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FADE IN:

INT. SANJAY'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

SANJAY BINDRA, mid-40s, and his wife PADMA BINDRA are sleeping. A digital clock on the nightstand displays 2:29 in the morning. The clock alarm goes off when the clock goes to 2:30. SANJAY stirs to awake and reaches over to hit the snooze button.

Four minutes later the alarm goes off again, SANJAY reaches over again but this time turns it off, sits up, and swings his legs out of bed. Wearing a t-shirt and pajama shorts he grimaces and stretches.

SANJAY BINDRA
(quietly and to no
one with a slight
Indian accent)
I'm getting too old for this.

PADMA BINDRA
(also with a
slight Indian
accent)
What was your first clue?

Sanjay looks over to her and then pushes himself up and out of bed.

INT. DEE'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Sanjay knocks and enters his 16 year old teenage son's room while putting on a robe. DEE BINDRA is spread facedown on his bed when Sanjay turns on the light. His bedroom is rather neat and well kept for a high school junior. There are a number of cricket posters on his walls.

SANJAY
Dee. Dee, go wake up your
brother.

DEE rolls over and looks up at the ceiling.

DEE BINDRA
 (to himself with a
 fully American
 accent)

Oh man.

The front door bell goes off. Sanjay exits to go answer it.

INT. VAL'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Dee opens the door to the bedroom and clicks on the light to reveal a disaster area of a kid's bedroom with a monster pile of stuffed toys and books and clothes. The walls are covered in Pokemon and super hero posters.

DEE
 Val, are you getting up or
 sleeping?

VAL BINDRA, a nine year old, bursts out of the pile of toys and looks as if he's ready for battle. Fully awake he starts searching through the pile covering his bed looking for something. Dee rolls his eyes and exits.

INT. BINDRA HOME FRONT DOOR - CONTINUOUS

The door bell rings again pleadingly. Sanjay trundles up to the door and unlocks it to reveal SUNIL CHANDRA, standing outside freezing in a thick heavy winter parka but wearing pajama bottoms and sandals. He is carrying a small sleeping bag. There is well over a foot of snow outside. Sunil pushes past Sanjay to get in from the cold.

SUNIL CHANDRA
 (with an English
 accent)
 I could have frozen out there
 Sanjay! Has it started?! How
 about some chai?

Both men head to the living room as Sunil unbundles himself. Sanjay heads to the kitchen.

SANJAY
 Get the door if anyone else
 shows up.

INT. BINDRA HOME LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Sunil is getting settled in on the couch by getting covered up in his sleeping bag. Dee is in the room with them with the remote to a very large plasma HD television. A local early morning news show is on.

TV WEATHERMAN

(too cheerily)

Look for today's high to be 10 degrees today in the Lilac City. We'll see some light snow flurries before the bigger system tracks in Monday.

SUNIL

Dee I can't stand hearing this depressing news. Let's get the show on!

DEE

Hold on uncle. Hold on.

Dee clicks around and brings up a channel menu on the television and starts scrolling down. Sanjay enters the room carrying a large tray with cookies, small tea cups, other small snacks, and a tea kettle. He places it on the coffee table and Sunil helps himself. Val comes running in dressed in POKEMON pajamas carrying a small cricket bat.

VAL BINDRA

(shouting
excitedly)

I found it! Has it started?

The front door rings.

VAL

(still shouting)

I'll get it!!

Val runs out of the room at top speed. Dee brings up a pay-per-view screen and confirms a purchase. The television changes to a shot of two South African sportscasters talking through cricket analysis.

SANJAY AND SUNIL

(in unison)

Ahhh!!!

SPORTSCASTER #1

(on television)

Welcome to our world-wide audience today to the opening day of this week's test between South Africa and India. It's shaping up to be a cracker.

HANEET BHATIA, Indian and in his late twenties, enters the room quickly followed by Val.

HANEET BHATIA

(strong Indian
accent)

Did I miss anything?!

SUNIL

No, no, not yet. Have some
chai. Warm up.

The men and boys all start to settle in talking excitedly and arguing the batting lineup for India as it is announced. All of them cheer when the South African bowler bowls the first ball and it is hit hard rolling by the Indian batsman over the boundary for four runs.

Later, another clock in the front room shows that it is now 4am. All of the men and DEE are asleep in the front room while the match continues. VAL is wide awake and into every second of the match.

INT. COMPANY HALLWAY TO SERVER ROOM

KATHY SCHULAR, in her late thirties, passes a photo ID card past a card reader. A second later the door lock clicks to give her access to a small mantrap room with a second door. A biometric hand scanner shows a message to 'Insert Hand' which she does. The second door lock clicks and she enters the datacenter.

INT. COMPANY SERVER ROOM - DAY

In a large white server room, rows and rows of black cabinets contain numerous computer servers. At the end of each row is a network switch array with cabling patch panels. The room is quite noisy due to large air cooling systems located along the walls. It is brightly lit.

Kathy hurries past the rows to the back of the server room where a large set of patch panels is located. One set is obviously not as well installed and new as all of the others. Haneet is crouched in front of this set of patch panels looking at an old large data networking switch with another network engineer, BARRY JOHNS in his early 20s.

KATHY SCHULAR

Haneet, talk to me buddy.
What's going on?

