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Kunstenaar Iswanto Hartono maakte voor *The World After* een videowerk gebaseerd op zijn tekst *Nuh [Noah]*. De films, waarin hij het verhaal voorleest in het Indonesisch en in het Engels, zijn online te zien. Meteen kijken? Richt de camera van je smartphone op deze codes:

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english



indonesian

Noah

'For your life blood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it from man... Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.'

#1

Why the world of mankind and beast were marked of blood?

Why elephant always move their head right and left while walking?

Why did horses like to shake their head?

And why ants always touch their head to each other while they met?

Why the desire to kill and eat animals by the human cannot be restrained?

#2

Once upon a time when the great flood happened on earth, 2348 B.C. On a shiny morning, Prophet Noah and his family looks so busy preparing a long line of animals whom they breathe through their nose entering a huge wooden ark, *Tebbhat* in Jewish they call it, or *Safina* in Arabic, it looks like a giant wooden box with a length of 100 times of a tall coconut bark, height of higher than a giant banyan tree, and wide of a big river.

Noah, along with seven pairs of birds and each pair of clean and dirty animals becoming the last passenger who entering the ark.

Soon as the door of the ark was closed, suddenly darkness came in every part of the earth and the sky gate was open wide, and the crystal clear water from the heaven's lake which will quench every thirst; poured down as the heaviest rainfall ever happened in history. The Great Flood just happened as once vowed by The Almighty One to Noah. Just like the worst tsunami ever happened, none of the living creatures lives on the surface of the earth were survived outside of Noah's ark, they were all drowned; humans, trees, land, stone, rivers, mountains, everything. Not even the highest peaks were seen.

When the ark and the animals were floating endlessly on an endless water surface, no more sea, caused no more distinction between sea and the flood, all of the earth surfaces are just water and water. Nobody aboard the ark will think that they all will drift in water without direction for more than a year. It happened.

March is coming, it's the beginning of the first copulation season for all of the animals, the month of the third, sixth, and ninth from the cycle of the moon orbiting the earth is the copulation season for them. But there are some animals like rabbit and mice; which have a strong sexual libido, they will have sexual intercourse each time they wanted to. Simply no season.

Noah start anxious, he knows well the behaviour of the animal, he also knows that the ark was made to aboard each pair of animal, not more than that. And the food is as well less and less each day. He knows as well and feels sorrow knowing when all the animal and creatures outside the ark are all vanished by a flood. But he just follows what God, The Almighty One, has vowed.

'Hey Noah, you and your family has become the chosen one, who will save from the disaster of the great flood, along with all the animals who breathe through their nose; when the flood is over, fill the earth again with man, women, and animals that came with you in the ark. All is because of human greed, I have to give punishment for them.'

During the seventh till tenth months above the water, the ark was float just exactly above the Arafat hill. Noah sends a crow and a pigeon to find if there is any land that rises above the water, the crow never comes back, and the pigeon finally came with olive leaves in his neck. He was so happy to know that finally there is a land that rises from the water, as he hopes for; 'We are run with time!' he said, 'The stock of meals and water is almost over!' 'Hopefully things are getting better just right in time, as it has been vowed by God.'

#3

Everything will be much easier, as if in 2000 B.C. there is contraception, such as condom perhaps. But it was not for Noah, he simply makes a conclusion if the sexual intercourse between animals happens, it just simply means another disaster. The ark will sink because it cannot load more.

One night, a week before the season come, he gathered all the animals and prepare a meeting with them; 'Hey my beloved brother and sister, all the animals, I will say loudly to all of you, we are here in this ark, because we are all have been chosen, to be saved from the Great Flood!' He continued 'And I know too, the sexual season is going to come, but I want all of you to be aware! If all of you doing sex with your couple and breed, then it means a suicide, cause this ark will be sink! We can not add more load to the ark...' That's why the only solutions are only we all have to keep and maintain your desire and passion for sex.' 'It's hard, I know it! But you must!' 'It's forbidden to have sex aboard the ark, you all have to wait to do intercourse until we can landing on the shore...'

His voice turns heavy then he starts saying 'I am so sorry for all of you, but I have to mention this... By tomorrow morning, when the sunshine, I want you all the male, everybody... to gather again in this place and bring along your penis which has taken off from its place... I will open the food storage, and you will put your penis inside one by one.'

