WAFFLES

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Based on a True Story

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ADAM stands in front of a mirror in the hallway looking at himself in the mirror, he is wearing a dress shirt and a tie with khakis. He is in his early twenties, tall with dark hair. Very average, but he looks like a nice guy.

JAMIE walks out of his bedroom, guitar strapped to his chest, Jamie has longer blonde hair, and wears glasses. He looks like every guy who works at a coffee shop. He occasionally strums a few notes on his guitar.

> JAMIE Should I be dressing up too?

ADAM Only if you want, I know a lot of people are for the surprise.

JAMIE When is *Lily* coming over...

ADAM Should be here any second.

Jamie walks back into his room, still strumming.

JAMIE (O.S.) I'm gonna get dressed, I'll be out in a minute.

Adam walks into the LIVING ROOM, on a table there is a TEAM COOLER, empty. Next to it is a bottle of EVERCLEAR grain alcohol and several gallons of juice. In the middle of the room there is a beer pong table set up.

The apartment is unmistakably that of three male college students, it is picked up, but still has the remnants of an earlier mess, the furniture is unmatching, and looks like it was picked up on the side of the road, the band posters and lack of furnishings add to the aura of college.

There is a KNOCK at the door. Adam answers...

LILY enters the apartment, she is around the same age as the others, average height and blonde. She is wearing a red dress. She is the girl next door, the female best friend. She couldn't be more comfortable here in the apartment, her and Adam seemed to be magnetically attached at the hip.

> ADAM What's up dude?

LILY Nothing, am I like, really early for the party?

ADAM Yeah, I invited you early because you're my favorite.

LILY Thanks. Holy shit, that's a lot of alcohol dude.

ADAM I have no idea how many people are coming tonight.

LILY You really don't know?

Adam shakes his head no.

STEVEN walks out of his room, bong in hand. Steven dresses well and has short dark hair and a beard. He looks like a business student who smokes a lot of pot. He sits down on the couch and turns on the PlayStation.

> STEVEN Hey, do you guys want to get breakfast maybe tomorrow morning with Stephanie? Like a birthday present?

ADAM

LILY

No.

Jamie jumps into the conversation from his room. Steven is taking a rip from the bong on the couch.

No.

JAMIE (O.S.)

YES!!

STEVEN Why do you guys hate going for breakfast?

Jamie walks around the corner, half dressed, a disheveled version of "dressed up", probably the best he can do.

LILY You can just make breakfast in your apartment for free. ADAM Yeah like, I'm pretty good at making breakfast food actually.

LILY True. Like when you made waffles after that night where we made the blanket fort in the living room!

ADAM Oh yeah, I remember, that was fun.

JAMIE Look Adam, I've tried so many times, I can not, anymore, eat your gluten free waffles!

ADAM They are so good! LILY They are so good!

KNOCK at the door. KRISTEN enters, she is shorter, tanner, with dark hair. She appears slightly drunk. In hand is a cookie sheet full of JELLO SHOTS in dixie cups.

KRISTEN Hey guys, Jello shots! Love your dress Lily!

LILY

Thanks!

Everyone takes multiple jello shots in hand, some of them do theirs, others do not.

ADAM Tonight is going to be crazy.

INT. APARTMENT - LATER

More people have arrived at the party, they are scattered through the apartment. Music is playing. Kristen is in the kitchen, she opens one of the cabinets and finds a bottle of tequila.

Adam is pouring gallons of juice into the team cooler to cut the copious amounts of alcohol. Lily is standing next to him, the two are carrying on a conversation.

As they stand there talking and laughing, she continues to hand him various ingredients to this concoction without instruction, she has helped him make this before.

KRISTEN

Adam!

Adam stops what he is doing and pokes his head around the corner.

KRISTEN (CONT'D) This is the tequila from the night you puked in the woods!

Lily laughs at Adam, he isn't laughing, they have very different memories from that night.

ADAM (To Lily) You think that's funny?

LILY

Yes.

KRISTEN Let's do a shot!

Adam and Lily walk into the KITCHEN

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Adam and Lily do a shot with Kristen.

INT. APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

A RANDOM PARTY GUEST decides to help finish making the jungle juice.

They look in the TEAM COOLER, and look at the half empty bottle of EVERCLEAR next to it, then they pour the remainder of the Everclear into the team cooler, and they ditch the bottle in the recycling bin.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Adam coughs after doing the shot and the girls laugh at him.

ADAM Wow, bad memories. Wait what time is it?

Adam looks at his watch and freaks out, he runs into the next room and stands on a chair, getting everyone's attention. Lily stands next to him, holding the chair so her drunk friend doesn't fall. ADAM (CONT'D) Everyone hide, Stephanie is coming!!

Everyone hides behind the couches, chairs, and in the hallway to avoid being seen.

