

1 INT. AMANDA'S APARTMENT IN LOS ANGELES- BEDROOM. DAY 1

Alarm clock goes off and BLASTS Hip Hop music. AMANDA FAN (26, American Born Chinese woman in her PJ with messy dark hair), groans and gets off her bed, drags herself over to the bathroom. She looks at the time on her phone and widens her eyes.

AMANDA  
(curses in Chinese)  
Fuck I'm late!

Amanda puts toothpaste on her toothbrush, shoves it in her mouth and brushes quickly. She changes into her work attire (white blouse black fitted pants), almost stabs herself in the eye with her mascara.

AMANDA (CONT'D)  
OW!

Amanda grabs her handbag, shoves her laptop in, puts on her slip-ons, runs out the door and hops in her Tesla.

1A EXT. AMANDA'S APARTMENT IN LOS ANGELES. - DAY. 1A

Amanda SPEEDS on the road in her Tesla heading to the office.

1B INT. COFFEE SHOP. - DAY. 1B

Amanda catches her breathe as she orders her coffee.

AMANDA  
Grande soy latte, DOUBLE shot,  
please. Thanks!

Amanda picks up her coffee and runs to the office across the street.

1C INT. QC VENTURE CAPITAL. -DAY. 1C

Amanda runs towards the entrance and punches her card. Collects herself together and walks in as if she was never in a hurry.

She finds her cubicle and sits down and DEVOURS her coffee.

AMANDA  
Always hits the spot.

Amanda enjoys another sip of the coffee.

2 INT. GYM IN NEW YORK CITY- DAY.

2

ERIC YANG (27), a tall handsome lean muscular American born Chinese man in his workout attire lifting weights with AirPods in his ear, listening to a UNRELEASED song. He puts down the weights and calls RICKY (27), his business partner.

RICKY

(V.O.)

Yo!

ERIC

Man the autotune's way too much.  
Gotta tone it down a lil.

RICKY

(V.O.)

Man I'm BEAT. Haven't slept in days  
to get this shit done.

ERIC

I'll be back to the studio in five.  
Get some sleep.

Eric hangs up and leaves the gym.

3 INT. MEXICAN RESTAURANT IN BRONX. - DAY.

3

MEGAN HERNANDEZ(23), an androgynous beauty in all black carrying food from table to table. She places food on multiple tables and catches a lady waving at her. She walks over to her table.

MEGAN

What can I do for you?

LADY

Excuse me, may I please have a to-go box?

Megan scans the table, sees a close to empty bowl of soup with one spoon full worth of soup leftover.

MEGAN

You could just finish that.

LADY

Oh I'm way too full...may I get a box please?

Beat.

MEGAN

...Sure.  
 (murmurs to herself)  
 Qué rayos fue eso?

Megan walks away and comes back with a sauce to-go container and the bill in her back pocket. Lady looks at Megan  
 CONFUSED.

LADY

I asked for a to-go box, not a  
 sauce container.

MEGAN

It'll fit.

Megan picks up the bowl and pours the remaining soup into the to-go sauce container and it is filled up perfectly. She closes the lid for the lady.

Megan slides the container to the lady.

MEGAN (CONT'D)

Here's the bill, thank you!

Megan lays down the bill and walks away with SASS.

4 INT. ICE ENTERTAINMENT DANCE STUDIO -SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA. - 4 NIGHT.

RUBY LEE (19), a K-pop idol in the making in crop tops and baggy pants dancing to UPBEAT Korean Hip Hop song with powerful energetic movements while rapping along to the song. The song fades out as Ruby checks herself in the mirror.

A SENSUAL song in Korean comes up and her facial expressions become seductive along with the song. She dances provocatively as she sways her hips and flips her hair.

MR. KIM, CEO of ICE ENTERTAINMENT walks into the studio and greets Ruby.

Ruby turns around and shuts off the music in shock. She bows to him.

RUBY

(in Korean)  
 I'm sorry Mr. Kim! I know I'm not  
 allowed to use the studio pass  
 10PM.

MR. KIM  
 (in Korean)  
 No worries! I loved how you dance.

Ruby hesitates.

MR. KIM (CONT'D)  
 You have something on your mind?

Beat.

RUBY  
 I want to thank you for the  
 opportunity to debut! But....

MR. KIM  
 But?

Ruby takes a deep breathe anxiously.

RUBY  
 I don't wanna be vocalist or main  
 dancer.

Beat.

Mr Kim clenches his jaw, annoyed.

MR. KIM  
 Get some rest, come to my office at  
 9:30AM and we'll talk tomorrow.

Mr. Kim leaves the studio as Ruby lets out a deep sigh.

5 INT. BOXING STUDIO IN ATLANTA. - DAY.

5

DWAYNE JACKSON(30), a tall and muscular tatted man boxing  
 aggressively to his trainer with his boxing gloves and pads.  
 Trainer signaling him to cool down and time out.

Dwayne's phone rings. He picks up the phone with a smile.

DWAYNE  
 Hey babe!

Beat. Dwayne listens. His smile fades away.

DWAYNE (CONT'D)  
 I'll be there in ten.

Dwayne hangs up and leaves the gym.

