

The Sunrise

A Backpacker's Paradise

A Modern Sitcom

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A modern sitcom
set in a beachside
backpackers hostel

The failing Sunrise backpacker's hostel has fallen into disrepair, and with foreclosure imminent, forestalling it's ill-fated demise will take some manoeuvring, manipulation, or a miracle...

Engulfed with chaos and anarchic offbeat humour, the Sunrise management's dwindling resources and inability to maintain any credibility or rationale for it's plagued existence, struggles to negotiate day to day terms for survival...

Sid Sebastian, the owner of the Sunrise, is the main reason for the collapse of the paradise his late father set up in the 70's, and due to his compulsive gambling addiction, amongst the many other frailties, is in self-destruction mode, and oblivious to the reality of the situation, which is now destined to expire...

Misses Betty Sebastian, Sid's oppressive and domineering 'mom' the 'voice' who's only presence is over the phone from time to time, and is never revealed due to some embarrassing disfigurement, and she constantly criticizes and debases him for not possessing his highly regarded Scottish cultural heritage...

Kim Lee, an attractive South Korean with dual citizenship, is a seductive ruthless predator and real estate mogul tycoon, eagerly awaiting to invest her vulture funds, and take advantage in exploiting the misfortunes of the Sunrise, and with a pittance of an offer that can't be refused, will then therefore enable her neighbouring building construction site, to expand into a super shopping centre complex, which would inevitably enrage the local community...

Rita Petrocelli, an Italian with dual citizenship, is a single mom, and the duty manager of the Sunrise, who, is often expected to come up with unsavoury solutions to messy complications arising, however, the swirling turmoil surrounding her may be a little bit too much to contend with, not only with her managerial commitments, but also with having to fend off wolfish preying social workers determined to find convincing reasons in enforcing a custody release of her 12 year old son, and have him institutionalized in government foster care, and only a lottery win could save the day...

Enter Dominic, the son of Rita, a mischievous computer and games wiz, who at times seems to add fuel to the fire, or, the missing link in solving the unsolvable convoluted web of intrigue and misadventure...

André De Caso, a French backpacker on a working visa, is the book-in receptionist, who has a nervous disposition, suffers from obsessive-compulsive disorder, and is into surfing, photography, comic collection, and an amateur womaniser after femme fatales beyond his reach...

Pablo, a Spanish nationalist with a checked past, and possibly an illegal immigrant overstaying his visa, is the Sunrise janitor / cleaner, who is in search for sponsorship, so as to obtain legal citizenship. He is an ardent Barcelona Football supporter with a 'Messi' number 10 jumper, and, even though appears near deaf, has a hearing aid that either doesn't work properly, or his selective hearing, adds to his clumsy stupidity...

Bo, as in Hobo, is the local homeless intruder, who often crashes on the couch, and treats himself to backpacker's food from within the kitchen, and has a hidden and interesting story to tell down the track, something to do with Alien abduction and psychotic hallucinations...

Lucy and Norman, social workers, head-strong and determined to save innocent little Dominic from the undeserving mom, who has a history of in and out of drug and alcohol clinics, and unable to hold a steady job, and even though she claims to have a clean sheet, the scribble on her page says differently...

The Sunrise backpacker's hostel hosts a continuous eclectic stream of International Backpackers checking in and out, and while glued to their mobile, ipad and tablet screens viewing their never ending Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds, visit and spend time at the Sunrise...

Episode 1

(A New Dawn At Sunrise)

Rita, having won the lottery with a first prize payout that she used to buy into a partnership of the Sunrise, manages to resolve most money matters concerning Sid and her newly acquired paradise, which she renovates and restores into a continental Mediterranean style abode, and temporarily staving off prying social workers.

With a refurbished and somewhat restructured Sunrise turning a new leaf, and with a seemingly serene ambience settling, storm clouds were brewing, and a cyclone was about to hit the coast.

However, an unexpected visit from her ex and two lower-class buddies, new and emerging developments begin to surface, and an unpredictable and volatile environment manifests, throwing the paradise back to free-fall and into the abyss.

Episode 2

("Encounters Beyond The Third Kind...")

With the Sunrise battered and bruised, and partly reverting to its initial chaos, new and emerging developments begin to surface...

*"To wonder at the intricate tapestry of life through time,
in the face of the numinous awesome grandeur
of the expanding universe..."*

"Are we alone in this vastness of space?"

Or

"Just a fortuitous, prosaic entity, adrift..."

Or

"Misguided, manipulative, alienable commodities..."

Or

"Zillions of plenteousness worlds..."

EPISODE 3

(A Visit From The Spirit World)

A séance leads to an exorcism of an evil spirited backpacker who has overstayed its visit and refuses to check out...

