

LILY GETS A DATE

"The Party"

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TEASER

1 INT. APARTMENT BATHROOM - DAY 1

MAYA, late 20's, Indian, innocent, goodie two shoes and JAMES, late 20's black, gay, and thinks he is the solution to any problem - sit on the bathroom floor in front of the running shower.

LILY, 30, too independent for a man but desperately wants one - cries behind the shower curtain.

Lily quickly slides the shower curtain open to reveal-

She is sitting in the shower wearing a soaked matching pajama set with mascara running.

LILY  
I just want a boyfriend!

MAYA  
It's too early in the morning for a  
breakdown. We agreed brunch is  
breakdown hour.

JAMES  
(rolling his eyes)  
What happened this time?

BEGIN FLASHBACK:

2 INT. APPLEBEES - NIGHT 2

Lily and ISAAC, late 30's, asshole that still brags about his keg stand record from college - sits at the bar with drinks.

Isaac watches the football game on the TV.

ISAAC  
Come on! I run faster than that!  
(under his breath)  
Pansy.

He looks over at Lily's empty glass.

ISAAC (CONT'D)  
Lily, you want another one dollar  
appletini?

LILY  
I don't-

ISAAC  
Of course you do.

He snaps his finger and clicks his cheek to get the FEMALE BARTENDER's attention and points to the empty glass.

ISAAC (CONT'D)  
I don't usually order a gal  
multiple drinks but you're a real  
babe.

He looks back at the TV.

ISAAC (CONT'D)  
You let that guy tackle you?! Are  
you trying to lose?!

The bartender places the drink in front of Lily.

Lily stops and leans into her with a \$20 bill in her hand.

LILY  
I'll give you twenty dollars if you  
spill this drink on me so I have an  
excuse to go home.

The bartender tips the glass over and spills it on Lily.

END FLASHBACK:

3 INT. BATHROOM - DAY

3

Lily's head is buried in her legs.

MAYA  
Oof that is rough.

JAMES  
You know what would make it better?

LILY  
(sobbing and hiccupping)  
Wha-at?

JAMES  
A party!

Lily looks up at him.

JAMES (CONT'D)

We're finally settled into our new place so let's throw a housewarming party. Who knows, maybe a cute guy will show up.

Maya hands Lily a beer with ice on it.

MAYA

(like speaking to a kid  
and elongating the end of  
phrases)

Come on... I got you a shower  
beer...it's cold and frosty...just  
how you like it...

Lily snuffles and wipes her nose with her wet pajamas.

LILY

(breath hitching)

Tha-nks gu-ys.

JAMES

Oh girl you need to clean yourself  
up. This is NOT a good look for  
you.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

4 INT. APARTMENT - DAY

4

James and Maya are cooking breakfast and banging pots and pans with cooking utensils trying to make a beat.

Maya is beatboxing. James is improv rapping about making breakfast.

JAMES

(to the beat of WAP)

You get some eggs and some bacon  
for some good ass breakfast.

Lily enters, showered and presentable.

Lily points to Lily.

MAYA

Take it away!

Lily dances and improves more lines to the song.

MAYA (CONT'D)

We are almost done cooking. Take a  
seat!

LILY

Thanks Maya but a tinder date asked  
me to brunch! In fact, I think this  
one will work out great. I deleted  
the app and everything.

JAMES

Woah that's a big step considering  
you haven't met him yet. Are you  
sure you're not jumping ahead too  
fast?

MAYA

We should be happy for her. I'm  
sure he's quite a hunk.

Maya elbows James and winks at Lily.

KNOCK.

KNOCK.

Lily answers the door.

DANTE, 30's, Hispanic, built, charming, sweetheart - leans against the doorway.

He stands up straight.

LILY  
Hey Dante what's up?

DANTE  
Oh, Lily, I'm sorry to bother you but my girlfriend Sophia said she heard what sounded like banging pots and pans while she was doing yoga. I'm sure it's just her exaggerating like usual, but she asked if you could keep it down.

LILY  
(looking at James and Lily)  
Hmmm. I wonder what in the world could have made that sound.  
(to Dante)  
Yeah, we'll keep it down.

