WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SINGKO

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Imagine this: after late nights and constant turmoil, you look at your grade card and there you see it, in big red font, you've received a grade of 5.0. The crowd goes silent and all you can hear is the sound of your thoughts, running, wandering into a black hole draining your whole being. Feels like every moment becomes a scene from the bad soap opera your mother keeps watching; depressing and out of context. What happens next? When will the guy in the shining armor show up? Will there ever be a happy ending? What do you do then? Do you become depressed or do you become determined?

Let’s face it, no one at the beginning of a dead end, or so they thought, could be that positive. Everybody goes through a downfall, a moment of shut down. After breaking down by the nursing hallway, I started contemplating as to why I failed my accounting class. Why does a person fail a class? Is it a lack of intellect, lack of effort, or is it simply just a lack of good fortune? I thought back to the semester that just finished and asked myself, 'where did I go wrong?’. I thought about many things that could have been the reason why I failed, which included my facebook sessions, and skipped lessons. Maybe it was my feeling of invincibility after receiving a commendable midterm grade or maybe it was the shifting of focus from that subject to another. Countless things came to mind and at the end of the day I still couldn't pinpoint the main factor to my failing grade.

Up to this day, I still can’t tell the exact reason why I failed. What I got from my musings is this: maybe there isn't an exact reason as to why I received a singko. All I can say is that a singko does not define you. A singko is a grade and it cannot measure what you’ve learned, inside and outside the classroom. So if in the future you receive a singko, it's okay to grieve but you also have to move on and move forward. Do not let this singko become you.
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