

BMA: The Serie

Episode 12: To Learn for Eternity

INT. MELISSA'S ROOM - MORNING

Melissa is getting ready for school silently. In the room there's SOFIA (17), a dark haired girl, unpacking her stuff in a little desk. None of them says a word. After a while, once Melissa is ready, she looks at Sofia, she's putting a picture of her family beside her bed, just as she did when she arrived.

MELISSA

What did you say your name was?

SOFIA

Sofia.

MELISSA

Yeah, that was right, Sofia.

Both keep a moment of silence.

MELISSA

Where are you from? Where do you came from?

SOFIA

(confirming)

De donde vengo? Oh... México. I am from México.

MELISSA

Really?

Melissa notices she is having a hard time following her english.

MELISSA

Do you speak english? Hablas inglés.

SOFIA

(más relajada en español)

Solo un poco, no entiendo mucho.

MELISSA

Oh, está bien. Aquí vas a aprenderlo bien.

SOFIA

Eso espero, vengo para el programa de ELD específicamente. Quiero aprender inglés.

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MELISSA

Suena bien. Seguro vas a dominarlo
facilmente.

SOFIA

Eso espero, entiendo cuando me
hablan, pero no se bien como
responderles.

MELISSA

Don't worry, no te preocupes, si
tienes alguna pregunta o duda, no
dudes en preguntar.

SOFIA

Oh, gracias! Melissa, no?

MELISSA

Si, mi nombre es Melissa.

Both smile and keep doing what they were doing. Melissa is
about to leave when she stops at the door and turns back,
looking at her new roommate.

MELISSA

Ya que eres nueva, quiza
necesitaras ayuda conociendo el
lugar. ¿Quieres que te de un tour
para que conozcas bien la academia?

Sofia smiles.

SCREEN

Intro.

INT. BMA HALLS - MORNING

Dylan is walking by the halls.

DYLAN

Hey, good morning, Mr. Engen!

TEACHER

Hey, good morning, Dylan!

Dylan stops to drink water out of a water fountain. While
he's drinking he notices something in the trash can next to
him. He gets closer and see takes out an origami figure he
did. The piece is crushed and wrinkled. He looks at it kind
of sad and looks everywhere to see if somebody just threw it
there, but nobody there seem to notices the origami figure.

INT. WILL'S ROOM - MORNING

Will is taking out a lot of stuff. He gets a little trophy and some long strips. After that he gets a suit out of his wardrobe.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Meanwhile, for Will, the situation was different. He was kind of excited, getting ready for something special for him, something he called: The Graduation.

He takes out a printed paper, designed for a graduation of his volleyball program.

INT. CLASSROOM - MORNING

The seniors are taking classes in the biology room. Will is kind of excited about that day, Jake, who is right next to him, seems to have not a clue about that.

WILL

(quietly)

Are you ready, man, for sunday?

JAKE

(quietly)

You know that I'm always ready.

Will just nods agreeing.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Will had big plans planned for that graduation.

INT. BMA LOBBY - DAY

SEQUENCE OF IMAGES Of Eddy doing a lot of stuff by his own, he's studying, filling up his bottle of water, reading, etc. He is kind of bored and alone.

EDDY

Where are these guys?

EXT. BMA FLAG - DAY

Eddy is looking for his friends.

INT. BMA CLASSROOM - DAY

Eddy shows his face through the door, to see if his friends are there, but the classroom is empty.

INT. BMA HALLS - DAY

Eddy is walking by the halls when he gets closer to the library.

SKINNY (V.O.)

So, anyone knows the answer? Common
on! I know you do! Who has it? You?

Eddy stops recognizing the voice. He gets closer and he sees his friends, Skinny, Zero and Adam in the library with a group of people teaching, they have a world map with them. They seem proud of what they're doing, they're enjoying it. Eddy is amazed of what he's looking at. Even Nick and Rodi are at the back listening to them, just out of curiosity.

EDDY

(to himself)

What?

ADAM

Let me show you where Luxemburg is
located.

Adam looks for the location in the map.

ZERO

No, you're doing it wrong, it is by
this side.

SKINNY

You're two wrong, it is right here.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Watching his friends doing an
effort to keep alive what he
started, gave him a strange
satisfaction. It was the first time
he saw them trying to do something
that was right. Had he taken the
right choice at leaving?

The three of them starts arguing trying to find the right location. Eddy looking at them from outside can't avoid to draw a small smile.

EXT. CAFETERIA PARKING LOT - DAY

There is a scholar bus and a bunch of kids loading.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Every semester the choir and the bell ensemble have a trip on different churches where they go and perform.

Jennifer arrives with her stuff. She looks back before entering, then enters with a smile.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

So as part of Bel Canto, Jennifer was ready to participate on this amazing experience, that weekend.

