

Friends & more

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EXT. ELYSIAN PARK - DAY

A beautiful day at the Elysian Park in Los Angeles. We see a car with four people in it. ALEXANDER - 25 years old, is the kind of guy who makes sure to only work the minimum hours he has to. He knows that he is attractive and flirts with all the girls - gets out of the car and goes to the trunk. BRIAN - 25 years old, works hard and wants to build up a great career at the firm. He cares about others and is very sociable - gets out of the car. Alexander gets a football and throws it to Brian.

ALEXANDER

Hey Brian!

Brian gets the football.

BRIAN

Alex, could you bring the food please?

We see Alexander at the trunk. He puts only the food out of the trunk, but there is more in it.

BRIAN (V.O.)

As long as I can remember Alex and I have been best friends.

A PRETTY WOMAN - 24 years old, very beautiful - crosses Alexanders path and his glances follows her.

BRIAN (CONT'D)

He's a cool guy but I have to break him down a bit sometimes.

JENNIFER - 22 years old, is sometimes a bit crazy, but in a good way; she is very sociable and more the family-type of person - gets out of the car and caught that Alexander just looked after that girl and is hurt, but Alexander comforts her that it was nothing.

BRIAN (V.O.)

This is Alex's girlfriend, Jenny, a little bit crazy sometimes, but she's a good girl. I like her, but she and Alex argue a bit too much in my opinion.

ASHLEY - 23 years old, she's a bit shy and doesn't talk too much to others. She always seems to be hiding something and often doesn't seem to be able to give a clear answer - gets out of the car and walks towards the grilling place.

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BRIAN (V.O.)

And this is my girlfriend, Ashley.
She's a little bit shy, but I love
her and she gets along well with
Alex and Jenny.

2 INT. ALEX'S BAR - DAY

At the hotel bar where both Alex and Ashley work. Ashley is working at the bar, and Brian is talking. Ashley comes to say something to Alex and she sees Brian. Ashley walks away and Brian looks after her.

BRIAN (V.O.)

I met her at Alex's workplace where
she works at the reception.

3 EXT. ELYSIAN PARK - DAY

Brian comes from the grilling place to welcome Ashley, take her in his arms and their walking to Alexander and Jennifer.

BRIAN (V.O.)

And this is me, Brian. I always
want to have a good time with my
friends and with Ashley of course.

Ashley goes to Jennifer and sits beside her. Brian goes to Alexander at the grill.

JENNIFER

Hey Boys, how long is it gonna
take?

ALEXANDER

Sweetie, the meat needs time.

BRIAN

I would say about forty minutes
until we can eat.

JENNIFER

Thanks, Brian.

CUT TO:

The two couples are standing side by side. Both boys have their girlfriends in their arms and are just enjoying being together and relaxing.

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4 INT. BRIAN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Brian and Ashley are sitting on the sofa and watching TV. Ashley looks like she's thinking about something.

BRIAN
Everthing ok, darling?

ASHLEY
Yes, everything's fine.

Ashley kisses Brian. Brian's phone rings.

BRIAN
Hey Alex.

5 INT. ALEX'S APARTMENT - DAY

Alexander sits at the sofa and Jenny is at the kitchen.

ALEXANDER
Hey, last weekend was nice at the park.

INTERCUT BRIAN/ALEXANDER

BRIAN
Yeah it was very nice.

ALEXANDER
What do you guys think about beach today?

CUT TO:

6 INT. BRIAN'S APARTMENT - DAY

BRIAN
Yeah sounds great, we'll pick you up when we're ready. See ya.

Brian hangs up the phone and walks to the bedroom.

BRIAN
We're going to the beach if you're ok with that?

Ashley doesn't answer the question and doesn't look too happy with the prospective.

7 EXT. BEACH - DAY

The four friends are walking along the beach. Everybody is wearing beach clothing except Ashley, who is wearing a shirt. Brian and Alexander are walking up in front and having fun. The girls are walking a few steps behind them.

BRIAN

It's so perfect with Ashley. We never argue or have any conflict.

ALEXANDER

It seems too perfect if you ask me.

A PRETTY GIRL - 21, beautiful - is sitting at the beach and the boys walk across her path. Alexander checks her out as he does with all women. Jenny sees it.

JENNIFER

Really, Alex?

Jennifer turns around and walks towards the car. Alexander looks surprised at first to see her reaction, but then follows her to the car.

8 INT. ALEX'S APARTMENT - DAY

Jennifer and Alexander are arguing about what Alexander did at the beach.

JENNIFER

Enough is enough, Alex.

Alexander stands there in thought and realises that it was really too much this time.

9 EXT. CAFE - DAY

Brian and Alexander are sitting at the cafe and talking to each other.

BRIAN (V.O.)

Wow, this time it seems serious. Jenny hasn't done this before. I hope it's not a break up.

10 INT. ALEX'S APARTMENT - DAY

Brian comes into the apartment and Jennifer is there, wanting to pack her stuff. Brian talks to her to comfort her.

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BRIAN (V.O.)
Jennifer seems really hurt about
this. I'm gonna try my best to fix
it.

CUT TO:

Alexander comes into his apartment and Jennifer waits there
and they get on together.

BRIAN (V.O.)
I spoke with them both and they
want to give it another try, but I
hope Alex can control himself
better.