They awkwardly stare at each other.

JAMES  
We're throwing a party tonight if you want to come.

DANTE  
Yeah we'll be there! Alright then, I'll catch you around Lily.

He smiles and leaves.

Lily shuts the door.

JAMES  
That boy is smoking! He is WAY too good for his girl.

Lily walks over to the kitchen.

LILY  
So about this party. What do we need?

MAYA  
We have the normal stuff like chips, plates, cups, and alcohol.

JAMES

Excuse me ma'am but we do NOT. We don't have any drugs.

LILY

We are not having drugs.

MAYA

Yeah I'm with Lily on this.

JAMES

(offended)

What? No cocaine?

Lily and Maya judgingly look at James.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Fine, fine. How about just weed then?

LILY

That sounds a lot better.

MAYA

I've never bought weed before.

LILY

Wait we just moved here, I don't know any dealers.

JAMES

That's why you leave it to the pros. Maya and I will handle the drugs for the party and you go on your little brunch date.

LILY

Fine. Just don't do anything that will give Maya an aneurism.

Lily leaves.

James and Maya resume beating on the pots and pans.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

5 EXT. CAT CAFE - DAY

5

Lily stands in front of the cafe. Cats sit in the window sill.

LILY

Oh my god there's actual cats. I thought it was just a theme.

SIMON, 20's, gentleman, respectful, disciplined - puts a hand on Lily's shoulder.

She turns around to meet him.

SIMON

Hey Lily, nice to meet you.

LILY

Hey... ugh....

She's gone cold forgetting his name.

LILY (CONT'D)

(not smooth at all)

...man. How are you?

He gives a confused look.

SIMON

I'm good. Would you like to go inside?

LILY

Oh, yeah, sure!

6 INT. CAT CAFE - DAY

6

CATS sit on empty tables and in customers laps.

Simon stands in front of the CASHIER with Lily behind him. Lily wipes her eyes aggressively.

SIMON

I'll have a cappuccino with cinnamon on top. And the lady will have...

LILY stops rubbing her eyes to talk.

LILY  
I'll have a caramel macchiato.

CASHIER  
Anything else?

SIMON  
No that will be all.

Lily leans in close to listen.

CASHIER  
That will be six seventy five.

He gives the cashier the money.

CASHIER (CONT'D)  
Thank you. Your drinks will be  
right out.

Lily is confused.

Simon goes to the table closest to the window and shoos a cat  
off it. The cat HAIR falls onto the table.

They sit down.

Lily sniffles.

LILY  
She didn't ask for your name?

SIMON  
I guess she didn't need it with no  
line.

LILY  
(under her breath)  
Damn.

CASHIER  
Your drinks are ready.

SIMON  
I'll be right back.

He leaves the table.

Lily perks up and pulls her phone out texting.

SUE, 60, homeless, chill - searching through the trash by the apartment.

MAYA  
Find anything good Sue?

SUE  
Nothing but trash.

JAMES  
Something tells me that's what  
you'll keep finding.

Maya punches James' arm.

MAYA  
Don't say that! You know she's a  
witch!

SUE  
That's right. I'll put a curse on  
you.

Sue wiggles her fingers like she's casting a spell.

James throws his hands up.

JAMES  
(speaking as an old  
British hermit)  
Oh no! I've been cursed for a  
THOUSAND years!

Maya drags James away.

MAYA  
(to Sue)  
Have a good day!

8	BEGIN MONTAGE:	8
	-James and Maya walk around the city.	
	-they approach homeless people.	
	-they talk to goth kids.	
9	END MONTAGE:	9

10 EXT. CITY SIDEWALK - DAY

10

MAYA  
Can we just give up? There's no  
dealers.

DING.

Maya takes out her phone.

JAMES  
What is it?

MAYA  
Lily. She says she forgot her  
date's name and needs our help?

JAMES  
Where at?

MAYA  
The cat cafe downtown.

JAMES  
What is she doing there? She's  
allergic to cats.

11 INT. CAT CAFE - DAY

11

Lily and Simon are sitting at a table across from each other  
with their drinks. Lily's eyes are pink and her nose is sore.

