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INT. HOUSE - KITCHEN - DUSK

CLAIRE, 23, a pretty caucasian woman struggles to place party decorations on the kitchen wall. She steps off a stool and turns to JACK, 23, a smartly dressed hipster and ALEKS, 22, handsome, also smartly dressed who stares back at her.

CLAIRE

Feel free to help at anytime

Jack and Aleks continue to stare

CLAIRE

I cant deal with anything going wrong tonight, this is a special occasion and a lot of works gone into it. Do you understand that? I don't want you fucking things up.

JACK

Oi, Language,

JACK (CONT'D)

(To Aleks)

jeez

Claire, being mocked, raises her eyebrows at Jack

ALEKS

We'll be fine, stop worrying.

CLAIRE

Stop worrying? You're already fucking things up by not helping, we still need to sort out the food, the lights, the decorations. This is supposed to be a surprise party and it doesn't look like one does it!

Aleks looking at Claire's hand backs away slowly. Shes grasping scissors tightly.

ALEKS

Alright alright we'll help

Claire realising what she was doing releases the tight grip and places the scissors down on the counter.

CLAIRE

Sorry, I get stressed when hosting events

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JACK  
(Sarcastic)  
You don't say

Claire Breaths deeply, the doorbell alarms the house.

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2 INT. HOUSE - HALLWAY - DUSK

KATE, 22, a very pretty woman with long hair and her new boyfriend CHARLIE, 22, a very smartly dressed man arrives at the party. She is greeted by some people hanging out in the hallway and hugs them.

3 INT. HOUSE - KITCHEN - DUSK

Jack is drinking alone in the kitchen, Aleks approaches.

ALEKS  
So, Kates just arrived with her new  
boyfriend.

JACK  
Cooool

ALEKS  
Will everything be okay between you  
two?

Jack deflates and drinks in silence for a moment.

JACK  
Yeah, it'll be fine, it's been  
awhile

ALEKS  
Yeah but you know, things didn't  
end...

Kate and Charlie approach Jack and Aleks they both show her a faint smile.

She goes to hug Aleks.

KATE  
HI!

ALEKS  
Hey, Kate

She turns to Jack and the two exchange an awkward hug.

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KATE  
Hey

JACK  
Hi, how are you?

KATE  
Great thanks.

Kate gestures to Charlie

KATE (CONT'D)  
Urm guys this is my boyfriend  
Charlie, Charlie, this is Aleks and  
Jack.

CHARLIE  
Oh, nice to meet you.

Charlie offers a hand, Aleks shakes it, Jack pauses for a moment and confidently shakes it.

KATE  
Were gonna say hi to other people,  
see you later.

Kate and Charlie walk away to the lounge leaving Jack looking defeated.

ALEKS  
I'm gonna go do the same.

JACK  
(To himself)  
Time to get drunk.

Jack takes a massive gulp of what he was drinking, slams the glass on the counter.

4 MONTAGE - INT HOUSE - PARTY

The party now in full swing, Music loud, people having fun, dancing and drinking.

-- Various people dancing

-- Aleks Doing shots

-- Claire Being stressed, stopping people from making a mess

-- Jack Watching over the party

-- Charlie leaving the room, Jack following

5 INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Aleks now drunk looks around the room. Stumbles in front of Claire.

ALEKS  
(Drunkenly)  
H-hey have you seen Jack?

CLAIRE  
No, check upstairs

Aleks walks towards the stairs, looking at them knowing he'd struggle to get up.

ALEKS  
JACK!?

Aleks staggers up the stairs and approaches a bedroom door and slowly pushes it.

6 INT. HOUSE - UPSTAIRS BEDROOM - NIGHT

Aleks appears to see Jack doing something weird with another person.

ALEKS  
Jack...?

Jack startled turns around. He's strangled Charlie to death.

JACK  
(nonchalant)  
Oh hi, Aleks urm... listen. We have a problem

Aleks stares at him shocked.

ALEKS  
No... no... no... what have you done??

JACK  
Well I killed him

Aleks starts prancing around the room while Jack stays calm.

ALEKS  
Alright, alright, alright here's what we're gonna do... throw him out the window? He tripped and fell

Aleks starts to ramble uncontrollably. Jack looks around the room.

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ALEKS (CONT'D)  
Or, or, or, we, we could set the  
body on fire??

Jack pulls a big bag from under the bed.

JACK  
Or we put him in here?

ALEKS  
(calmly)  
Yeah alright

KATE(O.S)  
(Calling from downstairs)  
Charlie? are you upstairs?

JACK  
(Whispering)  
Shit, what do we do

ALEKS  
(calling back to Kate)  
Yes!

Aleks's expression turns to shock and regret

ALEKS (CONT'D)  
I don't know why I did that

JACK  
I have a plan... we take him  
downstairs, pretend he's just drunk  
and passed out

Jack takes sunglasses off the table and places them on  
Charlie

JACK (CONT'D)  
(enthusiastically)  
There, no one will know

7 INT. HOUSE - HALLWAY - NIGHT

Jack steadily walks down the stairs holding Charlie.

Aleks carefully walks behind.

JACK  
Okay so, you make it look like he's  
still alive and I'll distract Kate

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ALEKS

Right, so how do I do that then?

JACK

Urm... To be honest with you, I'm making this up as I go along.

Jack passes over the body to Aleks and enters the living room.

Aleks struggles to keep Charlie up and follows.

8 INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Jack approaches Kate and her friends. Aleks collapses on the sofa with the body.

JACK

Hey Kate, can we talk for a second?

