## A Father's Love Draft 2

Audio	Visual
(Fade In Diegetic Sound)     (Sound of Walking Stick hitting the ground sound)	<ul> <li>Fade from black</li> <li>Fade to Screen title:</li> <li>Ngee Ann Polytechnic Presents</li> <li>An Esmond Lim Film</li> <li>A Father's Love</li> <li>B roll shot of Bobby's chair by itself before Bobby enters for the interview.</li> <li>B roll shot of the family's house devoid of life.</li> <li>B roll shot of Bobby's various walking sticks and crutches.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>(Interview)</li> <li>Bobby: My name is Bobby, and I would say that my first half of my life is "unfortunate" in the eyes of some people.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shot of Bobby relaxing on his bed and reading the newspaper or being on his phone.</li> <li>Close Up Shot of Bobby taking his medication.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>(Interviewer had asked Bobby to introduce himself and his current family.)</li> <li>Bobby: Currently I have four daughters, two of them which were from a previous marriage.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shots of the children interacting with Bobby in the present, watching television together and laughing.</li> <li>Interview shots of Jasmine's father talking. Lighting wise consist of only one key light.</li> </ul>

- · (Cut to sound effect)
- · (Camera shutter sound effect)
- · (Interviewer asked how did you and your wife meet )
- · (Jasmine's father answers, providing context)
- Bobby: My first wife was introduced by my colleague. She's an Indonesian. We subsequently got to know each other for some time, then we got married.
- · (Camera shutter sound effect similar to that of an old film reel going through a projector)

B roll shots of Bobby with Jasmine's birth mother before their marriage and during their ceremony.

- · (Interviewer asks Joycelyn how was your relationship like with your mother)
- · (Joycelyn provides another perspective on her mother)
- · Joycelyn: My relationship with my mother is not so close I guess, like we don't talk often. I would say I am more close with my father.
- · B roll of Jasmine's family having dinner.
- B roll of Jasmine and her sisters going out and buying groceries.

- · (Interviewer asks Joycelyn on who was the one taking care of her younger siblings growing up. What their family situation was like then.)
- · Joycelyn: During the time, I took care of the three of them cause my maid went back home to Myanmar. So till now, we had no maid. Cooking and house chores I will help out as much as possible.
- · Interview shots of Joycelyn in the living room. Lighting wise only one key light. Background cluttered with memorabilia.

- · (Interviewer asked Bobby about the circumstances between his recounting of the divorce) (Different side of the divorce)
- · Bobby: I think Jasmine when she was one or two months old. I was rocking Jasmine at the cradle then my wife just told me, saying that I got a boyfriend outside already. I was just shocked. I asked her what she wanted to do, I didn't expect a divorce or anything. But the following day, I got a call about how she left me and the kids alone.
- (Jasmine's father's answer)
- · (Interviewer asked Bobby about how he grieved and how he dealt with his kids in the aftermath.)
- · (Jasmine's father answers) (fills in the blanks on how his mother took care of them instead, telling the audience he was guilty of leaving them behind too in some way.)

- · Long shot of Jasmine's father responding back towards the interviewer.
- B roll shot of Bobby with his children all alone.
- B roll shot of Jasmine and Joycelyn without their father.

- · (Interviewer asked Jasmine about who took care of her during childhood)
- · Jasmine: My childhood had my grandmother and my aunt, around that time I didn't think I also understood how the divorce thing went about.
- · (Interviewer asked Jasmine what it was like not having a mother compared to her other friends and if she questioned it.)
- · Jasmine: I know my father is there but it just never occurred to me about why my mother wasn't there I guess. It's just oh I'm staying with my grandmother.

- Interview shots of Jasmine behind her hallway.
- · Dimly lit.
- · B roll of Jasmine and her grandmother.