SEASON 1

First season to be an eleven part series, with an introductory double, combining the Pilot and episode 1, and ongoing episodes thereafter...

The Sunrise is to have a variety of scenarios, storylines and sketches relating to management, staff and the constant flow of backpackers checking in and out of the Sunrise, and mixing a toxic cocktail fuelling hilarious entertainment for Prime slot viewing.

The Backpackers presence will take a backseat to the action, plots and storylines, and at times interweave between the seems, or every now and then become the main event, but never deviating from the principal characters and the virtual reality that exists in this dreamlike world of the Sunrise.

Occasionally, characters will venture beyond their virtual realm, and into imaginary locations and sets that may appear surreal, dreamlike, or just plain ridiculous.

The Sunrise should not be "slap-stick" comedy, but more towards comical themes, absurdities, ludicrous follies, and entertainment with variance to the degree venturing into the unknown.

Creating a new and somewhat unique bread of comedy, that Fawlty Towers, 'Allo 'Allo, Red Dwarf, Black Books and other successful contemporary masters have successfully created.

"Life is but a dream, sometimes you just don't want to wake up..."

Having backpacked for six months over the past 4 years, I have learnt an understanding and appreciation that one can only get from having experienced staying at a beachside backpacker's hotel, and ideally, any actor, writer, director, wardrobe and camera department personal, should experience at least 4 days at some hostel, to experience a similar environment to the proposed Sunrise, but of course, without the inventive and creative licence used in this comical fantasy...

Once having spent a brief time there, one would be enlightened, if not enriched with imagination beyond dreaming, and allow deviation from reality, which at times will be unpredictable and somewhat unbelievable...

One needs to smell the stinking socks, step over the dirty boots, clothes and linen, to fully appreciate and comprehend the open house potential for anything and everything that may exist at:

THE SUNRISE

A BACKPACKERS PARADISE

Principal Characters

Sid
Rita
André
Pablo

Supports

Dominic
Bo
Kim Lee

Guests

Lucy
Norman
Giovanni

Featured Extras

Backpackers

Extras

Others

INCIDENTALS

Accident-prone staff and guests...

Leaking Bathroom water...

Blocked Toilet and water drains...

Faulty Electrical Wiring causing lights to not function properly,
and other devices in and around the Sunrise...

Over-booking of check-ins...

Exaggerated booking of countless Scout and Girl Guide Students...

Raucous Football Supporters...

Excessive laughter or sorrow...

Masquerade guests...

Gays and transvestites...

Birthday Parties and Party Animals...

Executives and temporary homeless strays...

Musicians, artists, poets, writers, photographers, filmmakers...

Thieves, humanitarians, conservationists, environmentalists...

Surfers, Scuba divers, skateboarders, bike riders, car racers...

Evangelists, religious, atheists, meditators, preachers...

Ambulance paramedics, firemen, Police, Army, navy, air force...

Builder's workers, Garbage collectors, street sweepers...

Wheelchairs, walking sticks, doctors, nurses, psychiatrists...

Mentally disadvantaged or disabled...

Actors, singers, musicians, magicians, footballers, supporters...

Dancers, wedding receptions, Bucks and Hens do's...

"No surprise as to what checks in and out of the Sunrise..."

Drug dealers - Chick and Chong smoking dope...

Hippies, Flower Childs, beatniks, free spirit, weirdos and
potential psychopaths, dropouts...

Global Wall Clocks either incorrectly timed or going too fast or
too slow, and some without hands or broken...

Different sized and accommodating dorms, hosting a variety of
activities, some raunchy, some deviate, some unknown...

Sunset At Sunrise

Sunset at Sunrise -
Living in a land of fantasy -
Sunset at Sunrise -
Wishing you were here spending time with me...

From the misty mountains to the blue-blue sea -
You can hear the Sunny Sunrise melody -
Birds are singing - Cats are swinging -
Everybody's having fun...

Sunset at Sunrise -
Living in a land of fantasy -
Sunset at Sunrise -
Wishing you were here spending time with me...

Walking through the park any day or night -
You can hear the Sunny Sunrise melody -
Bees are buzzing - Trees are humming -
Everybody's having fun...

Sunset at Sunrise -
Living in a land of fantasy -
Sunset at Sunrise -
Wishing you were here spending time with me...

From the north to the south, and east to the west -
You can hear the Sunny Sunrise melody -
Hearts are throbbing - Love is calling -
Everybody's having fun...

Sunset at Sunrise -
Living in a land of fantasy -
Sunset at Sunrise -
Wishing you were here spending time with me...

Sunset at Sunrise -
Sunset at Sunrise -

I'm wishing - Wishing - Wishing-you-were-here -

Spending time . . . With me . . .

Sunset at Sunrise -

Sunset at Sunrise -