INT. APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER

STEPHANIE walks into the apartment, she is tall, blonde, she has a very innocent look. Everyone cheers "Surprise".

STEPHANIE Oh my god! You guys! Thanks so much!

INT. APARTMENT - SEVERAL DRINKS LATER...

Everyone is visibly intoxicated, especially Kristen, Adam and Lily. Some are even too drunk.

Stephanie is speaking to a group of people, then she is stolen away. Kristen comes over to Adam and Lily, who are standing a few feet from the beer pong table.

> LILY Oh my god, Ferris Buller's Day Off is one million times better!

ADAM Thank you, everyone seems to like the Breakfast Club better, but I just think Ferris...

Kristen comes over, interrupting their conversation, she seems very drunk at this point.

KRISTEN I never noticed before, but you have some nice tits.

Adam and Lily laugh audibly, unsure how else to respond.

LILY

Thank you?

KRISTEN How come you guys don't just fuck each other already? Both of them pause, unsure what to say, they both kinda say 'uhhh' and shrug. Before they can further respond Kristen GRABS Lily's boobs.

Adam and Lily exchange a look of shock, unsure what to do next. In a second Kristen stops, realizing what she just did. She looks at Adam and says one last comment before leaving.

> KRISTEN (CONT'D) You should totally fuck her, she's got some nice titties.

Kristen walks away into the bathroom, Adam and Lily laugh.

ADAM Do you need a drink after that?

LILY Yeah, I can't believe that just happened!

ADAM Me either! I'll grab drinks, wanna go grab us those two chairs over in the corner?

LILY Yeah sure.

Adam and Lily separate, Lily heads towards the corner to grab seats, and Adam goes for drinks. Both are stopped. Adam runs into Stephanie, who hugs him. She is deep into celebrating her 21st.

> STEPHANIE Hey! So I'm pretty drunk.

ADAM I can tell. Happy Birthday!

STEPHANIE Thanks for this party! So, when are you and Lily just gonna get together?

Adam laughs this off again, EMMA pulls Stephanie aside. Emma is the quiet girl with the thick framed glasses. She is unaware of the conversation that was just taking place.

Adam looks back over to Lily, who is sitting in the corner talking to Jamie who are across from her on the couch. She looks back at him, they smile at each other.

Adam walks over and hands Lily her drink. He sits down next to her. Some of the party guests have also clustered around the table on couches and in chairs, in a circle of sorts.

> LILY I was just telling Jamie about Kristen.

JAMIE How drunk is she?

ADAM Very, very drunk.

Steven and Kristen come over to the circle from the other side of the room and sit down with the group. Stephanie finds her way over shortly after.

> JAMIE I mean we've all thought it, but saying it is hilarious.

> > ADAM

Wait what?

STEVEN Thought what? What happened?

JAMIE Kristen told Adam and Lily that they should fuck.

Kristen laughs loudly, so does Steven, for different reasons.

STEVEN Wait I thought you already had?

KRISTEN Shouldn't they though?

ADAM

We never...

STEVEN What about when you slept over the other day?

LILY We were really high.

Adam jumps in, to avoid confusion.

ADAM Yeah and we didn't have sex. LILY Oh yeah, no we just slept!

KRISTEN Who thinks they should just get it over with and fuck each other?

The party erupts into a crowd of various people expressing different opinions. Jamie stands up and raises his hands up for silence. Adam and Lily exchange a slightly frightened look, as if to say 'what the fuck is going on?'

> JAMIE Wait one at a time!

LILY Maybe let's not.

JAMIE

Who thinks Adam and Lily should have sex, raise your hands.

Kristen is the first hand to shoot up, she is soon followed by Steven, Stephanie, and various party guests.

JAMIE (CONT'D) Okay that looks like the majority. Who doesn't think they should?

Emma, and other party guests raise their hands, Jamie looks at Adam and Lily for them to raise their hands.

JAMIE (CONT'D) Are you guys not voting? Okay.

LILY Wait what do you mean voting?

EMMA I just think what they have works, what if they mess it up. Sorry guys, no offense.

ADAM Wait a second.

STEPHANIE They would be so cute together!

KRISTEN That's what I said! JAMIE Okay wait. Those on the 'they SHOULD fuck' side give your reasons.

LILY

Please don't.

STEVEN

It just kinda seems like you're a couple already, so why not?

KRISTEN They definitely want to.

STEPHANIE You guys should date, don't just like have sex once.

PARTY GUEST 1 I totally thought you guys were dating.

ADAM Nope, just friends.

KRISTEN I totally think you guys look like a couple.

JAMIE Okay those on the 'they SHOULDN'T fuck' side, counterpoints!

EMMA You guys are like best friends right? What if it doesn't work out, wouldn't that suck?

LILY Yeah absolutely.

PARTY GUEST 2 What's the harm in trying it out?

PARTY GUEST 3 Don't shit where you eat dude!

