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TEASER

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FADE IN:

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Aaron and Christine sitting on couch and Jack sitting in the chair.

AARON

We haven't heard from Amber since she left a week ago, I wonder if she got to San Diego okay.
(talking to Jack and Christine)
(Now talking to audience) Incase you missed the last episodes of Independent Living here is what happened. (shows scenes of past two episodes) See my ex-girlfriend before I met Amber came to my door. So I invited her in, doing nothing wrong there, but then Jack insisted that it was a bad idea, I wish I would have listened to him then, any ways, then we had a few hours to get Stacy out of the house before Amber came home. Well we did but then Stacy decided to kiss me and little did I know Amber was walking up the stairs and saw it, so then Amber and I broke up and she left for this one month internship in San Diego. So this is where we are now sitting here deciding what is next in our lives, we are missing one roommate and my life is miserable.

CHRISTINE

So how's the new roommate search going.

JACK

Pretty well actually, I have this girl coming over this afternoon to look at it.

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CHRISTINE

Why again does it have to be a
girl, why can't it be another guy?

JACK

I explained it already, there's
two of us guys and one girl so to
even out the universal apartment
thingy, we need another girl.

AARON

It wasn't my idea, this was Jack's
alone, In my opinion I don't
really care, it could be guy,
girl, animal.

The doorbell rings and Aaron gets up to get the door.

JACK

That must be her now.

Aaron answers the door and Stacy is in the doorway and Aaron
looks at Jack.

AARON

Are you kidding me?

STACY

Hi Aaron.

BLACK OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Aaron next to door, with Jack on chair, Christine on couch and Stacy standing in doorway still.

JACK
Trust me, this is not her.

AARON
Is this some kind of a sick joke
Jack, huh?, Because it's not very
funny at all.

STACY
Hi Aaron.

Aaron turns to Stacy

AARON
Hold on Stacy.

Aaron turns back to Jack

JACK
Dude, dude why would I do this to
you think about it.

STACY
Aaron, hi, hello, anybody there?

AARON
Oh, I'm sorry Stacy, come on in
and have a seat. How long has it
been?

Aaron closes the door.

STACY
Two weeks.

AARON
That's right two weeks ago, wow
it's been a long time, when all
hell broke loose two weeks ago.

STACY
Where's Amber I wanted to
apologize for what happened.

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AARON

Well, um, you see, um, look she um, she kind of, how do I put this?

JACK

She left on a one month internship to San Diego a week ago.

AARON

Thanks Jack.

STACY

She left?

AARON

Yeah well you know kissing another girl isn't on a top ten list of things you want to come home and see. Plus she had this internship lined up a while ago.

STACY

I'm sorry, I didn't mean to impose or anything.

AARON

No it's fine.

STACY

Well the reason I came here is because I wanted you to come with me to the lake this weekend.

AARON

Sure why not? How about you two come with us.

CHRISTINE

I have plans this weekend, and besides it will be more fun with just two of you.

AARON

Jack?

JACK

No, I have some roommate searching to do, besides like Christine just said, two is fun, three's a crowd.

AARON

Yeah, right, I forgot.

INT. CAMPUS - RYAN AND DAN'S DORM ROOM - DAY

Ryan, Dan and Veronica just sitting around on the beds talking.

RYAN

I love this college Dan, It's the only college I know that allows two guys to have a girl roommate.

VERONICA

Well remember I graduate after this year, what are you two going to do then?

RYAN

I don't know, too far away to figure out right now. But we are nice people.

DAN

We're the nicest people on earth, hell we're nicer than god.

RYAN

I wouldn't go that far.

VERONICA

So what do you guys want to do tonight?

RYAN

Movie?

DAN

Movie!

They all get there coats and leave.

EXT. BEACH - DAY

Aaron sitting on towel with just swim shorts on with Stacy next to him in a bikini.

AARON

So what is this weekend really about?

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STACY

What, you don't think someone like me just wants to spend some time with someone like you?

AARON

With as long as we've known each other, I've learned there's a reason for everything you do.

STACY

Okay, so you caught me, the real reason I invited you here this weekend is to say goodbye.

AARON

Why goodbye? Is that why you have so many suitcases with you?

STACY

Maybe you should go Aaron, I'm not going home.

AARON

What are you running away?

STACY

No, Yes, I mean maybe, I don't know.

AARON

Is that a yes or a no, I don't understand maybe or I don't know.

STACY

Listen, my parents are out of control, I can't go home, I haven't been home in over two weeks.

AARON

So where are you headed too?

STACY

I don't know.

BLACK OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - LATER

Jack sitting on couch with Sarah.

JACK

So Sarah, you don't mind staying here with Aaron and myself.

SARAH

Well you two have helped me so much while at the shelter, I thought this is my way to get out, plus I really like Aaron, I think he did nothing wrong. Where is Aaron, I thought he'd be here when you surprised him with me as the new roommate?

JACK

Well I never told even Christine that I found a new roommate a few days ago, I knew that you would surprise Aaron.

SARAH

So where is Aaron? Where's Christine?

JACK

Well Christine is at the store she'll be back and Aaron went to the lake for the weekend with his ex-girlfriend Stacy, He'll be back by Monday because he knows if he doesn't I'll kill him for leaving me alone in Professor Daniels, algebra four class.

SARAH

Wasn't Stacy the one who kissed Aaron and caused Amber to move out?

JACK

Yeah, but she asked him, so it's different, you can't turn a girl down, all guys know that.

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SARAH

What mod do you have algebra four?

JACK

First thing in the morning.

SARAH

I've got her in the afternoon.

JACK

You know you're going to be sharing a room with Christine right?

SARAH

Yeah, two girlfriends, just one college, and one high school.

JACK

If you look at it like that.

