

Screenplay for Directing

INT. CHANGING ROOM, SCHOOL - DAY 1

School bell rings, signaling the end of the school day. Compound bustling. The boys enter the toilet, drop their bags on the bench, and they began changing out of their uniform. LEADER came in with a cake and lighted candle.

ALL  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
AMOS, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOUUU~

LEADER mashed the cake into his face and smeared it across his uniform.

SMART  
HAPPY BELATED AMOS! HAHA

They burst into laughter.  
SMART videoed everything down on his phone.

AMOS  
WHAT THE HECK GUYS, MY UNIFORM!!!

He took the cream on his face and smeared it back on them as they backed off. In came a bucket of water which took him out. Splash! He stood frozen, drenched and in shock.

LEADER  
Don't even try! Hurry up, wash up  
and get changed!

LEADER threw a set of clean clothes at him and a towel.

EXT. STREET - DAY 1

The boys are out of school and walking towards their location. They each have a tshirt on, while still dressed in school shorts and shoes. They blindfolded AMOS, and they are walking.

AMOS  
Damn guys, thanks, you seriously  
caught me off guard.

SMART  
I love your face after that bucket  
splash. Check it out.

SMART replayed the video on his phone and passed it around.

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SMART

I am so posting it on Facebook.

AMOS

Eh stop it la... So... Where are we going?

LEADER

Okay Amos, SINCE its your birthday, we got a dare for you. Right guys?

The boys smirked.

AMOS

Damn... bring it on man.

LEADER

Wow, such confidence! If you say so, better not back off when we tell you ah!

AMOS

Sure.

The boys reached the convenience store.

LEADER

Are you ready, Mr Amos?

AMOS

Bring it.

They took off his blindfold.

Amos' eyes accustomed to the brightness to see a convenience store in front of him. He is puzzled.

LEADER

So, your job is to just follow us and do as we do-

AMOS

And do what?

LEADER

AND not question further.

AMOS

Okay...?

SMART looked through the glass and saw there the cashier was busy attending to customers, and he signalled LEADER.

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LEADER  
Great. Let's go boys.

INT. CONVENIENCE STORE - DAY 1

[Stealing scene]

LEADER pushes the door open, and walks in first. The welcome bell sounded.

He looks: There are two customers queuing at the counter, the lone shopkeeper is busy serving them at the counter.

ALEX walks into the shelf lane, out of sight of the cashier.

FRIEND 2 follows him, he instructs FRIEND 1 to stay further away from him.

FRIEND 1 comes in, walks to the magazine holders near the cashier counter, hoping to get his attention by messing with the magazines.

AMOS walks in, unsure of what to do, he sees ALEX and FRIEND 2 putting things into their bags in one lane, he walks to another. He hesitates on the item he is going to take, takes it, and decides to pay for it.

AMOS walks up to the counter to make his purchase.

Queuing, he looks back friends who are nowhere to be seen.

Suddenly FRIEND 2 appears, grabs his item, puts it in his bag.

FRIEND 1 watches until they exit safely, finally puts back the magazines and walks out.

They bolted off once they got out of the convenience store.

EXT. SOCCER COURT - DAY 1

The boys are running to the soccer court, panting and laughing at the same time. They are exhilarated by the escape.

LEADER  
Oi! Faster!

FOLLOWER  
Siao! How far are we running?!

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SMART

Ya sia, how far you wanna run!

They finally stop inside the court, panting for their breathe. Soccer court was empty.

ALEX

Shiok right! (tired but smiling)

SMART

That was easy!

He takes out the loot. The rest followed. Ruffles, Chocolate chips, Ice-cream, Juice. The boys cheered as they piled their food together. FRIEND 2 took out his soccer ball and started kicking.

AMOS

(catches his breath) Are yall crazy?? Why didn't yall tell me that yall were stealing?!

SMART

Tell you we are stealing?? Are you kidding me? (laughing face)

They laughed out loud.

SMART

Who tells anyone that they are stealing? 'Oh, eh guys let's go stealing today okay alright? Let's take one packet of chips, one bottle of coke and one 8 days magazine.' (mocking face, while he takes the items out from his bag.)

They continued laughing.

FOLLOWER

What's the point of a surprise dare if you were to tell you?

LEADER

And Bro, if we told you, you are probably sitting in school alone now, eating the same old canteen food and wondering where we went. This is called brother okay. Don't say Bo Jio.

AMOS

But stealing is wrong?!

There was a short pause of silence.

SMART

What's wrong?

AMOS

What do you mean 'what's wrong'?!?

SMART

Yeah, seriously, what do you think is wrong with what we did?

AMOS

You guys stole. Stealing is wrong, it is illegal, you can go to jail if you get caught! Is this not common sense?

LEADER

Dude, chill out man, it's your birthday! We only are doing it for you! It's once-off, eh?

FOLLOWER

Yeah, its just for fun! We got to have some fun sometimes, stop freaking out! Exams are over! Its only a few dollars anyway, its not like we can't afford?!

AMOS

What the heck guys, this is messed up?! How can you- Stealing is JUST WRONG?!

