

A drug fueled shit show

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Lights up.

We see a living room littered with empty pizza boxes, beer cans, and bottles of liquor. Two couches are center stage. A table in front is decorated with scattered cigarette butts.

The front door is stage left. The door to the bathroom is offstage right.

It is late night.

CORY, a young man in his mid-twenties, is sprawled out on center couch, passed out from too much alcohol. His hair is disheveled, his dress shirt is wrinkled up and stained with sweat and drips of puke.

MEAGHAN, a bohemian looking girl with long hair, sits on top of the other couch talking to GADGET, the CAT of this household.

CORY awakes.

CORY

Where the fuck is Laurant?

MEAGHAN

He'll be here.

CORY

I gave him money like four hours ago.

MEAGHAN

It's only been half an hour.

CORY

He better hurry the fuck up. I'm starting to lose my buzz.

MEAGHAN

Stop with the negative energy, will you? You're intimidating Gadget.

CORY screeches. The cat remains undisturbed.

MEAGHAN (CONT'D)

What's your problem?

CORY

He's just a fucking cat. Relax.

MEAGHAN

You don't know what you're talking about.

CORY

Call Laurant now. This is bullshit.

MEAGHAN

You call him.

CORY

No. You.

MEAGHAN

Go away.

CORY grows silent and starts to snore once more.

MEAGHAN (CONT'D)

(to GADGET)

I'm sorry about that. He didn't mean that. It's just. You know creatures, well I guess, mankind specifically, can be extremely cruel. Even me. I know, I'm being nice now, but I assure you there is darkness in me also. It's strange how humans can be that way. But we're not really that different are we? You're the same way aren't you? You purr and can be absolutely loving, but you don't think twice about snapping a bird's neck now do you? Yeah. I apologize for him, though. There is goodness in him though, Gadget, I assure you. You'll see him shine through by the end of it all.

CORY

Will you shut the fuck up!?

MEAGHAN

Fuck you!

CORY jumps up. GADGET hisses.

CORY

I'm not fucking with that. Fuck cats. Where the fuck is Laurant?!

Enter LAURANT with two six packs of beer. He is a tall cowboy, with baggy jeans and shades.

LAURANT

I can hear you from down the block.

CORY

When I gave you money for booze I didn't mean to get it straight from the fucking brewery.

LAURANT

Here you go bitch.

CORY

Where's my change?

LAURANT stays silent.

CORY (CONT'D)

Hey, asshole, where's my change? I gave you forty bucks.

LAURANT

I'll get you back man.

CORY

Where is my fucking change?!

LAURANT

I had to get some blow man. I had to. I've gotta loosen up a bit.

CORY

You did what?!

LAURANT

I'll get you back. I promise.

CORY looks for a beat at LAURANT, who in turn, takes off his shirt, and reveals his large frame in a wife-beater.

CORY

God, you are such a fucking idiot.

LAURANT

I'm willing to share.

CORY

It's my money, you moron.

LAURANT

I'll get you back.

CORY

Just put the beers in the fridge then. I'm kicking you out by the end of this month.

LAURANT

(to MEAGHAN)

Babe, you want some?

MEAGHAN

No. I'm shrooming pretty hard already, thanks.

CORY

Where the hell'd you get shrooms from?

MEAGHAN

I had some in the fridge from earlier.

CORY

Since when?

MEAGHAN

Stop, you're bumming me out. Isn't he, Gadget? Just a whole bunch of compressed negativity.

CORY

God! Break out some lines then, John Wayne! What the fuck!

CORY sits back down and rolls up his sleeves. He cracks a beer open. The doorbell rings.

MEAGHAN

Oh right. I invited Caitlin over.

CORY

You did what?

MEAGHAN

She heard I had some mush mush and wanted some.

CORY

You're both out by the end of this month. Gone! Fucking gone!

CORY runs into the bathroom, slamming the door.

MEAGHAN

What's his deal? I just don't get it.

LAURANT

You know he has a thing for her.

MEAGHAN

Oh please, she's way too stable for him.

MEAGHAN goes to the front door and opens. Enter CAITLIN. An attractive brunette with curly hair. She is dressed in various psychedelic colors.

CAITLIN

Hey.

MEAGHAN

Hi.

CAITLIN

Hi Laurant.

LAURANT

Howdy.

CORY enters again from the bathroom. His hair is sloppily slicked back. His shirt is slightly drenched from a pathetic attempt in wiping off the puke.

CORY

Hey Cate.

CAITLIN

How are you Cory?

CORY

I'm fine, how are you?

CAITLIN

Fine.

CORY

That's good.

CAITLIN

Hey guys this is Damian, he wanted to come over also once he heard you had some of the good stuff, Meaghan, I hope you don't mind.

Enter DAMIAN, a hipster type with multiple tattoos.

DAMIAN

Hey guys.