HANEET

I know you're new here Kathy but this legacy equipment should have been out of here years ago.

KATHY

Yeah, yeah... There are a bunch of people out there running around with their hair on fire. What are we going to tell 'em?

HANEET

We've lost a board on this old switch. We're going to have to take it down.

KATHY

Damn, all right. Umm, go ahead and do that. I'll get an emergency change control in. Can one of you get on the event call and give everybody an update? You can bail from it after that and I'll handle the call from there.

HANEET

I'll do it. Is Sanjay after you yet?

KATHY

Not yet. His guys are looking to see if any of the database indexes are corrupted. Hopefully nothing took too big a hit.

HANEET

Barry, go pull two of the old spare port cards from depot. Get back here and swap out board two while I get on this call.

BARRY JOHNS

Will do.

Kathy heads out of the server room with Barry. Haneet goes over to a wall phone on a column and punches up the event call codes. He waits for the call to connect and hears a bunch of individuals arguing with each other.

HANEET

Hello this is Haneet in the server room.

INT. CLASSROOM AT LEWIS & CLARK HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

Students are settling into the room when the bell rings. Dee is putting his stuff under his chair as ADAM SCHULAR, a good looking 16 year old jock, comes up and stares at Dee.

ADAM SCHULAR

Hey man, you're in my chair.

Dee looks around like he wonders who Adam is talking to.

ADAM (CONT.)

Are you hard of hearing? I said that's my chair.

Dee looks at Adam incredulously.

DEE

Go stuff yourself new kid. If you take a long walk off a short pier maybe you'll find your chair there dipstick.

Adam purses his lips as Dee gets up out of the chair to Adam's challenge. They stare at each other a tense moment longer and then hug each other.

DEE (CONT.)

I didn't know you were going to get this class Adam!

ADAM

Me either Dee! This'll be cool!

The teacher calls for everyone to settle down.

TEACHER

Okay, okay, let's settle in guys. We've got a new student starting with us today. Adam, you want to come up and introduce yourself?

On the other side of the classroom is JEN HANSEN with a couple of her girlfriends. They give each other looks as Adam goes up to introduce himself since he is quite attractive.

ADAM

(nervously)

Hey everybody, I'm Adam and I'm loving I probably get to do this introduction 6 times today. Anyways, my Mom and I just moved here from Seattle. And I happen to know that dork

(pointing towards
Dee)

back there cause we went to elementary school together back in the day. Anyways...

Adam awkwardly waves and quickly returns to his seat.

TEACHER

All right let's pull out those books and turn to page 89.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

Adam and Dee are walking together down the hallway. Dee is pointing out various things giving Adam a mini-tour of the school while introducing him to some students.

ADAM

I'm glad I got transferred
before baseball tryouts.

DEE

Dude, you should forget about
baseball. There's a good
cricket club here. Come play
for us man.

ADAM

I don't know crap about cricket.
Besides it would screw up my
swing.

DEE

Yeah, right... Okay here's your
next class. Find me at lunch
and I'll introduce you to a
couple more buds.

ADAM

Thanks Dee.

Adam goes into his next classroom as Dee progresses on.
Jen and her buddies surround him as he continues walking.

1ST GIRLFRIEND

Who's the new hotty Dee?

DEE

Well it's me, isn't it?

2ND GIRLFRIEND

Yeah, right.

DEE

Our parents worked together in
Seattle. You'll dig him, Adam
is way cool for a jock.

Jen laughs at her girlfriends needling Dee for information.

JEN HANSEN

Did I hear he likes baseball?

DEE

Yeah, he's really good.

JEN

Well tryouts are next week.

She gives Dee a wink as the girls peel off to go to another class. Dee keeps going down the hallway but is not happy to see a couple of seniors who are talking to each other. VIJAY RAJ, an older tall Indian senior, spies Dee coming towards them.

VIJAY RAJ

(moderate Indian
accent)

Well if isn't the Bangalore
Express himself.

DEE

Piss off Vijay.

VIJAY

You and those hacks from your
uncle's restaurant going to try
and resemble a cricket team
again this summer?

DEE

I said piss off.

Vijay grabs Dee by the shirt.

VIJAY

How's it feel knowing you'll
never have a chance to play
first grade cricket?

DEE

Screw you Vijay, I'll get out of
Spokane someday.

Vijay shoves Dee away harshly when he notices they are drawing a bunch of attention in the hallway from other students.

VIJAY

Yeah, right. You'll probably go to school at Washington State and then who do you play in cricket? The same old teams you play against now.

Dee walks away dejectedly.

INT. SCHULAR KITCHEN - DAY

Adam is finishing up eating breakfast cereal when Kathy comes in completing her makeup before leaving for work.

KATHY

Hurry up Doll, I've got to get you over to school and head in to the datacenter.

Adam slurps down the milk from his bowl.

ADAM

All right, all right Mom.

KATHY

Where's your baseball stuff?

ADAM

Oh right?

He sprints out of the room and returns quickly with his bat bag over his shoulder.

KATHY

Jeez Kid, you'd forget your head if it wasn't attached.

ADAM

Right Mom. At least I've already been asked out on a date here!

KATHY

Oh, oh that's not very nice from my own son! Come on, let's go. Anybody cute?!