SMART

Dude, calm down man. Think about it, just because people tells you its wrong, doesnt make it wrong.

LEADER

One, we aren't harming anyone. Two, we are not taking people's stuff! It belongs to the store. It doesnt affect there are so many 7elevens around. Their stocks are plenty! What is a packet of chips to them?

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AMOS

But-

Amos is suddenly lost for words. He never thought of things this way. All he knew all along was that. That's way his parents told him, that's what his teachers told him, that's what they say in Crimewatch.

FOLLOWER

Cmon, let's just relax and enjoy okay? What's done has been done.

The boys proceeded with the food.

AMOS

Well, thanks for today guys. I think I'll head home first... and think about it.

SMART

Dude, your mum is

LEADER

Eh you better keep this to yourself eh! If you are a loser who spread this to everyone, you can forget about hanging out and calling us friends!

Amos picked up his bag and walked off in the distance.

INT. HOME - EVENING 1

Its dinner time. AMOS is staring at his packet of biscuits. He is deep in thought.

AMOS

Mum?

MOTHER

Yes honey?

He pauses.

MOTHER

Yes honey i'm hearing you...?

AMOS

What's... actually, what's wrong with stealing?

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MOTHER

Why...? What happened?

AMOS

No Mum, can you just answer my question?

MOTHER

No-

AMOS

Its just a curious question.

MOTHER

Did you-

AMOS

No I didnt! I'm just asking...

Mother stared at him. He looked back straight at her.

MOTHER

You better not be doing anything stupid ah I tell you... You know what your father did...

AMOS

You always tell me not to steal but you don't give me a reason.

MOTHER

Amos, how would you feel if you were the other pers-

AMOS

But what if you are not taking it from somebody?

MOTHER

Its JUST wrong Amos. Its your morals. Its the law. Its about being a good person, good Karma...

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT 1

Room lights are off. AMOS is in bed.

He looks at the packet of chips, still deep in thought.



INT. CLASSROOM - DAY 2

*[The next day]*

School bell rings, signaling the end of the school day.  
Compound bustling. The boys are back in the changing room.

SMART  
So what did your MUMMY say?

AMOS  
Shuddup...

SMART  
So what's WRONG with stealing?  
(mimicks Amos)

The boys laughed.

LEADER  
We are going out again. Up to you  
if you wanna join us.

The boys changed and walked out of the changing room,  
leaving Amos behind.

EXT. STREET - DAY 2

AMOS runs to catch them before they reached the store.

AMOS  
Eh guys, wait up!

They stopped.

AMOS  
Okay, I'm sorry about yesterday. I  
mean-

LEADER  
So are you joining us or not?

AMOS  
I mean- If you guys are stealing  
again, then I'm not...

FOLLOWER  
Ok then, you can leave.

AMOS  
I mean, I could wait outside while  
you do your thing...?

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The boys looked at each other, sniggered and continued walking.

AMOS

Well, didn't you guys said it was gonna be once-off?!

The boys walked on.

AMOS

You can go to jail if you get caught!

INT. CONVENIENCE STORE - DAY 2

The boys went in again. LEADER first, followed by FOLLOWER and then SMART. This time there was no one else in the store. The shopkeeper has a clear view of them.

LEADER instructed them to dwell longer in the shop and wait for other customers to distract.

EXT. BUS STOP - DAY 2

AMOS was waiting right outside at the bus stop. He didn't want to be part of the act.

TEXT MESSAGE (MUMMY)

School's over. Where are you? What time are you coming home?

TEXT MESSAGE (MUMMY)

You better not be hanging out with LEADER and friends.

AMOS ignores the messages.

INT. CONVENIENCE STORE - DAY 2

Suddenly, two customers came in and walked to the counter, the shopkeeper seems distracted. The boys got to action. they started putting items into their bags, keeping an eye on the cashier.

EXT. BUS STOP - DAY 2

AMOS looks on at the convenience store.

They seem to be taking awhile.

He walks up to check.

Just then, a passer-by stops in his tracks outside the shop. He notices the boys' actions. 'Hey boys! What are you doing!'

AMOS alarmed, rushes over to approach him.

AMOS  
Hey Uncle!

The man didn't seem to hear him. He was pointing into the store, he was about to go into the store.

AMOS  
Hey Uncle! UNCLE!!!

The uncle turns around.

AMOS  
Can you help me?! (Amos puts his phone away.) Sorry, its urgent! Err, my phone battery is flat. Can I borrow your handpone to make a call?

UNCLE  
What? Wait-

Uncle is about to turn back.

AMOS  
No wait its urgent! Very urgent! My mum... is in the hospital. I need to visit her! Please!

The uncle stops and takes out his phone.

AMOS  
Thank you so much uncle.

LEADER, FOLLOWER and SMART came out of the store. They saw AMOS talking to the Uncle. He signalled them to leave with his eye.

AMOS pretended that the number couldn't get through and returns the phone to UNCLE. Uncle turned and walks towards the store. The boys were gone.

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AMOS walks away.

TEXT MESSAGE (LEADER)  
Thanks bruh!

He wasn't sure if he did the right thing.