- · (Interviewer asks Bobby if he felt like a failure as a father when looking back at it.)
- · Bobby: As a father, I felt like I didn't really take care of them growing up. Because when they were young, I was in China at work. A friend recommended me to go over to China, then the pay was slightly better there. So I thought that I should go to help give my kids a better future, I went over there for nine years. The company also allowed me to only come back every once a year, and then after that I would go back.
- · Interview shots of Jasmine's father in the living room.
- · B roll of Jasmine's father in China working.

- · (Interviewer asks Jasmine's birth mother about why she chose to marry him)
- · Interviewer: So, why did you choose to marry him? Not only that, did you maybe thought the relationship would have lasted longer?
- · (Jasmine's mother answers to provide context on the situation)
- · (Interviewer asks Jasmine's birth mother about the divorce)
- · Interviewer: So thinking back on it, who first brought up the divorce and why? Was there any regrets you had about you and Bobby separating?
  - · (Jasmine's birth mother answers)
- · (Interviewer asks Jasmine's birth mother about her relationship with the children)
  - · Interviewer: Despite leaving them early in their lives, have you visited Jasmine and Joycelyn in recent times? Do you love them as much as your new family? When you see (name of Jasmine's step mother) do you feel like you need to fight for Jasmine's and Joycelyn's affection?
  - · (Jasmine's birth mother's response)

- · Interview shots of Jasmine's birth mother on zoom.
- Lighting wise perhaps use shadows to advantage due to her wanting to maybe not show her face if needed.
- · B roll of Jasmine's mother during her youth.
- B roll of Jasmine's mother and Jasmine's father during marriage.
- B roll of step mother and Jasmine's birth mother talking if possible.
- B roll of Jasmine's birth mother interacting with Jasmine and Joycelyn (contrast with dining table scene)

- · (Interviewer asks Bobby how he ended up meeting his current wife in China and their marriage)
- · (Bobby answers about how he met her in China after a while working there, and how she helped him find himself again.)
- · (Cut to sound effect)
- · (Camera shutter sound effect)

- · Interview shots of Jasmine's father in the living room.
- B roll of Jasmine's father in China with his current wife.

- · (Interviewer asks Jasmine about if she hated her father for how lonely her childhood was.)
- · (Jasmine's heartfond reply of despite her father not being there at first, he tried making it up to her by making her having enjoyable holidays and appearing more in her life when she grew older.)
- · B roll videos of Jasmine and Joycelyn in China as children.
- · Interview shots of Jasmine.

- · (Interviewer asking about whether if Joycelyn hated her father for not appearing in her childhood)
- on important character in my life. But when I grew up and when my father came back to China, then I start to feel the father love he has for us. His leg is also pain. Even with his own issues and stuff, he still supported the family especially through his sufferings and finance troubles. He still never gave up on us.
- Interview shot of Joycelyn in the living room.
- Present day footage of how Bobby is currently struggling in present day due to his health issues.
- · Long Shot of Joycelyn tearing up mid explanation.
- Video footage of a much younger and happier Joycelyn.

- · (Interviewer asks Jasmine's step mother about why she ended up marrying Bobby.)
- · Interviewer: So, what was Bobby like when you met him in China? Did you feel that because he was so miserable you wanted to befriend him? After becoming friends, what turnt that friendship to love?
- · (Jasmine's step mother answers to provide perspective on Bobby's situation)
  - · (Interviewer asks Jasmine's step mother about raising Jasmine and Joycelyn before raising four daughters. Also to give her opinion about Jasmine's step mother.)
  - · Interviewer: So, How was it like raising two children as a stepmother figure at first? Was it uncomfortable? Also, at what point did you decide to raise more kids of your own?
  - · (Step mother's answer)
  - · Interviewer: Right now Bobby is sick, do you regret having married him knowing he will end up in this current state? Will you still love him even if he could be a burden to you?
  - · (Step mother's answer)

- · Interview shots of Jasmine's step mother (close up). Dining room perhaps?
- · B roll of her marriage with Bobby.
- B roll of Jasmine's father in a more recent marriage photo with his current wife.
- · B roll of step mother talking and playing with her two youngest daughters.
- · B roll of step mother talking with Bobby intimately.
- · Long shot of Jasmine's step mother (close up).