No words, silent for a moment.

Then Noah continued 'I am feeling bad, to be honest, but I have no choice, not to say that I didn't have a trust in you, but it just simply for the good things and the future of human being and animal, because we still have a sacred duty to rejoice again the earth when the great flood is over. At that blessing moment, then you all can celebrate it by having sex as much as you like and please breed as much as you can, orgy party is a celebration' Till then my son will guard the doors, nobody can enter without my permission... I hope these are clear to all of you.'

Some of the animals are shown sad, confuse, but some are shown an understanding gesture through their face. They all dismissed one by one without words, just silent.

#5

The Arab Horse, is one of the biggest and tallest and strongest horse on the earth, he is the first animal who reach the storage gate, and he rushed looking for his penis, but when he wanted to place it again in between his backward legs, he saw a penis that much bigger than his, perhaps the biggest penis from all living creatures. 'Damned, that penis is fucking huge!' he said. So he starts thinking to change his own penis, which is only as big as the double size of a mature corn. He forgets what Noah has warned about not to take penis that not belongs to our own. He tried it for a while...' Simply match on me... awesome! My girlfriend will love it!'

Nobody knows what happened in the first minutes inside the food storage, because everybody is left behind the Arabic Horse.

When the second animal about to arrive at the gate, the Arabic Horse is start running slowly, standing straight head facing front; up and down, his body was stiff and strong, he was so proud to have the biggest penis, that's way until now the horse always walking and running that way.

Faith is sometimes unfair, it was a bad time for elephant, he arrived at the gate as the fifteenth, his short legs and big body has made him run pretty slow, he sees not so much penis left, all of them are small size, he is looking for the biggest penis that belongs to him actually, but he couldn't found it. He has no choice to choose the biggest one from the small and small penis left.

'Oh God, how could this happened to me?' he said to himself, he was so upset until now, even after more than thousand years past... the elephant still shaking their head all the time.

But the worst thing happened to the ant, the most unlucky animal on the earth because ants are so small and so slow, the ant is the last animal to arrive at the storage, when he arrived, no more penis left, empty. He was so angry and sad.

He said to his friends, 'Please said to all the ants that survived from the flood anywhere in this world to keep searching our penis till it's found!' Till that moment, ants always stopped when they meet each other and close their head, 'Do you found it?' they said.

#4

Finally, the D-day has come for human and animals, the flood is ended, the mountain peak is seen from the ark one by one, the sun is shining brightly, no clouds, the smell of the wetlands is in the air, the fresh air is blowing through Noah's face and his family.

And the ark finally landed on a rocky shore, the land is empty and silent.

He rushed opened the ark gate and the all the animals are starting dancing, yelling, laughing, strolling, running soon as they touch the earth again, they feel free as they never felt before in their life.

Noah standing on top of the ark and say loudly to them 'Hey my beloved family, as vowed by The Almighty One to us, and as I vowed to you, in this victory day, we have passed the heaviest challenge in both human and all the living things history, the Great Flood...is over! And soon, I will open the meals storage! All of you can take back your penis...please do it in a save way, please queue in a line, and this is very important, please do not take that not belongs to you! It's against nature's destiny,' he said.

'Hip... hip hooray!'; 'הודות!'; 'Gracias'; 'Hallelujah!'; 'Alhamdulillah!'; 'Dieu Mercy!'; 'Kanpai!'; 'Terima kasih, Tuhan!'; 'Godzijdank!'; 'Thank God!' Yelling all the animals.

Just after the food storage opened, the animals that already hunger for sex after long and long break... just simply rushed into the ark again 'Let's making love! Yeaahh!'

They race within each other to reach to the food storage as soon as possible...

#6

For being saved and blessed so Noah and his family, and the animals are surviving the worst disaster ever happened on earth, he sacrifices one animal for the God.

And since that time, God never again curse the earth along with its living creatures, and He give Noah and his children, and his grandchildren, and his grand grandchildren; a license to kill and eat the animals, because he has succeeded in saving the animals in his ark, but is forbidden to eat animals whom blood has not yet been taken out from his body, because blood is sacred and pure.

Since then life on the earth is never been the same again for human being and animals.

Human kills animals, animals kills human, human eat animals, animals eat human, human kills human, human eat human.

They all are killing and eating within each other.

The end.