Jennifer sits in the bus and looks through the window.

INT. BMA HALLS - DAY

Melissa and Sofia are walking in the school.

MELISSA

Está parte son puros salones y lockers, pero está puerta de acá te lleva directo al gimnasio, igual puedes entrar por afuera, pero está es la que te lleva directo desde los salones.

SOFIA

Ya veo.

A teacher who is about to leave his office sees them while he's locking the door.

TEACHER

Oh, hi Melissa! How are you doing?

MELISSA

I'm good. Have you met Sofia yet?

TEACHER

I don't have the pleasure. So, you're Sofia.

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SOFIA

Si. Yes. I'm Sofia.

TEACHER

Well, welcome to Blue Mountain Academy! I hope you enjoy your time here. I know you will, you're already well accompanied.

SOFIA

Oh.

(to Melissa)

¿Qué dijo?

MELISSA

Te está dando la bienvenida a BMA.

SOFIA

Oh, thank you.

MELISSA

She's still learning english. She came for the ELD program, so she's still learning.

TEACHER

Oh, I see. Don't worry, you'll get it real soon. Muy rápido.

Melissa and Sofia say goodbye while they keep walking to the building.

MELISSA

Te dije, los maestros aquí en BMA son bastante agradables, ya los irás conociendo más con el tiempo.

INT. BMA HALLS - DAY

All the kids are heading to the cafeteria. Jake is looking something in his locker. Will passes near hear and they both makes a handshake.

WILL

I'll see you in the weekend, man!

JAKE

Weekend?

WILL

Yeah, you know. The big thing!

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Jake nods, without remembering what he's talking about. Will keeps moving, a PANEO show us to Dylan, who is walking by his own in the hall. He goes straight to the trashcan and looks in it, he finds nothing so he keeps walking. He goes to another one and find another origami figure there.

DYLAN

Really? Another one?

Dylan is a little confused about that, he has his mind somewhere else.

TREVOR (V.O.)

Hey, dude!

Dylan lift his head and sees Daniel and Trevor trying to get a tv screen inside the library, but because they are carrying the tv, they can't open it.

TREVOR

Give us a hand here, will you?

DYLAN

Oh, sure.

Dylan runs and opens the door for them.

DANIEL

Thanks, man. Really appreciate that.

DYLAN

No problem, Daniel.

DANIEL

(getting inside)

Oh, you know my name!

DYLAN

Of course I do, everybody knows everybodys names around here.

DANIEL

Do they?

DYLAN

Yeah, you're Trevor, and you're Daniel. We've been here five months already.

Trevor and Daniel look at each other while they put the tv down in a desk.

DANIEL
Oh, cool, man.

TREVOR
Thanks...

Trevor thinks for a while but he can't come up with a name.

DANIEL
Thanks man, that was all.

Dylan nods while he walks out of the library, once he's at the door, he hears them talking.

TREVOR (V.O.)
Man, I totally forgot that dude's name.

DANIEL (V.O.)
Yeah, I haven't seen that kid around.

Dylan hears them sadly.

DYLAN
(thoughtful to himself)
I gave them a gift too.

INT. CHURCH - DAY

The kids from Bel Canto are singing in a church.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
That saturday morning the Bel Canto group worshiped with their talents and songs. That day was very special for them.

INT. CHURCH - DAY

Jennifer and the choir group is now sitted in the benches listening to the expositors. Up in the pulpit is the PREACHER giving his sermon.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Once they finished singing, they got down to listen to the worship program as usual, but this time, Jennifer heard something different that caught her attention.

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PREACHER

Doing your part on the mision is just as simple as doing a selfless act of kindness. It can happen here, it can happen in another city or another country. But as long as you're being part of the solution, you'll be already doing your part. You don't have to be at something to do it, you just have to love helping others, and love to be part of the change. That's what being a misionary is all about.

Jennifer listens to the preacher speak as he was speaking to her alone.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

The students are comming back from the church on the bus. Jennifer is looking thru the window still thinking about the message given in the church. Beside her is Wendy. Jennifer turns at her.

JENNIFER

Hey, do you think I would make for a good misionary?

WENDY

Why do you ask? Are thinking of becoming one?

JENNIFER

I don't know. You think I should?

WENDY

Being a misionary is not that easy as it sounds. Sometimes you just have to do a lot of stuff, help different kind of people and even change routines from time to time. It can be not as consistant as you think, depend on the area you're working, but sometimes you just have to try to do the things they need, and who knows what that might be. I mean, that's what I heard, but if you like it, I guess you should just go for it.

Jennifer nods.

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JENNIFER

All right. Thank you.

Jennifer keeps looking thru the window thinking about that. There's a presentation with a lot of pictures with misionaries all around the world.

INT. GYM - MORNING

Jake is with his volleyball team practicing.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Early that sunday, Jake took his team to the gym to practice. He needed to make sure they will be fit for the tournament.

