

**【Outside】 MMOF MENTAL
HEALTH SHORT FILM**

CREWS

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1. EXT. STRAITS QUAY BEACH - DAY

INTENSE & CHASING MUSIC

A sound of the drone turning on and flying upwards. **(SOUND FADES IN)**

POV of the drone, flying down rapidly and cruising along with the trees. Kaixi is controlling the drone while wearing his FPV goggles. Back to the POV of the drone, where it starts looking up to the sky, then attempts to make a backflip power loop. When the drone finishes half the flip, the drone is too fast and too near the beach, and then it crashes directly into the sand—a first-person view of Kaixi taking the FPV goggles off. **(SOUND OF DRONE FADES IN)**

MOTHER

Oi, your drone crashed already!

KAI XI

Where is it, where is it!?

MOMMY

Nah nah nah! Over there!

Silhouette of Kaixi running towards the beach.

TITLE CARD - OUTSIDE

2. INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

TEACHER RAMBLING IN ONLINE CLASS FROM LAPTOP

There is a spoiled drone and wooden figurine on the shelf. Kaixi is looking at the ceiling fan spinning while we look at Kaixi lying on the bed.

TEACHER

So for question 2, can anyone tell me the answer?

Okay, let me check the name list

Kaixi. Kaixi?

Are you there? (wait around 6secs...)

Kai Xi turns to the laptop, but he is unwilling to open his mic to speak out.

LECTURER

Okay, I will mark him as absent for today's class.

He then quickly takes his phone and checks the time that shows 7:35 pm. (lock screen with dad moment)
He feels bored and a bit frustrated, and he covers his face with a pillow.

LECTURER

Okay, how about... Jaron?

JARON

Hel.. hello, erm...the... characteristic of mass communication will involve many audiences. This is because mass communication is a one-way communication process...

3 KNOCKS ON THE DOOR

We hear a paper slipping underneath the door. Kaixi looks over to the paper, then returns to his original position. He hesitated for a while, and then he managed to get off his bed very slowly. We can see how messy his table is with cup noodles, papers all over the table.

He takes up the pink colour piece of paper and then a jump cut to reveal the entire floor filled with pink colour paper rolled up and thrown all over the floor. Kaixi is looking at the piece of paper.

FATHER (VOICEOVER FOR PAPER)

I hope you still remember what day is tomorrow. We will go in the evening.

3. EXT. FIELD - DAY

DRONE FLYING SOUND

Daddy is drinking 100 plus while looking in the sky with a proud and amazing face. POV of the drone flying around the field. Kaixi is controlling the drone while wearing his FPV goggles. Kaixi tries to make a backflip power loop but crashes into the grass.

Daddy quickly puts down his 100 plus and runs to get his drone. We are now in Daddy's POV, where he shows the spoiled drone to Kaixi with the FPV goggles resting on Kaixi's head. Father shrugs while holding the spoiled drone.

Kaixi is having a sad face while looking at his spoiled drone. Then, his Daddy hands over a 100 plus. Kaixi takes it and starts drinking it. Both of them drink their 100 plus while having a conversation.

DADDY

When do you think you will stop crashing?

KAI XI

Who knows, crashing is part of flying, you know.

Daddy smiles and coughs a few times, and then his face slowly becomes serious.

DADDY

You know, one day you will be all by yourself. Nobody will go and get the drone for you.

KAI XI

Haiya, one day I will also be good enough that nobody will need to get the drone for me...

Daddy smiles and laughs while looking at Kaixi, but he's thinking about something.

THUNDERSTORM SOUND

His dad turns his head and looks at the sky.

4. INT. BATHROOM - NIGHT

Kaixi is bathing, but he looks depressed. It's like he is using the water from the shower to hide his tears. We can kind of hear some crying noises from Kaixi. **(The sound of interference fades in)** Kai Xi starts to feel dizzy and disturbed by the noise. He starts to see some illusions.

5. INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Kaixi walks out of the bathroom with a white towel. While he is rubbing his hair with the white towel, he notices the pink piece of paper rolled up and left on the table.

KAI XI (VOICEOVER)

Now that I think about it, I really don't know what will happen...
Like you know... all by myself...

6. EXT. FIELD - DAY

Daddy and Kaixi are sitting on the bench. Daddy sighs.

DADDY

I used to think like that before. But whenever I felt trapped or stuck in life, I would go outside and do something that I enjoyed doing.

Daddy looks at the spoiled drone. Kaixi looks at the spoiled drone.

7. INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

MATCH CUT

Kaixi looks at the spoiled drone. Kaixi starts fixing his drone, soldering the wires, screwing in the bolts. In between the inserted scene of Kaixi previously looking at the pink piece of paper. Shows the room being cleaned, wooden figurine changes to an exciting pose. Pink colour pieces of paper in a glass jar.

DADDY TRANSITIONS TO MOMMY (VOICEOVER FOR PAPER)

Although I knew this was coming, it still hurts to lose someone so close to us. Please, come out... For daddy..

We are looking at Kaixi from the ceiling fan. He seems regretful, but he ends with a grateful face. POV of Kaixi looking at the depression fan spinning.

8. EXT. STRAITS QUAY BEACH - DAY

MATCH CUT

The propeller of the drone is spinning. Kaixi holds the drone in his hand, blows and rubs the sand off the drone. Then he walks back to the take-off spot, which is identical to the silhouette shot angle.

MOMMY
Still ok?

KAI XI
Yea, watch this..

Kaixi makes a quick backflip with the drone near the ground.

MOTHER
Wow, how did you do that?

Porxuen smiles and flies his drone along the beach.

KAI XI
Because... I came outside.

MUSIC HITS CLIMAX

POV of the drone successfully making the backflip. Several shots of the drone cruising along the beach by the sunset. The drone flies into the sunset, a few inches above the ocean, into the endless sea.

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