She sneezes.

SIMON  
I can't believe we matched. I mean  
look at you!

Lily looks horribly sick.

SIMON (CONT'D)  
You're gorgeous!

She blushes and snuffles.

Maya walks in front of the window and sees Lily and Simon.

Simon sees Maya staring.

SIMON (CONT'D)  
Do you know her?

Lily spots Maya.

Maya waves.

LILY

Her? No I haven't seen her in my life.

Maya walks in and makes her way to Simon.

MAYA

Hi I'm with the church of Jesus the shepherd prince guy. What's your name?

Lily leans her forehead on her hand and shakes her head.

SIMON

Um, I'm sorry but I'm on a date and would rather be left alone right now.

MAYA

That's cool and all but can I get your name at least?

SIMON

I don't feel comfortable giving that information to you.

Maya leans in close to Simon.

MAYA

Listen here you little punk, I'm going to hell if I don't get your name! So what's your name?

SIMON

(scared)  
Ugh... Simon.

MAYA

(valley girl sounding)  
Thank you very much Simon! You have a great day!

Maya gives Lily a thumbs up and leaves.

Lily covers her mouth to hide her smiling.

SIMON

Did I just get bullied by a religious extremist for my name?

LILY  
 (laughing)  
 I think you just did.

Lily sneezes.

12 EXT. CITY SIDEWALK - DAY

12

Maya meets back up with James.

MAYA  
 Hey man I think this is a bust. I  
 don't see this going anywhere.  
 Besides, my method acting I just  
 did in there has become a part of  
 me. We don't need drugs when we  
 have God.

JAMES  
 What the hell are you talking  
 about? You don't believe in god?

Maya and James pass by a dark alleyway.

James stops Maya.

JAMES (CONT'D)  
 Did you see that?

MAYA  
 See what?

JAMES  
 The sketchy alleyway. If I know  
 anything about sketchy alleyways is  
 that there's always drugs or a dick  
 out.

They turn back and go into-

13 EXT. SKETCHY ALLEYWAY - DAY

13

Maya and James walk deeper into the alleyway and find cats  
 fighting, a homeless PERSON sleeping, and finally a SKETCHY  
 DEALER.

The sketchy dealer turns around. He's wearing a long black  
 coat and a black beanie. He looks skinny and sick.

MAYA  
 I don't feel so good about this.

JAMES

(to Maya)

Shh. It's okay.

(to sketchy dealer)

Hey you. You got anything?

SKETCHY DEALER

Depends on what you're looking for?

JAMES

Gas.

MAYA

What? We don't have a car?

JAMES

Shh. That's what it's called. You just don't say weed out in the open.

The dealer pulls out a bag of weed.

SKETCHY DEALER

That'll be twenty.

James hands him the money.

As James puts the weed away the dealer pulls out a gun.

SKETCHY DEALER (CONT'D)

Hands up! You're under arrest!

Police run out and blue lights start flashing.

14 INT. CAT CAFE - DAY

14

Lily's allergies are horrid. Her eyes are red, she sneezes many times and snot starts to run.

SIMON

(looking at his coffee)

So I've been eating vegetarian now for 4 years because I think it's cruel to take a life that isn't yours.

(he looks up)

Are you okay? Your eyes look puffy. Are you sure you're not sick?

RING.

RING.

Lily takes out her phone and accepts the call.

The screen splits.

On the left, Lily is on the phone.

On the right, James is in jail calling from the police phone.

JAMES

Hey Lily... We need your help.

LILY

What did you guys do?

JAMES

So we got arrested for buying weed from an undercover cop...

LILY

Why am I not surprised? Okay, I'll see you soon.

She hangs up.

The screen un-splits.

SIMON

Everything okay?

LILY

I'm so sorry but my roommates got arrested and needs me to bail them out.

SIMON

If it was a bad date, you can just tell me. You don't have to make up an excuse.

LILY

I assure you it's the truth.

She stands.

LILY (CONT'D)

Here, I'm having a party tonight. If you come by I'll explain everything. Thank you for the coffee Simon!

Lily leaves.

The cashier approaches.

CASHIER  
Was everything good?