LAURANT

Hey man.

MEAGHAN

Welcome. Come in. Come in.

CORY

This is my apartment!

LAURANT

Hey, don't talk to her like that.

CORY

I'll talk however way I want. It's my apartment. You two are renting the room in MY apartment.

LAURANT

Cory, I'm not kidding. Yell at my girlfriend again and I'll beat the shit out of you. Say sorry.

CORY

Just break out some lines.

LAURANT

Say sorry.

A long beat.

CORY

Meaghan, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to yell.

MEAGHAN

It's okay. Now apologize to Gadget.

CORY

Gadget, I'm sorry, I didn't mean to yell earlier.

MEAGHAN

Gadget says it's okay.

CORY

Okay, I'm glad. Hey Laurant?

LAURANT

Yes?

CORY
Give me a fucking line now.

LAURANT
Go ahead.

CAITLIN
Did we come at a bad time?

MEAGHAN
No, it's fine. Cory was just fired from his job earlier today and he's decided to be a little nihilistic bitch about it.

CORY sits down.

CORY
Hey Meaghan, how do you feel about throwing Gadget off the roof?

MEAGHAN
NO!

LAURANT
Don't taunt her like that.

CORY
Hey Caitlin. Come in. Damian, come in. Please. Meaghan's like my sister. This is just the game we play. Make yourselves comfortable. Please excuse the mess. You guys know how it is when the world just falls apart on you, don't you? Forget I just said that. Would you like to do a line with us?

DAMIAN
No, I'm fine, thanks though.

CAITLIN
Yeah, I'm only here for the natural stuff.

CORY
Okay then. Okay. Would you like a beer?

CAITLIN
Actually I wouldn't mind one.
Thanks.

DAMIAN

I'm fine thanks. Thanks. Hey Cate,
the show starts in an hour.

CAITLIN

Don't be rude.

CORY

Here you go Cate. You should have
one too Damian.

LAURANT

Dude, you doing a line or what?

CORY

Do the first one then, fuckbag, I'm
trying to be hospitable.

LAURANT

Ha. Hospitals.

MEAGHAN goes to the fridge and pulls out two chocolates
covered in aluminum foil.

MEAGHAN

Here you guys.

CAITLIN

Thanks so much Meg.

MEAGHAN

The guy I get it from, he grinds it
up and bakes it into these
chocolates. 20 each. You'll be
peaking for hours.

DAMIAN

Amazing. Thanks Meg.

CAITLIN

Thanks so much Meaghan. You're so
awesome.

MEAGHAN

Hey no worries. I'm actually on
them right now.

CAITLIN

Ha. Are you really?

MEAGHAN

Ha. Yeah. My mind's filling up this
entire room.

DAMIAN
Ha. Far out.

LAURANT
Fuck!

CORY
What the hell are you yelling
about?

LAURANT
This isn't fucking blow!

CORY
What?!

CORY sniffs it, and licks the "lines".

CORY (CONT'D)
You bought sugar from some cracked
out junkie. You truly are the ape
of our modern times.

LAURANT
This guy's fucked!

MEAGHAN
Whoa, what are you doing?!

LAURANT
He's FUCKED!

LAURANT storms out of the room, slamming the door.

CORY
A genius, your boyfriend is. Truly.
A fucking Einstein.

MEAGHAN calmly flicks off CORY.

MEAGHAN
Um, so that's 40.

CAITLIN
Yeah right, is it cool if we worked
out the exchange?

MEAGHAN
Oh right, sure. Right. What am I
saying? Green for brown. Yeah,
absolutely cool. Let's sit.

CAITLIN
Okay great.

CAITLIN reaches into her bag and pulls out a jar of WEED.

DAMIAN
Cate..

CAITLIN
I told you I didn't want to go. If
you want to go, then go.

DAMIAN
Can I talk to you for a second?

CORY
(cutting in)
You should just stay here with us
then, Damian. You know, it seems
that Caitlin wants to stay here and
chill out and you should do what
she wants, since your her boyfriend
and all.

CAITLIN
Excuse us. Here pack a bowl,
Meaghan.

MEAGHAN
Thanks.

CAITLIN and DAMIAN exit.

MEAGHAN sits down, takes out a bag, and begins packing a
bowl. CORY drinks silently from his beer.

CORY
Who the fuck is that?

MEAGHAN
I don't know. Another one of her
boy toys, probably.

CORY
So not her boyfriend right?

MEAGHAN
Why are you asking me? Ask her.
Quit being such a pussy.

CORY
God, I hate you so much.

MEAGHAN

Here take a hit.

CORY

Have Cate take it first.

MEAGHAN

I just gave her a deal. She'll understand. You seriously need to mellow the fuck out.

CORY

Fine.

Enter CAITLIN distraught.

CAITLIN

Okay, let's get high. Could I just keep my chocolate in the fridge for now Meg?

