

Jermal

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Colour/35mm/90'/Indonesian

Direction: Ravi Bharwani

Producer: Orlow Seunke

Screenplay: Rayya Makarim

Cinematography: Claire Pijman

Editing: Orlow Seunke

Sound: Handi Ilfat

Cast: Iqbal S. Manurung, Didi Petet, Yuyu A.W. Unru, Chairil A. Dalimunthe

After his mother's death, Jaya (12) is sent to his father, Johar, who is a supervisor on a jermal (a fishing platform perched on log stilts in the middle of the sea). Fully aware he can't bring Jaya back to land due to a dark past, Johar is forced to accept the boy as a worker on the site. Faced with constant rejection from his father and bullying by the other boys who work on the jermal, Jaya decides to take fate into his own hands, gives up hope on being accepted and learns the skills to survive on the jermal. Eventually, both Johar and Jaya learn that they are bound by their past and connected by the inescapable truth.