SIMON  
Yeah. For a second there I thought  
she didn't know my name.

CASHIER  
I was referring to the coffee.

The cashier takes Lily's cup and leaves.

15 INT. JAIL - DAY

15

James and Maya sit scared in a cell surrounded by huge, tough  
looking cellmates, and one HANDSOME one.

MAYA  
(nodding to the biggest  
guy in the room)  
I could totally take that guy.

JAMES  
(looking at the handsome  
guy)  
I'll take him with a side of eggs.

An OFFICER approaches the cell.

OFFICER  
You're free to go.

16 EXT. JAIL - DAY

16

Lily waits on the sidewalk.

James and Maya exit the jail.

Maya hugs the side walk.

MAYA  
Freedom!

She kisses the ground.

JAMES  
Come on get up. We were only in  
there for an hour.

Maya gets up.

LILY  
It's good to see you two alive.

JAMES  
Eh, I could have handled my own.

MAYA  
You cried in the police car.

James flicks Maya.

17 EXT. CITY SIDEWALK - DAY

17

Maya, James, and Lily stop at a crosswalk waiting to cross.

MAYA  
I'm telling you guys, I'm a changed woman. Getting arrested has opened a new chapter in my life. I'm not an innocent rule follower anymore. I'm a badass criminal.

James and Lily crosses the street but Maya stays behind.

Lily turns around.

LILY  
Why aren't you coming?

MAYA  
It's not our turn to walk.

LILY  
You just got arrested for trying to buy drugs and you're worried about jaywalking?

JAMES  
Yeah, what about being a changed woman and a hardened criminal?

Maya clenches her fists, closes her eyes, and then sprints across the street to them while high pitched squealing.

James and Lily cheer her on.

18 EXT. APARTMENT ENTRANCE - DAY

18

Lily, James, and Maya walk past Sue sitting on a throne of cardboard and trash, fanning herself with a piece of trash.

SUE  
How was the drug search?

MAYA  
We couldn't find any.

SUE  
Sucks for you.

James gives Sue the middle finger.

Sue gives one in return while sticking her tongue out.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

19 INT. APARTMENT - NIGHT

19

The party is started with lights and music. Lily, Maya, and James are dressed for the occasion. The guests are talking and drinking.

TONY, attractive and fashionable - approaches Lily.

TONY (O.S.)  
Is this party yours?

LILY  
(not looking)  
Yeah, who is-  
(turns around and stumbles  
over words)  
Asking...Yes, yes it is mine. This  
is my...place.

TONY  
It's lovely. Suiting for an even  
more lovely woman.

LILY  
(blushing)  
Oh, why thank you, I'm Lily.

TONY  
(deductively)  
Tony.

James approaches Lily and whispers in her ear.

JAMES  
I've been eyeing him all night and  
I don't have enough self respect to  
care because he's gorgeous, but  
.... You may want to look at his  
ankle...

On his ankle is an ankle monitor.

LILY  
Ohhh nooo...I'm so sorry Tony but I  
am...

She puts her arm around James.

LILY (CONT'D)  
(overacting)  
-in love with James. He is just so handsome and pleasant. You would be lucky to get a date with him.

James straightens his posture.

JAMES  
(overacting like a play  
and speaking in a British  
accent)  
I'm sorry madam but I can only be betrothed to a man.

LILY  
(out of character and  
sarcastic)  
Oh bummer. Whatever will I do? I guess I'll go and cry myself to sleep.

Lily goes to leave the conversation but turns back around.

LILY (CONT'D)  
(to Tony)  
Wait how are you here if you're on house arrest?

TONY  
Oh I live down the hall.

LILY  
Hmph, respect.

Lily walks away.

She sees Maya and FLOYD, handsome, short, and nerdy - talking. She joins their conversation.

MAYA  
Oh Floyd this is Lily, my roommate.

FLOYD  
Nice to meet you! Well back to what I was saying... when I was 16, I lost my virginity to a ghost.

Lily's eyes gets wide and turns around.

TONY walks away from James, leaving him alone.

She goes to James.

SIMON walks into the apartment. He searches for Lily.