- · (Interviewer asking Bobby whether he has any regrets he has about his past.)
- Bobby: I felt I regretted not spending time or caring for Jasmine and Joycelyn during their childhood. This is what I have always felt that I at the very least owe to them something. So when I went back to Singapore, I try to cook for them, try to do what I do.
- · (Bobby asks Jasmine to taste the food he has prepared for dinner. He also asks

- Interview shots of Jasmine's father in living room.
- Shots of Jasmine's father cooking dinner in the kitchen, despite the pain. Even going so far as to get a chair and not being able to stand up.
- Shots of Jasmine and Joycelyn helping out their father with his cooking.

- Joycelyn if he should add any more ingredients to the soup.)
- · (Oil frying sound effect)
- · Bobby: Sometimes when I stand for long, I will be in bed for a few days. My leg starts hurting and I sometimes can't even get out of bed for anything. So sometimes I wish I can cook for my kids without any help from them, but I can't take the pain sometimes. But once I'm better, I will cook often especially on weekends. I will always though ask them what they like to eat for the day and cook it for them the best I can.

· Close up shot of Bobby answering the camera about why he was sitting down and cooking at the same time.

- · (Interviewer asks Joycelyn if her father still has to do anything to pay back his debt towards his children in some way since he wasn't there for them long ago.)
- · Joycelyn: I don't need anything from him at this point in my life, I just want him to be happy. He's a man with good intentions so he deserves his own happiness. And I feel really fortunate to have him as my father, cause like some people have more abusive parents. At least my father doesn't abuse me!
- · Bobby: Hello, hey is this thing recording? (Laughs)
- · (Fade in piano music)
- · (Interviewer asks Joycelyn what do you hope that you can tell your father eventually.)
- · Joycelyn: I just hope that he doesn't overwork himself. Everytime I see him in that state, my heart starts to hurt. He says that his leg doesn't hurt but I feel like he is just hiding it from me. So, I just feel

- · Long shot of Joycelyn being interviewed in the living room.
- B roll video of the 4 sisters playing a tabletop game in their room with their father in the background filming them.
- · Long shot of Joycelyn being interviewed as she is wiping her tears. .

like he should just take a break. But, he still needs to earn money for us.	
<ul> <li>(Interviewer asks Jasmine's step mother about what she hopes to tell Bobby to change at the moment)</li> <li>Interviewer: So, anything you feel like telling Bobby? Any bad habits he has that you hope he can change for the kids?</li> <li>(Step mother's answer)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Interview shots of Jasmine's step mother.</li> <li>B roll shot of Jasmine's step mother by herself.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>(Interviewer asks Jasmine what do you hope that you can tell your father eventually.)</li> <li>Jasmine: I would tell him, actually I don't know what to tell him. (Awkward laugh) Yeah, I just realized I still don't know what to tell him.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shot of Jasmine and her sister Joycelyn interacting and laughing.</li> <li>Long shot of Jasmine being interviewed.</li> <li>B roll video of Jasmine and her sister Joycelyn when they were younger arguing and laughing.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>(Interviewer asking Bobby if he wants to change anything from his past.)</li> <li>Bobby: I think I just want to say that I'm not a good father, but I definitely want to let my daughters know that I have my own reasons for the divorce. I have my flaws. This is the life I live and I can't change my past, but I can make it up to them by loving them now. So, will I change things as they are now? I won't, I'm happy with my family now. If I were to change something in the past, I wouldn't cause I don't think I will be happier now if I were to do that. Even with an average life and with how I was.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Interview shots of Jasmine's father in living room.</li> <li>Shots of the current family in every day life. Eating dinner, interacting with each other.</li> <li>B roll footage of Bobby in his earlier years with Jasmine and Joycelyn when they were younger to the current years with him, his current wife and four daughters.</li> <li>Fade to black</li> </ul>

· (Fade out music)	