I knew it!

EMILY

Do you listen to Super Junior and Shinee?

SEUNGMIN

(in awe)

Yeah yeah, did you check out the new single from Super Junior?

Dongjoo and John turn around to see what is going on behind them, but immediately turn their heads back to talk to the girls in front of them and jostle each other, giving each other sign to go and talk to the Caucasian girls again. Seungmin is absorbed into the conversation.

MELISSA

Yeah, we did! I liked it a lot. I hope it's okay we cam over and asked you all these stuffs. We're just huge fans of K-Pop and Korean Drama.

Seungmin stares at Melissa talking in excitement.

SEUNGMIN (CONT'D)

No no I don't mind..That's
great....Uh...I like your hat.

MELISSA

Thank you.

SEUNGMIN

Uh...so what are you guys
planning to do after--

OWNER (O.S.)

Alright, next six people!

The owner of the banana boat enters the frame and cuts
the line right in between the boys and Caucasian girls.

Dongjoo and John are in awe and stare at --

the girls hurry to get on a banana boat with three other
muscular guys, putting life vest on.

EXT. ON A BANANA BOAT. DAY

MONTAGE

-We see a beautiful horizon of ocean under the blue sky.
Banana boat enters the frame in a far distance and goes
across the screen from left to right.

-A sad face of Dongjoo. His hair is flying all over the
place, revealing all his forehead as water splashes over.

-A dull face of John. Water splashes on his face and
completely covers his glasses.

-A somewhat excited face of Seungmin with a smile who now
exchanges look with--

-Melissa who is enjoying the ride with her friends,
yelling and laughing.

EXT. BEACH. DAY

Three guys look like cats soaked in water. Without saying
anything, John and Dongjoo start walking back. Seungmin
notices them walking away. He does not know what to do.
He seems caught in the middle.

He glances at the group of girls and his friends, then
starts following his friends.

MELISSA

BYE!

Seungmin gives them a wave.

CUT TO:

They are under the parasol. Dongjoo has his face facing the towel on sand.

He turns around and lights up a cigarette. This time, John asks for a cigarette. Dongjoo casually gives hands him a pack of cigarettes. Meanwhile, Seungmin is looking at the direction that girls walked away, eating a banana. John coughs silently as he smokes covering his mouth.

DONGJOO

John you should come to Korea one day. I will hook you up with Korean girls.

JOHN

Yeah sure man...(beat) You think Korean girls will like Korean American like me? I can't speak Korean at all.

DONGJOO

Don't worry. Korean girls love bananas.

John makes a bitter smile as they watch the sunset.

SEUNGMIN

Hey guys...what do you think about the girls I was talking too? I thought they were pretty cute.

John coughs again little bit louder than last time.

DONGJOO

What girls? Were there other girls?

SEUNGMIN

The girls that were behind me, remember?

DONGJOO

You mean the girls who rode

banana boat with us?

JOHN

(pointing Dongjoo)

Damn. I thought this guy was the most desperate one here.

Dongjoo and John share look to each other and say nothing, amused, laughing little bit.

Seungmin does not say anything. Dongjoo is confused.

DONGJOO

Wait, for real? Those girls?

Seungmin does not answer.

All of the sudden, Seungmin throws a banana and stands up and --

starts running to the direction that girls walked.

Surprised by Seungmin's action, John and Dongjoo just watch Dongjoo running in awe.

Dongjoo watches Seungmin running.

Seungmin runs fast across the screen. As we pan, we see the group of girls walking in a far distance. As Seungmin gets far away from the camera, we see tiny silhouettes of four people under the beautiful sky at Florida beach.

We slightly tilt down and reveals a half eaten banana

CUT TO BLACK