

CRUISEAHOLICS

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FADE IN:

EXT. LEICESTER SQUARE - DAY

ALISTAIR (21) stands directly opposite the Odeon cinema, together with OLLIE (35). They face a billboard - it displays Tom Cruise's latest film. Beneath this, a sign reads: Premiere starts tonight at 19.00.

OLLIE

And this is Tom at the Kodak.

Ollie fervently skips through his scrapbook. Tourists mill about with cameras.

ALISTAIR

Really, well, how about this?

Alistair reveals a tattoo, it reads (in Chinese): Tom is King!

OLLIE

(gutted)

Ahhh, you got it done then.

EXT. LEICESTER SQUARE - NIGHT

Alistair and Ollie are pressed against the railing. They're amongst the throng of Cruise fans vying for attention. Tom strolls down the red carpet.

OLLIE

Tom... Tom... TOM!

Here he is - their hero. TOM CRUISE (46), the picture of Hollywood.

TOM

(to the crowd)

Hi! It's so good to see you.

Tom stops to sign a couple of autographs. He's within 5 feet of Alistair and Ollie.

ALISTAIR

Tom... Tom... TOM!

The yells fall on deaf ears as Tom drifts further away from his intrepid fans.

OLLIE

Come on, Tom!

A flurry of camera FLASHES as Tom stops to break his broad smile with PRETTY GIRL and PRETTY GIRL'S MATE.

PRETTY GIRL

Can we get a picture?

TOM

Sure.

PRETTY GIRL'S MATE

Make sure you get my good side.

She forces the camera in Tom's hands, and he duly obliges with the requisite arm in the air.

From his vantage point of no more than 5 feet -

OLLIE

That's nothing compared to the one
I have with him...

Picture done. Tom starts to move up the red carpet, and into the sea of adulation.

ALISTAIR

TOM!

Tom's head turns in recognition.

ALISTAIR

Me and Tom are old pals!

PENNY

Tom!

Enter PENNY SMITH (25), bespectacled and hopelessly devoted with her 'I Heart Tom Cruise' T-shirt.

Tom 180°s.

PENNY

I loved you in Jerry Maguire!

TOM

Penny! It's so good to see you.

Penny stands directly next to Alistair and Ollie.

TOM (CONT'D)

Get in here!

Tom launches into his trademark loud laugh!

Tom motions toward his BODYGUARD.

The crowd lets out a huge chorus of approval as the bodyguard lifts Penny over the railings.

TOM (CONT'D)
You're coming into the premiere,
young lady.

Penny can't believe her luck - she beams. A mass of "Me too!" reverberates around Leicester Square.

OLLIE
Bitch.

The bodyguard's head swivels around -

BODYGUARD
(to Alistair and
Ollie)
I thought I told you two to stay
away?!

Busted! Alistair and Ollie notice the bodyguard focus his attention on them.

BODYGUARD
(into radio)
They're here!

On that cue, Alistair and Ollie fight their way back through the crowd - the crowd who are oblivious to anything but Tom and Penny.

EXT. REGENT STREET - MOMENTS LATER

Alistair and Ollie dust themselves down.

OLLIE
Right, the flight is out of
Heathrow at 6.45 am tomorrow - you
are still up for the German
premiere, yeah?

FADE OUT.