MEAGHAN

Of course. You guys alright?

CAITLIN

I just don't get it. He buys these tickets to another electronic show, I tell him I just want to chill out here and pick up some mush for our trip next week, and then he decides to throw a tantrum. I just don't get it. God!

CORY

Here you go.

CAITLIN

Thanks.

CAITLIN takes a huge hit, and exhales.

MEAGHAN

Where the hell's Laurant?

CORY

And we're back to square one.

MEAGHAN

I'll be right back.

CORY

Yes go and find him. Go! Go!

MEAGHAN
Cate, I'll be right back. Positive
energy, positive energy.

Exit MEAGHAN.

CATE
So how are you Cory?

CORY
So you're going on a trip next
week?

A beat.

CAITLIN
Yeah, he lives upstate. He wants to
introduce me to his friends. I
don't know.

CORY
Hm.

CAITLIN
I like what you've done with the
place.

CORY leans in for a kiss.

CAITLIN (CONT'D)
Whoa, what are you doing?

CORY
Sorry, I must've misread the
situation.

CAITLIN
Yeah, you did. I just want to chill
out.

CORY
Okay.

A beat.

CORY (CONT'D)
I didn't mean to be forward like
that. I just, I thought..

CAITLIN
You think too much Cory, you know
this. We all know this.

CORY

Yeah.

CAITLIN

It was one time. It's not happening again. Ever.

CORY

Man..

CAITLIN

I'm just being chick to dude with you. Just straight forward, no bullshit.

CORY

I appreciate that. I still dig you though. A lot actually.

CAITLIN

You just need to get your shit together.

CORY

Hm.

CAITLIN

Like look at this place. When does it end Cory? If it's not the deadbeat job, then it's you trying to figure out your true vocation in life, so you go off and read for a month, cutting off all contact with everyone. You then spend that whole time, constantly thinking about how fucked up the world is, the social inequalities, the corruption of the financial and political institutions, the inevitability of the extinction of planet earth, only to reach this conclusion of how pointless it all really is before finally realizing that you have to make rent. Hence the next deadbeat job. And off you go. This vicious cycle. Just get it together Cory. Seriously.

CORY

God I missed you.

CAITLIN
Are you not listening to me?

CORY
Didn't we have fun that one night,
though? I mean, it was good, wasn't
it?

CAITLIN
Cory, you were awful. I hate to say
it. It felt like I was sleeping
with Kafka.

CORY
Ouch.

CAITLIN
You're a great listener, though.
I'll give you that.

CORY
This weed's great.

CAITLIN
It's from Colorado.

CORY
Is this thing with that dude
serious? Temporary?

CAITLIN
It's getting kind of serious. It's
slipping into comfortable
territory.

CORY
Hm.

CAITLIN
I think I'm going to head out West
soon.

CORY
Hm.

CAITLIN
Cory..

CORY
Yeah?

CAITLIN
I love you as a friend. A good
friend. Okay? Don't hate me.

CORY
Fine. Cheers.

CAITLIN
Cheers.

CAITLIN'S phone rings. She reads the text.

CAITLIN (CONT'D)
God.

CORY
What happened?

CAITLIN
I should go. Yeah, I should go.
I'll see you guys soon.

CORY
Okay then.

CAITLIN
Tell Meaghan I said thanks again.
Here I'm leaving an eighth.

CAITLIN grabs the chocolate from the fridge, and hugs CORY.

CORY
Okay. Bye.

CAITLIN
Bye.

CORY kisses CAITLIN. CAITLIN slaps CORY.

CORY
I'm sorry. I just had to.

CAITLIN
Don't do that again. God, like are
you being serious?

CORY
It won't happen again. I'm sorry.
It wasn't even a conscious effort.
My lips moved on their own.

CAITLIN

I'm going to fucking castrate you
if you ever do that again. Ever.

CORY

Fair enough. Don't be angry. I'm
sorry. I just can't help it when I
see you Cate. I just can't help it.
It won't happen again if you don't
want it to. It's the last kiss
we'll ever have for all time and
infinity if that's what you really
want. Go to him then, go.

CAITLIN

Don't tell me what to to do.

CORY

Okay, so don't.

CAITLIN

God, I swear you drive me nuts.

CORY

You're still here.

CAITLIN goes to CORY and the two begin to passionately make
out. CORY kicks off the pizza boxes from the table and lays
down CAITLIN.

CAITLIN

God, what the fuck am I doing? No,
no. I'm not doing this.

CORY

Why not?

CAITLIN

No, I can't. My mind was fucked for
days after last time. Take care.

CORY

Wait. Caitlin, wait.

CAITLIN

BYE.

Exit CAITLIN.

A beat. CORY sits down and smokes some more weed. He grabs a
slice of pizza and devours it.

