

GA N A D A R A

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#1 DAY\HOME

Mom, Dad, and Daughter are eating together.

Mom

Sweetie, I need to go to Grandma's for a few days. You'll stay with Dad, okay?

Daughter is looking at dad and after at mom.

Daniella

What? I have to stay with Dad? When will you be back??

Karim

Is she not happy? (딸, 행복하지 않아?)

Mom

No, don't worry, she is fine (아냐, 걱정하지마, 다 괜찮아)

Daughter looks worried.

Mom is getting ready to leave. While putting on her clothes, she talks to Dad. Daughter is standing a little behind them.

Karim

Have a nice trip!

Mom

I'll be back soon. Danielle, be good with Dad, okay??

Daughter ignores the comment.

Mom

이제 가야돼! If something happens call me!

Dad nods and they all hug and say goodbye. Mom goes outside, and Daughter heads to her room first.

#2 집 저녁

Dinner at Home Dad looks at a bill. He seems deep in thought. He opens the computer and navigates to job websites. He flips through the pages one by one. He is focused on a particular job page. He tries to read it but can only understand the parts written in English. He tries using Papago (translation app), but there are still many things he doesn't understand. At that moment, Daughter comes home.

Karim

Danielle, take a look at this. Is it fine?

Dad shows her the job page, but Daughter isn't interested.

Daniella

Dad, I'm busy.

Daughter goes into her room. Dad looks at the job page once more and gives up.

#3 MORNING\HOME

Dad receives a message on his phone.

Message
Work for foreigners
NO VISA AND WORK EXPERIENCES NEEDED
To apply send your name and phone number

Dad examines the message closely.

#4 STREET\DAY

Dad left home. Since the morning, he has been looking at a map to find the job location.

#5 ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT\EVENING

Dad ends up in a strange place. He looks around, scanning the area. There are many entertainment venues around. He calls the phone number from the message.

Worker
Hello, this is the Saemaul Employment Office. Where are you?

Karim
(Stammering) Hello?

Dad cannot understand what is being said. The call suddenly ends.

#6 HOME\EVENING

Dad has opened a notebook in Daughter's room and is writing a resume while looking at Daughter's book. Daughter comes home from school and opens the door. She sees Dad looking at the Korean language book in her room. Dad is startled when she enters.

Karim
Oh, you have a good grades...your room is also beautiful!

Dad stands up, as if preparing to leave the room.

Daniella
Dad, why did you come home so late yesterday?

Karim
Oh, I was looking for a job...

Daughter looks at the notebook and Korean books.

Daniella
Dad, do you need help?

#7 HOME\EVENING

Dad and Daughter are sitting together, looking at the laptop. Daughter is typing on the laptop for Dad.

Daniella
Dad, this line is too long to fit here. (pointing to the name field)

Dad looks confused.

Daniella
Nick name or full name?

Karim
Let's do Karim!

Dad writes the name "Karim" on the resume.

Daniella
Dad, school name?

Karim
Sulaymaniyah Senior Secondary School

Daniella
Sulay?

Daughter writes it on a piece of paper next to Dad.

Karim
Sulaymaniyah Senior Secondary School (slowly)

Daughter writes the Korean pronunciation on the paper: “솔라야마니야흐 시니어 세컨드리 스쿨” (Sulaymaniyah Senior Secondary School)

Daniella
Is this correct?

Karim
(Reading slowly) Yes

Daughter fills out the rest of the resume. She clicks the “Send” button.

Daniella
Finished!

Both smile. After laughing, the atmosphere becomes awkward again.

#8 NEXT DAY HOME\EVENING

Dad receives a text message about an interview. He shows the message to Daughter.
Daughter looks happy.

Daniella
Dad, that's great!

Dad looks worried about the interview, with a concerned expression.

Daniella
Dad, what's wrong?

Karim
Interview

Daniella
Oh...hmm..

Daughter picks up her phone and tells Dad to order chicken.

Daniella
Call and repeat after me!

Karim
What do you mean? I need to call?