ADAM I'm not sure how that applies. JAMIE Okay so we're pretty divided but it seems like maybe you guys should try it out.

LILY Can we maybe, like, speak?

JAMIE Oh yeah, floor is yours.

LILY Thanks. We're like the same person basically so it might not work.

ADAM Yeah like it could be amazing or horrible.

LILY Yeah for sure, we don't know. So obviously we don't wanna risk it, because it would probably be awful.

ADAM Exactly...Wait what?

LILY I didn't mean that in a bad way, I just mean like...we don't know.

Adam seems thrown off by this, he is confused.

ADAM

Okay...?

LILY Like I'm not saying someday we don't like get drunk and, you know, but still.

ADAM Yeah, if that happens that's one thing but that's different.

JAMIE I don't really see how that's different.

KRISTEN Do you guys need another shot or something? Lily turns to Adam.

LILY Who is that?

ADAM I have no idea.

Suddenly there is a POUNDING at the door.

STEVEN Shit. I'll get it.

Everyone gets nervous, Adam grabs Lily's hand and pulls her away from the circle. Everyone starts whispering.

ADAM Everyone hide in case it's the cops.

JAMIE I'll take people in my room.

KRISTEN Yeah you guys go have fun.

Adam shrugs off their comments and he and Lily go into his room.

INT. BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

While the majority of people hide in the other two bedrooms. He shuts the door and locks it. Lily sits on his bed and Adam looks out the window and sees a cop car.

> ADAM Shit, it actually is the cops.

LILY Wait really?

The two laugh, he sits down on the bed next to her.

LILY (CONT'D) Do you need to like, go talk to them or anything?

ADAM I think Steven's got it. They sit silently for a minute, there is an awkward tension as a result of the conversation before.

LILY So...That was really weird.

ADAM Yeah sorry about that.

LILY Oh it's fine, everyone is just really drunk. What the fuck was in that punch by the way?

ADAM I only put half a bottle.

LILY Maybe it's the tequila then. Oh my god and the jello shots too.

ADAM Yeah I think all that's gone.

LILY

Oh my god.

They sit in silence again for a minute.

ADAM

Do you really think we would be bad together?

LILY

Adam I really didn't mean to hurt your feelings or anything. It could be really great too, we just don't know.

ADAM What do you think the chances are?

LILY Like of it working out?

ADAM

Yeah.

LILY Probably fifty-fifty.

ADAM Not bad. Still risky. LILY

Yeah.

There is a knock at the door.

JAMIE (O.S.) Are you guys...

ADAM

LILY

No!

JAMIE (O.S.) Cops left, you can come out, or you can continue doing whatever it is you're doing...

No!

Adam stands up, holds his hand out for Lily, she takes it, they walk out of the bedroom.

INT. APARTMENT - CONTINUOUS

A good amount of the party has left now, only the main group remains, along with a few other stragglers.

Steven is telling his story of talking to the police, most have forgotten about the debate already, their attention diverted.

The music has been shut off, but Jamie is sitting on the couch playing *Flightless Bird*, *American Mouth* by Iron and Wine on his guitar, but not singing.

Adam laughs and looks at Lily, then holds his hand out again.

LILY

What?

ADAM Dance with me.

LILY

What?

She laughs, he is smiling, but not laughing.

ADAM I'm serious dance with me.

LILY

Okay.

She takes his hand, the two laugh as Adam leads them in a slow dance, being overly sarcastic. It seems as if they have done this before, this feels natural for them.

LILY (CONT'D) Why are we dancing?

ADAM Cause it's funny.

Everyone notices them dancing now.

STEPHANIE Oh my god you guys are so cute.

Adam and Lily continue to laugh.

KRISTEN Adam you better kiss her right now.

Adam and Lily are still laughing, he kisses her forehead as a joke. The crowd laughs again. Stephanie leans in to Kristen so only she can hear her.

STEPHANIE Wait ignore them, just let it happen.

Everyone goes back to talking in the circle. Adam and Lily are still dancing, but neither is saying anything. They have stopped laughing at this point. She stops dancing.

> LILY I think I should go home.

Adam is surprised.

ADAM Wait is everything okay?

LILY Oh yeah, we're fine. I should just go back, it's getting pretty late.

ADAM

Okay.

LILY Dude don't worry. We're fine. I'll text you tomorrow okay?

ADAM Okay text me when you get home, it's late.

LILY I'll be fine. The bus stop is right there. She looks at the time. LILY (CONT'D) Wait I have to run, the last bus is in like one minute. Lily hugs Adam and grabs her coat from the closet. LILY (CONT'D) See you tomorrow? ADAM Come over, I'll make you waffles. LILY That's still kinda like going out for breakfast. They both smile. ADAM Lunch then? LILY Sounds good. ADAM See you tomorrow. Lily walks out the door, Adam waves goodbye as she walks away. He stands there for a moment with the door open, then closes it.