CORY

(munching)

Hey Gadget? I didn't mean what I said earlier. You know it's just me being bitter right? It was a terrible thing for me to say that I would throw you off the roof. My anger just carries me away sometimes, you know?

Lights morph to a strange color. The VOICE of GADGET fills the room.

GADGET

Yeah, I know. I know. It's okay.

CORY

I just. Man, I don't know man.

GADGET

I know.

CORY

You do realize how much respect and love I have for you right? You're always welcome here even after I kick Meaghan and Laurant out of the apartment.

GADGET

Thanks, I appreciate that.

CORY

How do you do it Gadge, can I ask you?

GADGET

How do I do what?

CORY

How are you able to like remain completely calm? Like all the fucking time? I mean, you must know that you're finished off like the rest of us. A hundred years from now, it'll be like we never existed. You don't know if you're going to be run over by a car tomorrow, or if some asshole pit-bull decides to randomly sink his teeth into your head while you're enjoying an afternoon stroll. Who knows, an asteroid

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CORY
might slam into us an hour from
now. So how do you do it? How are
you able to remain so tranquil?

GADGET
Have you ever looked at floating
dust in the sunlight?

CORY
I'm being serious.

GADGET
So am I.

Light breaks into the room. It is slowly becoming day.

CORY
Oh, I see what you're saying.

GADGET
I am alive. Here. Now. And I love
it. I really do love it. I have
food in my belly, air in my lungs,
I mean what can I honestly complain
about? Ah, shit. Hey, could you
let me out for a second? I have to
take a piss.

CORY
What? Oh yeah, sure.

CORY goes to open the door.

Enter LAURANT screaming. GADGET screeches and exits.
LAURANT's arm is slashed and bleeding.

LAURANT
That motherfucker!

CORY
What the fuck happened to you?!

LAURANT
The fucker slashed me! He fucking
slashed me!

LAURANT goes running into the bathroom. We hear the water
running.

Enter MEAGHAN, crying hysterically. She runs to the bathroom
as well.

MEAGHAN

Oh my God! Oh my God!

CORY

It just never ends with you does it?!

LAURANT

Holy shit. That fucker!

LAURANT passes out.

CORY

Hey Meg, Caitlin said thanks and bye.

MEAGHAN

What?!

CORY

Never mind. Did you call an ambulance?

MEAGHAN

Oh my god! He's dying! Oh my God!

CORY

God damn it. Meghan sit down. Chill out.

MEAGHAN

Okay.

Meaghan sits down shaking. CORY rips off his sleeve. He goes to LAURANT and ties his arm.

CORY

He's barely bleeding, okay? He slashed his forearm, big deal. Meg, take a hit. Let go. I'm calling an ambulance now.

MEAGHAN

Okay. Where's Caitlin?

CORY

She went to go make up with that dude of hers. Take a hit, just breathe.

MEAGHAN

Okay.

CORY
Your eighth is on the table. I'm
calling the ambulance now.

MEAGHAN
(shaking)
Okay. Thank you Cory.

MEAGHAN takes a long hit and exhales. CORY dials the phone.

CORY
(into phone)
Hello? Hi. So I have a moron here
who messed with a junkie and got
his arm slashed and he's bleeding
all over my floor. It's nothing too
serious, but I'd really appreciate
it if we could get an ambulance
here as soon as possible. Excuse
me? Yes ma'am, a moron, he bought a
bag of sugar thinking it was
cocaine. Okay. Thank you very much.

MEAGHAN
Thank you Cory.

CORY
You're welcome. You come down yet?

MEAGHAN
I'm still floating.

CORY
Have you ever looked at the
floating dust in the sunlight?

MEAGHAN
It's my favorite thing to do.

CORY
Well off you go then.

GADGET runs back into the room. He hops back up on the couch
next to MEAGHAN.

CORY sits back down on center couch, lights the bowl, and
exhales.

CORY (CONT'D)
Hey Meg, you know I would never
kick you and that moron out don't
you? I mean you two are literally
the only other human beings that I
(MORE)

CORY (CONT'D)
actually consider friends right now. I don't even know why. Like when I said all that offensive shit about doing terrible shit, I barely meant half of it. It's just, that shit spews out of mouth and I spend the next several moments wondering where it even came from. You know? I love you guys. I do, I really do.

MEAGHAN
We love you too Cory.

GADGET
Yeah man. We love you Cory.

CORY passes out and begins to snore once more.

GADGET (CONT'D)
He's out again.

MEAGHAN
Sweet dreams Cory.

GADGET and MEAGHAN continue to sit in silence and stare off into space.

MEAGHAN points out a swirl of floating sparkling dust.

MEAGHAN
Look Gadge, it's the milky way.

GADGET
It is. It really is.

The SIRENS of an AMBULANCE slowly grows louder and louder.

Lights slowly fade.

Blackout.

End.