Daniella
First thing you need to do is order chicken. If you don't succeed, neither you nor I will have anything to eat.

Karim
I didn't sign up for that!

Daniella
Hello. This is Livingville in Yeongdeungpo-gu, Yeongdeungpo-dong 130-20. Please make one fried chicken, crispy!

Dad moves on to ordering the chicken. He starts to call while looking at Daughter.

Karim
Hello. Here is Yeongdeungpo-gu, Yeongdeungpo-dong... Yeongdeungpo.

Karim
Yes... Danmuji?" (looking confused because he doesn't know what it is)

Karim
Danmuji(pickled radish) yes! Yes, yes, exactly! That's right

Karim
Yes, right. Thank you!

Daniella
Did you order?

Karim
Yes, I did, coming soon.

Daniella
Good job!

#9 HOME

The doorbell rings. Dad and Daughter place the chicken on the table and start to open it together.

Daniella
So excited!

When they open it, there's only pickled radish(Danmuji) inside.

Daniella
Dad, wasn't it supposed to be chicken...?

Karim
I ordered chicken, but what is this?

Daniella
This is pickled radish!

Karim
Oh... pickled radish...

Daniella
This won't do... We need some special training.

Karim
Special training?

#10 HOME\EVENING

Dad and Daughter sit side by side.

Daniella
A, B, C, D, E, F, G

Karim
(Pronouncing awkwardly and messing up) A.. C.. D.. G.. F..

(Both sing together) "Uh-heh, uh-heh, uh-heh, heh-heh.

The two are singing happily. The song "Song Chang-sik - Ga Na Da Ra" is playing. The scene shows a montage of their study session, watching a historical drama together, reading side by side, and chatting.

#11 HOME\EVENING

Daughter asks Dad to order chicken again.

Daniella

Dad, try ordering chicken one more time. This time it has to be a success. Otherwise, we won't have anything to eat.

Dad, with a serious expression, picks up the phone and puts it to his ear.

Karim

Hello. This is Livingville, 201, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Yeongdeungpo-dong. Please bring one crispy fried chicken.

(Cut to) Dad and Daughter looking eagerly as they open the bag to find the chicken inside. Both are happy.

#12 HOME

Dad is dressed in shorts and a jacket.

Karim

Hello! I'm Karim. Nice to meet you!

Danielle gives a two thumbs up.

#13 OUTSIDE

Dad is walking down the street, looking at his phone. Before entering, he reviews a note on his phone with the self-introduction he practiced with Daughter. He practices it a few times before going in.

Karim

Hello!

Restaurant owner

Hello! Ah... Karim? Please have a seat.

Karim

Ah, yes, understood!

Restaurant owner

Hello, please introduce yourself.

Karim

Hello! I'm Karim. I'm from Egypt!

Restaurant owner looks at Dad's resume and asks

Restaurant owner

What did you do in Egypt?

Karim
I worked in a restaurant.

Restaurant owner
Oh, I see. Let's check your Korean language skills.

Restaurant owner thinks that Dad might struggle, so gives him a test.

Restaurant owner
Can you take dictation?

Karim
Dictation? Yes.

Dad prepares to write on the note next to him.

Restaurant owner
(Very quickly) One cheese ramen, two tuna kimbap, one without cucumber, cheese donkatsu, naengmyeon, and kimchi jjigae!

Dad hurriedly writes it down.

Restaurant owner
Did you write everything?

Dad reads from the note and attempts to pronounce it.

Karim
One cheese ramen, two tuna kimbap, one without cucumber. Cheese donkatsu, naengmyeon, and kimchi jjigae!

At the end, Dad smiles at Restaurant owner

Karim
Water is self-service!

Restaurant owner laughs. Dad also laughs.

#14 HOME

Dad and Daughter are eating and talking.

Daniella
Dad, how did the interview go?

Karim
I'm not sure...

#15 RESTAURANT

Dad, wearing an apron, greets customers coming into Kimbap Shop

Karim
Hello, this is Kimbap restaurant!

END.