Adeena's Brew-ha #1 (AKA The Lila Special)

The Brew-ha #1 is an extra refreshing spin on iced coffee, diluted with coconut water instead of plain water. It's perfect for those blazing hot days when you could use some extra electrolytes. A baller move, and the way my protagonist Lila prefers her drink, is to use both coconut water and coconut milk for a naturally sweetened, lactose intolerant and vegan-approved beverage.

Yield: roughly 3 cups of concentrate

Ingredients:

cup coarse ground coffee
cups filtered water
pandan leaves (depending on length), well-rinsed
Coconut water (can be replaced with plain filtered water)
Coconut milk

Directions:

- 1. Blend the pandan leaves with the water, then mix with the ground coffee in a lidded container. Stir so that the grounds are fully saturated.
- 2. Cover the container and steep for 24 hours at room temperature, then another 24 hours in the fridge.
- 3. Using a fine mesh strainer or colander lined with coffee filters, carefully strain the mixture into a clean pitcher or container, pressing down on the grounds and leaves to extract as much as possible. Feel free to strain it a second time for a more grit-free mixture.
- 4. Now you have pandan cold brew concentrate to use however you like!
- 5. However, we're making the Brew-ha #1, so fill a glass with ice (if making the iced version) and add the cold brew concentrate, coconut water, and coconut milk in a 1:1:1 ratio. Stir and enjoy!
- 6. If you'd prefer it hot, heat the concentrate and coconut water together until hot and pour into a mug. Steam and froth the coconut milk and pour on top, in a fancy pattern if you so please.