She grabs James and blocks herself from Simon. She crouches to not be seen.

JAMES  
What are you doing?

LILY  
Hiding.

JAMES  
From?

Simon approaches.

LILY  
Heyyy Simon. What's up...man?

Maya barges between them.

MAYA  
Dude cat cafe guy is here!

Lily motions to Simon with her eyes.

Maya turns around and sees Simon.

MAYA (CONT'D)  
Ohhh...what's up...man?

SIMON  
Hey haven't I seen you before?

MAYA  
What? Me? No way.

SIMON  
Yeah I have. You're that Jesus girl  
from earlier.

MAYA  
Oops. You got me.  
(to Lily)  
You got a smart one there.  
(loudly)  
Hey I love this song!

Maya dances her way out of the conversation.

SIMON  
You have some explaining to do?

LILY

Okay so when we met, I kind of forgot your name and I deleted Tinder before I made you a contact. So Maya, the Jesus girl, also my roommate, came to help me.

SIMON

So you did all of that just for my name?

LILY

Yeah you see I-

Isaac comes between them.

ISAAC

Hey Lily, I had a great time on that date last night except for the bartender spilling that drink on you. Don't worry, I gave her hell for it after you left.

LILY

What are you doing here? You weren't invited?

SIMON

What's going on? You went on a date with this guy too?

ISAAC

Back off. This bitch is mine.

SIMON

That is NO way to talk about a lady.

Isaac puffs out his chest and gets in Simon's face

ISAAC

And what are you going to do about it? Huh? Punk.

Dante puts a hand on Isaac's shoulder.

DANTE

Hey bud I think it's time for you to leave.

Isaac takes a swing at Dante.

He deflects it and punches Isaac, knocking him out.

LILY  
Oh my god. Oh my god.

DANTE  
Hey can you help me get him out of here?

SIMON  
Sure, man.

Simon and Dante each pull an arm and drag him out the apartment.

SOPHIE, 25, annoying brat - storms out the apartment.

SOPHIE  
I can't have one day not interrupted by idiots!

Maya and Lily giggle at Sophie leaving.

The guests leave.

Dante and Simon walk into the apartment bantering like good friends.

They approach Lily.

SIMON  
So I'm assuming she went on a date with you too?

DANTE  
Nah man. I'm just her neighbor, I have a girlfriend. She's a rocking girl though so any guy would be lucky enough to date her.

Dante winks at Lily. He goes to leave the apartment. He closes the door while smiling and looking at her.

Simon and Lily awkwardly stand in front of each other.

SIMON  
I guess I better get going...

LILY  
Yeah sorry about... everything.

SIMON  
I'll talk to you in the morning?

LILY  
Sure, sounds good.

She walks him out and goes to close the door.

He turns back around.

SIMON

You're allergic to cats aren't you?

LILY

Yeahh I am...

SIMON

I thought so. Have a good night.

She closes the door and walks to the-

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TERRACE

20

JORDAN, 20's, punk looking girl - leans against the railing smoking a joint.

Lily opens the door to the balcony, enters, and shuts it behind her.

Lily huffs.

JORDAN

Tough night?

LILY

Yeah, you could say that.

She holds out the joint to Lily.

JORDAN

Want a smoke?

LILY

No thanks I don't-. Wait, is that weed?

JORDAN

Yeah?

LILY

My roommates have been looking for weed all day.

JORDAN

Damn, if you met me earlier then I could have hooked you up. So do you still want a hit?

LILY  
Oh, yeah, sorry.

Lily takes the joint and takes a hit.

JORDAN  
So what's been bothering you?

LILY  
I just want a normal date, doing  
normal things, and get normally  
laid like every other normal  
person.

JORDAN  
Not to ruin your dreams, but that  
doesn't sound exciting.

LILY  
I've been in a relationship for ten  
years. I'm looking for anything  
different.

JORDAN  
Well I can solve one of your  
problems tonight.

LILY  
Oh yeah? What's that?

END OF ACT THREE

TAG

21 INT. LILY'S BEDROOM - MORNING

21

Lily and JORDAN are sitting up in bed with messy hair and sharing a joint.

END OF TAG