

A DYSFUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP

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Characters:

- Narrator
- Maganda
- Don Ramon
- Sam
- Clemens

ACT 1:

Enter Maganda

Narrator: Maganda is the most beautiful girl in school. She's the bomb! Maganda has a boyfriend named Don Ramon. Don Ramon is a slick, smooth-talking guy who thinks he's a "player." But even though Don Ramon is one of the "cool guys" Maganda is unhappy. Don Ramon makes Maganda feel bad about herself and is always saying mean things to her in front of all the kids at school.

Don Ramon: You're nothing without me. I made you.

Narrator: Maganda starts to see him for what he really is: selfish, arrogant and full of himself. She decides to break up with him.

Maganda: I'm tired of your attitude. You're fired!

STOP...background check: What was going on between Maganda and Don Ramon? What does Maganda decide to do?

ACT 2:

Enter Sam

Narrator: Meanwhile...a new kid has enrolled in school. His name is Sam. Sam looks around and decides he wants to be one of the "cool guys" in school just like Don Ramon. In fact he wants everything Don Ramon has...including hooking up with the most beautiful girl in school: Maganda. When he hears Maganda and Don Ramon are having problems he starts to make his move.

Sam: You're too good for him. He's not all that. You deserve better.

Narrator: He tells her not to worry about anything because he's right there behind her. He's come from the outside to save and protect her.

Maganda: Why do you care? I'm not trying to have another boyfriend. I just want to be free.

Sam: Don't worry, girl, it's all good. I just want to be friends. A beautiful strong woman like you should be free to make your own choices.

STOP: What opportunity did Sam have to come between Maganda and Don Ramon? What were the circumstances?

ACT 3:

Narrator: Maganda finally gets up the courage to break up with Don Ramon. At first, Don Ramon tries to make Maganda stay with him but Maganda doesn't care what he says or does, she wants to break up. Don Ramon finally agrees- but only to give her time to think about it even though he knows what her answer will be.

Meanwhile...Sam seeing that Don Ramon is out of the picture becomes more bold towards Maganda. He starts to bug her about being with him.

Maganda: I'm not interested! Step off!

Sam: How're you going to do me like this? After all I did for you. This is what I get in return?

Narrator: Sam tries even harder but Maganda won't budge. She does not want to be in another relationship. She is fine on her own. Sam gets desperate. He starts to spread rumors and lies about Maganda saying she's too young to be by herself. She needs someone to take care of her. She had promised to be with him. At this time, Sam's cousin, Clemens, gets involved.

Enter Clemens

Narrator: Clemens is a nice guy who really believes Maganda is being used by both Sam and Don Ramon. He doesn't agree with what his cousin is doing. He takes Maganda's side and argues against Sam in front of all the other kids in school.

Clemens: Sam is trying to be more than he is. Don't believe what he says about Maganda. They are all lies. Sam should stop before he hurts Maganda.

STOP: How did Sam spread his ideas to get the other kids on his side? What did Clemens do? What were Sam's and Clemens's actions an example of? Why?

ACT 4:

Narrator: No matter what Clemens or anyone says, Sam refuses to listen. He believes Maganda is destined to be his and no one else's. He'll do whatever is necessary to get what he wants.

Sam: I'll buy you newer, nicer things to make you prettier. I'll help you become more "independent."

Narrator: Maganda tells him she doesn't want anything from him. This makes him madder. Sam threatens her. Then he starts a fight with her in front of the other kids, making it seem like Maganda is being unreasonable.

Narrator: Finally, realizing that Maganda won't give in to the pressure, Sam goes to Don Ramon and makes a deal.

Sam: I'll give you twenty dollars if you let Maganda be my girl.

Narrator: So even though he wasn't Maganda's boyfriend anymore, Don Ramon agrees and tells everyone that Maganda is now Sam's girlfriend. Hearing this from Don Ramon the other kids accept it as true. They even think it's all right what Sam has done and don't say anything bad about his actions. Instead they all congratulate Sam and wish him well on his new relationship with Maganda and how lucky she is to be with someone like Sam.

THE END: How do you think all this made Maganda feel? How did Sam justify his actions? Was Sam right to do what he did?

EPILOUGE:

Narrator: Sam takes over Maganda's life controlling every aspect of her life. She becomes imprisoned in her own school. The promises he made to take care of Maganda become a string of empty lies. Sam takes advantage of Maganda for his own benefit. In the end, Maganda becomes dependent on Sam. When Sam no longer needs Maganda, he dumps her and moves on.