KATE

Not right now, I need to find Charlie.

JACK

No need he's right over there.

Jack gestures towards Aleks and the body.

JACK (CONT'D)

Please, it will just take a moment.

Kate nods and Jack leads her to the back garden.

People are dancing around Aleks and Charlie. Aleks looks increasingly worried. A partygoer approaches Charlie

PARTYGOER 1

(Slurred)

Hey, its Charlie right? I...I just want to let you know, Kate is a very nice girl. You better treat her right.

Aleks, wide-eyed quickly pushes Charlies head back and forth to simulate nodding

PARTYGOER 1

Good!

Aleks has a sigh of relief. Charlie's head falls back and smacks the wall behind.

9 EXT. GARDEN - NIGHT

Jack and Kate stand parallel to each other outside the kitchen window.

KATE  
Well, what do you want?

JACK  
I just wanted to know how you're doing

KATE  
I'm fine Jack.

Kate walks past Jack towards the door.

JACK  
But really, how are you?

KATE  
What are you asking me?

JACK  
Its just been awhile since we've talked. I've missed it.

KATE  
What are you doing? You bring me out here so what? You tell me you miss me and want me back? You know I'm with Charlie now.

JACK  
I just think it would be good to catch up.

KATE  
We can do that here.

10 MONTAGE - INT. HOUSE - HALLWAY - NIGHT

Aleks is trying to drag Charlie back upstairs and fails

- Tries dragging him by the feet
- Dragging his arms
- carry him

Someone in the hall watches. Aleks notices.

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ALEKS

He's urm, he's just really drunk

The bystander shrugs and walks off. Aleks gives up, puts his hand around his shoulder and heads back to his seat.

11 INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Aleks exhausted walks over to the table and starts pouring a drink. Behind him, some people start laughing, sneak up behind him and inject him with a syringe.

ALEKS

What the fuck! Hey, what did you-

Aleks's vision starts to change, he stumbles over to his seat next to the body that comes alive.

CHARLIE

Why did you kill me?

ALEKS

I...I didn't kill you.

CHARLIE

But you let it happen. I thought we were friends.

ALEKS

I don't even know you!

Aleks looks in front of him and Claire has turned into a 2D animation of herself.

CLAIRE

(Voice of a man)

What are you looking at?

The room starts to spin and the location changes around Aleks.

12 EXT. TOWN - NIGHT

Aleks is in the center of town, in the distance he sees a group of people. Charlie, looking more dead, appears next to him.

CHARLIE

You don't look so good

Aleks walks towards the group of people. They walk towards him and until they meet in a Mexican standoff.

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The group of people starts dancing. Aleks, hesitant at first then joins in.

Aleks's vision begins to blur, his vision changes. The group of people has changed into a group of homeless people fighting each other. Aleks stumbles away.

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EXT. GARDEN - NIGHT

Aleks and Kate are now sat below the window.

JACK

I've been thinking about you a lot recently. You're someone I cant get past and seeing you with him makes it so much harder.

KATE

Well you need to try harder

JACK

It's not that eas-

KATE

Yes it is, its been months

JACK

I just feel like there's still something

KATE

No, Will you stop? After all this time. It's not fair for you to say all this. You had your chance and you blew it.

Kate stands up and walks to the door.

JACK

Kate, I'm sorry.

KATE

It's too late for sorry.

Kate opens the door and walks inside. Jack slowly gathers himself and follows.

14 INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Jack makes his way through the crowd and approaches Claire.  
The music makes it hard to hear.

JACK  
(Shouting)  
Have you seen Aleks?

CLAIRE  
(Mouthing)  
What?

JACK  
(Shouting)  
Have you seen Aleks?

CLAIRE  
(Mouthing)  
What?

Jack gives up and runs upstairs.

15 INT. HOUSE - UPSTAIRS BEDROOM - NIGHT

Jack crashes into the room. Aleks and the body are laying on  
the bed. he grabs a nearby beer bottle and pours it over  
Aleks who suddenly wakes up.

ALEKS  
I've had the weirdest dream.

JACK  
uh-hu, We need to get the body out  
now. Did you give us an alibi?

ALEKS  
In my dream, I helped cover up a  
murder, I got drugged and danced  
with the homeless.

JACK  
Right, well some of that happened.  
Will you grab his feet?

Jack grabs Charlie's head and places it in the bag. Aleks  
confused looks around.

ALEKS  
Oh shit, so that did happen?

Aleks moves the feet in the bag and Jack zips it up.

They both pick up one end and carry it downstairs.

16 INT. HOUSE - HALLWAY - NIGHT

As Jack and Aleks reach the hallway Claire walks out dragging a similar looking bag. Everyone gets startled by each other.

Jack and Aleks drop the bag next to Claire's.

JACK

Oh hi

CLAIRE

(Agitated)

Yeah hi, sorry urm, I'm actually busy

ALEKS

yeah great, were just, urm throwing some rubbish out.

CLAIRE

ah right, me too.

All three of them look at each other smiling.

JACK

Well alright then, we'll be going.  
Thanks for a great night.

They each exchange an awkward hug. Jack and Aleks pick up the bag Claire was carrying and leave. Claire walks through the crowd with the bag.

17 EXT. GARDEN - NIGHT

Clarie walks through the kitchen and into the garden. Shaken, she zips open to reveal Chris. She stares in confusion.

18 EXT. OUTSIDE HOUSE - NIGHT

Jack and Aleks place the body in the boot of a car and close it. They enter, start the engine and drive off. Claire chases after the car but does not match the speed.