SEQUENCE OF IMAGES of Jake and his team practicing.

JAKE

Come on! We got this! Use both hands.

INT. GYM - MORNING

Jake and his team are resting in the volleyball court. They all are tired.

JAKE

We still have work to do. I don't want to take much of your time, but I see necessary to do this once more today.

TREVOR

Really, man?

JAKE

Yeah, just today. Let's meet again in the afternoon, we need to work hard on this, if we don't take it seriously we'll be done in the first round. So... what do you think? Can you help me with that?

The team look at each other.

DANIEL

Yeah, he's right, we need to work on this together. I'll be here, count me in.

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WENDY

Me too.

TREVOR

Can we at least do it outside? I mean, being locked in this gym doesn't give me the same energy than that beautiful sand court outside.

JAKE

The intramurals are being held here in the gym, why would you want to practice outside?

TREVOR

Just because.

NUGGET

I like outside too. I mean, at least that way I can see my buddies playing soccer too.

JAKE

All right, just for today and if everybody agrees with that.

(to the other teammates)

What do you think?

LISA

I don't mind.

WENDY

Yeah, some fresh air wouldn't be bad.

DANIEL

Yeah, whatever you want.

JAKE

Okay, if you all want it that way, we'll see us outside then. Is that good enough?

EVERBODY

Yeah, I like it, sure!

JAKE

All right.

Jake nods happy with the response.

EXT. SOCCER FIELD - AFTERNOON

There's a lot of guys playing soccer in the field. Eddy's friends are there playing too. Melissa and Sofia are sitting there watching the game.

SOFIA

Entonces ellos son de Brasil, el de allá es de Republica Dominicana y aquellos de Ecuador.

MELISSA

Si, hay personas de todas partes del mundo, pero latinos son los que más abundan aquí en BMA.

SOFIA

Genial.

MELISSA

Solo trata de no sentirte muy cómoda con el español, hablarlo aquí es tan fácil que podrías olvidar que viniste a aprender inglés y no quieres regresar con el mismo nivel con el que llegaste ¿o si?

SOFIA

No. I want to learn.

MELISSA

That's what I thought.

SOFIA

¿Quién era tu antigua compañera de cuarto? ¿Antes de que yo llegara?

Melissa thinks about for a short time.

MELISSA

She was a good friend.

(short pause)

She taught me how I can be a better friend to others.

Sofia tries to understand.

MELISSA

Fue una excelente amiga.

In the soccer field there's also Eddy who is watching the game, when he hears a group of kids freshmen talking, they're studying with their books and notebooks.

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FRESHMAN 1

I'm telling you, I studied this just how Skinny told me. I have to multiple the number times the number you're trying to find and then divide it by a 100. Easy as that.

FRESHMAN 2

Oh yeah, you're right. Adam told me to just follow that method, but I didn't attend to the tutoring that day, that was why I didn't know it.

FRESHMAN 1

Yeah, lucky for you and me that I went that time.

FRESHMAN 2

Yeah, those tutoring have save my life already three times.

FRESHMAN 1

Yeah dude, me too.

Eddy listens to them to the distance and thinks about it.

INT. GYM - AFTERNOON

Will is fixing all the place by himself. He's wearing a suit but not formal pants. The place has being set up nicely. There are some ballons in the net and a short path made of strips simulating a road. He has in his hands the graduation paper. Will is kind of nervous trying to see if everything is ready.

EXT. SOCCER FIELD - AFTERNOON

Dylan is sittted under a tree watching one of the origami pieces he made that had being thrown out. Jake passes by him with a volley ball.

DYLAN

Hey, Jake.

JAKE

(turning half way to him)
Hey, man.

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DYLAN
Are you going to play?

JAKE
(without stoping)
Yeah, just some practices.

DYLAN
Cool.

Jake doesn't stops keeps walking till he gets to the volleyball sand court.

EXT. VOLLEYBALL SAND COURT - AFTERNOON

All the team is there gathered. Jake arrives and nods satisfied that the team is serious about the training.

JAKE
Thanks guys for being here. We'll make this work out, we're going to be the best team this year duting the tournament.

DANIEL
That's a sure thing!

JAKE
You're damn right.

Jake and the team start practicing.

NARRATOR (V.O.)
Jake had a good intention: make his team the best one of them all, give them the glory that they all desired, but, wasn't he forgetting something a little bit more important than a moment of glory?

INT. GYM - AFTERNOON

Will is waiting in the gym, but nobody has shown up. He looks at his watch. He waits there alone.

SEQUENCE OF IMAGES: The team is practicing very hard with Jake while Will waits by himself inside the gym.

EXT. VOLLEYBALL SAND COURT - AFTERNOON

At the end of the sequence, Jake manages to cross a serve and he celebrates it very proud.