11 INT. BRIAN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Brian is ready to go to work and Ashley sits on the sofa. He
goes to her and gives her a kiss and leaves the apartment.
Ashley waits until he is gone and smiles wickedly.

CUT TO:

JOHN - 27 years old, not really a smart and sociable guy,
but sexy and easy - comes into the apartment. Ashley gets up
from the sofa, takes John in her arms. Both go to the
bedroom.

CUT TO:

Ashley has packed her stuff and is ready to leave. Brian
comes back home from work and sees that something is wrong.
Ashley sits on the sofa and wants Brian to sit as well.

BRIAN
What does all this means, Ashley?

ASHLEY
Look. This is not about you at all
but...

BRIAN
What?

ASHLEY
I'm in love with another guy. I met
him last week at that festival.

Brian takes a breath.

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BRIAN

Is there anything more going on
between you?

ASHLEY

No, we didn't do anything, if
that's what you mean. I wanted to
tell you about this before anything
happens.

BRIAN

And what do you want to do?

ASHLEY

I took my decision to leave your
place and think about it.

CUT TO:

Brian sits on his sofa and looks at his smartphone and waits
for a sign from Ashley. He hopes that she would come back to
him.

BRIAN (V.O.)

Ashley decided to break up with me
and go with that guy.

12 INT. ALEX'S APARTMENT - EVENING

Brian goes to Alexander to tell him that Ashley broke up
with him. Alexander has the idea that Brian could stay at
his place. He has to go to work, but Jennifer will be there
to keep him company.

ALEXANDER

Stay here as long as you want. I'll
see you when I'm back, ok.

Jennifer tries to comfort Brian.

JENNIFER

Hey, everything is going to be
okay. Don't let yourself get down.

13 INT. ALEX'S BAR - DAY

Alexander is working at the bar, and looking sad. GINA - 26
years old, Alexander's colleague at work, is an open minded
person that everyone likes to talk to, but she's almost too
talkative. She just finished work and Alexander's shift is
beginning. Gina recognises that something is wrong with
Alexander.

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GINA

Alex, is everything ok?

ALEXANDER

Yes, but Ashley broke up with Brian.

GINA

Yes I heard about that. Must be terrible if your partner goes to bed with another guy while you're working.

Alexander is speechless as he hears this.

ALEXANDER

What???

GINA

Yes, didn't you know that?

ALEXANDER

She broke up with him because she loved another guy, not more, I thought?

GINA

I'm sorry but that's not the real reason. There definitely was more going on...

14 INT. ALEX'S APARTMENT - DAY

Alexander comes back home from work and wants to tell Brian the whole truth about Ashley's break up.

ALEXANDER

Brian, there's something you need to know...

CUT TO:

Brian listens to all this and only wants to go home.

BRIAN (V.O.)

This is way too painful.

15 INT. BRIAN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Brian's apartment is getting more and more messy because he doesn't care about anything anymore. He has a lot of bills to pay but he doesn't have enough money to pay them all.

16 INT. BRIAN'S OFFICE - DAY

Brian is at work and he isn't concentrated enough to do his work. The documents that he has to work through are piling up. Alexander comes to the office and want to talk to Brian.

ALEXANDER

Hey Brian, I know that it's hard.

BRIAN

But what?

ALEXANDER

If you get too lazy here you lose your job.

BRIAN

And?

ALEXANDER

And. You need the job at least for the money. Please don't let yourself descend so far.

BRIAN

I will try, ok?

ALEXANDER

Yes, please. And if you need anything let me know.

Alexander leaves the office.

BRIAN (V.O.)

I need money...

17 INT. ALEX'S APARTMENT - DAY

Alexander comes home and Jennifer is sitting on the sofa. He goes to the sofa and sits down beside Jennifer.

ALEXANDER

Jenny, we need to help Brian

JENNIFER

Yes of course, what can we do?

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ALEXANDER
He really needs money.

JENNIFER
We could do that...

18 INT. BRIAN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Alexander comes into the apartment and has the idea to cancel his holiday to help Brian out.

ALEXANDER
Hey, how are you?

BRIAN
Well, you know.

ALEXANDER
Yes I do, that's why I'm here

Alexander explain the plan that he and Jennifer made to help him out.

BRIAN (V.O.)
He actually cancelled his holidays to help me out. I couldn't say anything against it because he didn't give me a chance to do so.

After Alexander explained the plan to Brian, he has to leave the apartment because he has to go to work.

ALEXANDER
And do me a favour.

BRIAN
Whatever you want.

ALEXANDER
Get over it and clean up your apartment.

After Alexander leaves, Brian begins to clean up his apartment.

BRIAN (V.O.)
He's right, I have to get over it. Dammit, this place looks terrible.

19 EXT. CAFE - DAY

Brian has gotten over it and he and Alexander are sitting at the cafe and talking to each other.

ALEXANDER

I thought that there was something wrong with her.

BRIAN

What do you mean?

ALEXANDER

It was too perfect to be real. Sometimes it's ok to have conflicts.

BRIAN

You're right, man.

20 EXT. BEACH - DAY

Brian is at the beach, and Alexander and Jennifer are arriving. Jennifer takes Brian in the arms as Alexander and Brian greet each other. All three walk along the beach.

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