

SCENE E

INT. JOEY'S APARTMENT - NIGHT (NIGHT 2)
(Joey, Gina, Michael, Alex, Girl, Howard, Molly, Seth, Extras)

THE PARTY'S UNDERWAY WITH A BUFFET AND A BAR. JOEY'S NEAR THE DOOR. SOME CUTE GIRLS ENTER.

JOEY

(BUMMED) You're not Jake.

GIRL

No, I'm --

JOEY

(RE: DOOR) Stop blocking the Jake

hole!

ACROSS THE ROOM, A COUPLE, SETH AND MOLLY, APPROACHES MICHAEL. ALEX IS NEARBY.

STARK

MICHAEL

Hey, Seth.

SETH

Sorry I'm late, (SMUG) I was giving

a phone interview and my German is

a little rusty. Oh, this is my

girlfriend, Molly Wintle.

THEY SHAKE HANDS, AD-LIB GREETINGS. ALEX COMES UP BEHIND MICHAEL AND PUTS HER ARM AROUND HIM.

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MICHAEL

(FLINCHING) Gah! (CALMING DOWN)

And this is my girlfriend, Alex

Garrett. Alex Julia Garrett.

A STUNNED SETH SHAKES HER HAND.

SETH

I didn't know you were seeing anyone.

How long have you guys been together?

MICHAEL

(AT A LOSS) Uh...

ALEX

Well, it's hard to say in a way.

Because for a long time he didn't

want to be exclusive. (RE: MICHAEL)

This dog's gotta run! But I guess

we've been together about three

months. Right, honey?

MICHAEL

Sure... (GRASPING) snuggle... lump.

SETH

(SNIPPY) We've been together five.

GINA APPROACHES THE GROUP WITH A HEAD OF STEAM.

("PISSED", TO MICHAEL) How could

you?

MICHAEL

What?

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SCENE H

INT. JOEY'S APARTMENT - LATER (NIGHT 2)
(Joey, Gina, Michael, Alex, Howard, Jake, Molly, Seth,
Extras)

THE PARTY IS IN FULL SWING, THE APARTMENT QUITE CROWDED. MICHAEL AND SETH CROSS OVER FROM THE FOOD TABLE WITH LITTLE PLATES FOR THEM AND THEIR DATES.

SETH

(TO MOLLY) There you go, sweetie.

MICHAEL .

(TO ALEX) And for you, butter

neck

SETH'S WATCH STARTS BEEPING.

SETH

(OFF WATCH) It's almost nine.

There'll be a visible pass by the

International Space Station soon.

(POINTED) Molly and I share a

passion for the night sky.

ALEX

How nice. Michael and I share a passion for sex in public.

SETH

(BEAT) We'll be on the patio.

HE AND MOLLY CROSS AWAY. ALEX WATCHES THEM THOUGHTFULLY.

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GENA

I saw him throw out my number. But I like your story better.

JOEY

My story it is. (THEN) Are you okay?

GINA

Yeah, I'll be fine. I thought that creep liked me. He just wanted a one-night stand? (BEAT, THEN, CONSIDERING) A one-night stand...

JOE

Don't even think about it. (THEN)
So we wasted this whole night
fighting for no reason at all.

GINA

(UPBEAT) Felt like old times.

JONY

(SAME TONE) It same did.

MEANWHILE, ALEX BRINGS MOLLY OVER TO MICHAEL AND SETH.

ALEX

(TRIUMPHANT) Molly just told me something very interesting, Seth.

In five months she's never been to your apartment. Can you explain that?

SETH

Well, I live with my parents.



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MICHAEL

Really? I didn't know you were living at home.

SETH

Yeah, well, not every grad student

has a famous uncle he can freeload

off of.

MICHAEL

(DEFENSIVE) That's not really fair.

I mean, he's semi-famous at best.

SETH

You've always been a step ahead of me.

MICHAEL

What do you mean?

SETH

Oh come on. You got into CalTech's doctoral program. I got rejected. You've got this killer apartment. I share a bathroom with my little sister. I never win.

MICHAEL

That's how you feel about me?

SETH

Ever since I met you four years ago and we compared SAT scores. (HEAD IN HANDS) Like anyone was gonna be impressed with my pathetic 1570!



A BEAT AS MICHAEL TAKES THIS IN.

MICHAEL

(DEEP BREATH) Alex isn't real.

ALEX REACTS.

SETH

(IMPRESSED) You built her?

HE REACHES TO TOUCH HER FACE.

ALEX

Get away from me!

MICHAEL

No, I mean Alex isn't really my girlfriend. I asked her to pretend to be my date tonight. To impress you. I just didn't want to be the only one of us here alone.

SETH

Wow. (MAKING A DECISION) Look, I have to be honest with you... being in a relationship is awesome. But don't worry. Some day you'll have the same thing as me and, ah...

MICHAEL/ALEX/MOLLY

Molly?

SETH

(QUICKLY) Molly!

SETH PATS MICHAEL ON THE BACK AND SETH AND MOLLY EXIT.