JAKE
(happy)
Did you see that?

Jake look with his eyes to Will, but he's nowhere to be seen. He gets a little confused where he might be.

INT. GYM - AFTERNOON

Will is taking everything down. He pops the balloons and throws everything in the trashcan. He's about to throw the certificate, but he looks at it for a moment before he do it.

The janitor is standing on the door looking at the stuff he's taking down.

JANITOR
You better leave as it was before,
huh?

EXT. OUTSIDE BMA - DUSK

All the students are returning from the soccer field to their dorms. Dylan is feeling a little bit down. Jake and his team are splitting up, everyone going to their respective places.

JAKE
That was a good practice guys, see
you on the next one.

WENDY
Yeah, that was fun!

Jake leaves a little bit happy, he's getting better hopes about his team now. While he's walking he hears behind him a teacher speak.

TEACHER
He was in the gym by himself, I
just brought you here if you can
take him back to the dorms.

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DEAN

Yeah, no problem, I'll take care of him.

Jake turns around and looks at Will.

JAKE

(approaching)

Hey, man! Where were you? You should see us in the field, we were kicking fire!

(looking at the dean)

I can take care of him.

DEAN

Oh, all right.

WILL

(mad)

No, I can go by my own. I'm not useless.

Will starts leaving by his own.

JAKE

Hey, what's with you?

Will doesn't answer, he just tries to go the faster he can to his room.

JAKE

(joking around)

What's with that suit? Did you have a concert? Oh, don't tell me...

(quieter)

Did you have a date? Who's the girl?

Will ignores him angry. Jake realizes he's kind of mad, so he changes his tone.

JAKE

Come on, man! What's going on? Where were you all this time?

WILL

Didn't you forgot something?

JAKE

Me?

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WILL
Yeah, you!

JAKE
Not that I can think of.

WILL
That's what I thought.

Will throws his certificate in Jake's body without stopping.

WILL
Congratulations, you just graduate
from getting rid of me.

Jake stops looking confused at the certificate, he reads the words: WILL'S SPECIAL PROGRAM GRADUATION. Jake remembers the graduation and his face changes suddenly.

JAKE
Oh.

Will doesn't stop, he's already in the entrance of the dorm. Jake just looks at him going away.

INT. DYLAN'S ROOM - NIGHT

Dylan is trying to sleep but he finds it hard to do.

INT. MELISSA'S ROOM - NIGHT

Melissa is getting ready to sleep, Sofia is already in bed.

MELISSA
Good night, Sofia.

SOFIA
Good night.

INT. EDDY'S ROOM - NIGHT

Eddy is looking at the window trying to sleep.

INT. JENNIFER'S ROOM - NIGHT

Jennifer is already sleeping, she seems to be more relaxed and calm.

INT. JAKE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Jake can't sleep, his mind is very far away, he's thinking about what just happened.

EXT. BMA - NIGHT

The BMA buildings are being SHOWED how they look at night.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

That weekend, many things had taken place at BMA. Some of our friends had found answers, while other just created more. Nobody said that being a teenager, everything would be easy.

INT. BMA - MORNING

The BMA buildings are being SHOWED during the morning.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

That morning, one of our friend decided to do something about it.

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

Skinny, Adam and Zero are giving tutoring to the kids as regular.

ADAM

Does anybody knows the answer?

GUY 1

May 23.

ADAM

No.

GUY 2

June 18?

ADAM

Are you asking me?

GUY 2

June 18.

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ADAM

That's not the answer.

SKINNY

Come on, guys, we studied this last week.

RODI (V.O.)

March 7?

SKINNY

Almost!

The camera FOCUSES Rodi in the group.

RODI

Yeah, I knew I was close!

The CAMERA does a PANELO and Nick is besides him.

NICK

March 8?

ZERO

Nice try, but not correct.

GUY 3

March 2?

ADAM

Come on! I know you know this!

EDDY (V.O.)

March 4.

ADAM

Correct! Who said that?

Everybody turns around, but they see nobody. Suddenly from the door Eddy enters in a prepotent way, with a serious face and a lot of material with him. All the people gets surprised just to see him, some even stand up.

EDDY

Yeah, march 4 in 1861. That was the date when Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States was elected president, and his inauguration took place. Defeating Stephen Douglas, John C. Breckinridge and John Bell, becoming the first to win the presidency for the republican

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EDDY (cont'd)
party. So, now... anybody wants to
tell me where are we on this
lesson?

Everybody is looking at Eddy very surprised.

SKINNY
You came back. For good?

EDDY
I belong here, Skinny. I'm here to
stay.

Everybody starts to cheer him up happily. Zero and Adam
celebrates together. Even Nick nods happy to have a good
tutor.

EDDY
So, shall we continue with the
class?

CUT TO BLACK