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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

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 breathes deeply, the doorbell alarms the house.

TITLE CARD:

2 INT. HOUSE - HALLWAY - DUSK

Laura, 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, Laura's 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...

Laura and Charlie approach Jack and Aleks they both show her a faint smile. She goes to hug Aleks.

LAURA
Hey

ALEKS
Hey, Laura

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

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LAURA
Hey

 JACK
Hi, how are you?

 LAURA
Great thanks.

Laura gestures to Charlie

 LAURA (CONT'D)
Guys this is my boyfriend Charlie,
Charlie, this is Aleks and Jack.

Charlie focuses on Aleks, ignoring Jack

 CHARLIE
Oh... nice to meet you.

Charlie offers a hand to shake, Aleks shakes it.

 LAURA
We're gonna say hi to other people,
see you later.

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

 JACK
 (To himself)
Time to get drunk.

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

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

6 INT. HOUSE - UPSTAIRS BEDROOM - NIGHT

Aleks sees Jack on top of 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 did you do??

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.

ALEKS (CONT'D)
Or, or, or, we, we could set the body on fire?? No, the smell would give it away.

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Jack pulls a big bag from under the bed.

JACK
Or we put him in here?

ALEKS
(calmly)
Yeah alright

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

JACK
(Whispering)
Shit, what do we do

ALEKS
(calling back to Laura)
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. He slumps the body against the
stairs.

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

ALEKS
Right, so how do I do that then?

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JACK

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

Jack steps over the body and enters the living room. Aleks struggles to pick up Charlie and staggers in.

8 INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Jack approaches Laura and her friends. Aleks collapses on the sofa with the body slumped next to him. He discreetly watches Jack.

JACK

Hey Laura, can we talk for a second?

LAURA

Not right now, I need to find Charlie.

JACK

No need he's right over there.

Jack gestures towards Aleks and the body. Aleks gives a thumbs up.

JACK (CONT'D)

Please, it will just take a moment.

Jack leads Laura into the kitchen.

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, Laura 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 INT. HOUSE - KITCHEN - NIGHT

Laura looking fed up stands opposite Jack who looks like he's struggling to think of something to say.

LAURA
Well?

JACK
Urrr

A lightbulb goes off his Jack's head, claps his hands. Laura looks confused.

JACK (CONT'D)
I still love you

Jack goes to kiss Luara but she immediately backs off and slaps him. Upset, she runs off into the garden, Claire sees this and follows. Jack turns and gives a thumbs up to Aleks.

10 INT. HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Aleks 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 and it 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 runs into the room and turns 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.

11 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.

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 gets punched and stumbles away.

12 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. 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 wasn't a dream.

Aleks moves the feet in the bag and Jack zips it up. They both pick up one end and carry it downstairs.

13 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, I'm going to take it around the back actually.

JACK

Well alright then, we'll be going.

Jack and Aleks pick up the bag Claire was carrying and leave in a rush

JACK (CONT'D)

Thanks for a great night.

CLAIRE

Okay thanks

Claire's smile quickly goes. picks up her bag and walks through the crowd to the garden.

14 EXT. GARDEN - NIGHT

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

15 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.

16 INT. CAR - NIGHT

Aleks looks like death itself and Jack still calm, driving into the night.

JACK
Shall we play some music?

ALEKS
Yeah alright.