EXT. BEACH - CONTINUOUS

Aaron sitting up on a towel and Stacy laying down on a towel.

STACY

You can't understand my life.

AARON

Why not? I have a life too, I just don't wear make-up.

STACY

Aaron, listen you love me right, I mean as friends.

AARON

Yeah, why, What's going on? You need to start talking.

STACY

Okay, I started doing this drug called weed, then my parents caught me one day, so then I started doing these pills called torelay but my parents think I'm addicted.

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AARON

Stacy, as your friend, we have to
get you the help you need, you
have a problem that could lead to
death.

STACY

No, I won't, I don't need help.

Stacy pulls out a gun.

FADE TO BLACK.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

INT. CAMPUS - RYAN AND DAN'S DORM ROOM - LATER

Veronica, and Ryan talking on Ryan's bed with Dan taking a nap on the other bed.

RYAN

So my mom lives in Chicago, but I don't see her much anymore, I love it here in Cleveland, besides bad sports teams, we do have great scenery.

VERONICA

Don't you ever miss your past? Don't you ever wonder what could be if you went another path instead of choosing the one you made?

RYAN

Not really, Dan and I just live everyday, like nothing ever happens.

VERONICA

I do thank you for taking me in, you changed my life, I'd never leave here if I didn't graduate at the end of the year.

Dan wakes up

DAN

Hey what are you guys doing?

VERONICA

Nothing just talking, you want to play some cards with us?

DAN

Sure, I wonder how Aaron's weekend is going?

INT. APARTMENT - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Christine and Sarah both making dinner.

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CHRISTINE

Hey Sarah, can you help me pick out some classes for next year, you know which Professors are good are which ones aren't right?

SARAH

Yeah I'll help....
(phone rings)
Get that.....
(walks over and picks up phone)
Hi Aaron, Yeah surprise, I live here now with you, you're where, Yeah we'll be right there.

Sarah hangs up the phone with a ghost white face.

CHRISTINE

What's wrong? You look like you just saw a ghost.

SARAH

Aaron's at the hospital with Stacy, she got shot and she's in critical condition.

INT. HOSPITAL - WAITING ROOM - LATER

Jack, Sarah and Christine come walking into the room with Aaron sitting on a chair.

JACK

Hey what's up man?

AARON

Well they have her on a breathing machine right now, it doesn't look good. I called her parents, Ryan, Dan and Veronica are here somewhere, they drove us here, other than that we don't know much.

SARAH

So what did you tell her parents? And can you help me with the history assignment when we get home?

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AARON

I already explained most of it,
God I wish Amber was here, she was
always so good with these kind of
situations.

JACK

But she's not man, you're with
your friends, we all care for you
Aaron.

SARAH

Yeah, Aaron if it wasn't for you I
would never be passing history,
and I wouldn't be living in a nice
apartment with you and Jack and
Christine. You have been the
greatest to me. I still remember
the first time we talked in class.

FADE TO:

FLASHBACK

INT. CAMPUS - HISTORY CLASSROOM - PAST

Aaron is talking to Jack about Alex.

AARON

No he just was so annoying when we
worked together, but when she was
around he always seemed so nice. I
never got it.

JACK

I don't know Aaron, it just sounds
a little weird when he tells you
she still has feelings for you.

A unknown girl walks up to Aaron.

SARAH

You're Aaron Bielert right?

AARON

Yes, Can I help you?

SARAH

Yeah I'm Sarah Juden, I kind of
never asked for this before
but.....

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AARON

Okay, look I have a fiancee and I'm happily going to be getting married next summer so I'm.....

SARAH

I was trying to ask for help in this class, see I don't like living at home because my mom is a divorced nutcase and I always try to stay at friends houses and I'm failing History because of this.

JACK

Oh Aaron will be more than glad to help you Sarah, but right now we kind of have some stuff to work on.

SARAH

Okay, thank you, you are a life saver Aaron.

AARON

No problem.

Sarah walks away as Professor Daniels walks into the classroom.

PROFESSOR DANIELS

Good Morning class, today let's open our text books to page 32 and start looking at the civil war origins and tonight I'd like a 10 page essay due in 3 days outlining and describing your thoughts on the Civil War.

Sarah walks up to Professor Daniels to talk to him.

SARAH

Professor, look I still haven't got that paper on the medieval times done yet and was wondering if I could get 1 more day on it?

PROFESSOR DANIELS

Look I'll give you one more day because I understand your living situation and the shelter you're living in but that's it, I need it by tomorrow or it's an F.

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SARAH
I understand.

Sarah starts walking back to her seat when Aaron stops her.

AARON
You didn't tell me you we're
living at the shelter on campus.

SARAH
Yeah I was kicked out by my mom
when she met this guy and I had no
where to go so I moved in the on-
campus shelter, sorry I couldn't
tell you, I just really don't like
it there either and it's hard to
do my homework because you can
only be there during certain
hours.

AARON
I understand. Call me tonight at
this number and we'll do it over
the phone okay.

SARAH
Okay, thank you.

FADE TO: PRESENT

INT. HOSPITAL - WAITING ROOM - NOW

Aaron, Sarah, Jack and Christine sitting in chairs.

JACK
Yeah and what about that time when
Amber and I was fighting.

AARON
Time you were fighting?

JACK
When we first moved in.

FADE TO:

FLASHBACK

INT. APARTMENT - KITCHEN - PAST

Jack and Amber are fighting in which room to sleep in.

AMBER

I need more space. I'm a woman, I need womanly space.

JACK

Well at least I'm not the one jerking my best friend.

AMBER

I have needs you know, at least I can get someone unlike you who all they have is a poster of someone they can never get in their entire life.

JACK

Not true bitch, at prom, I took this girl named Angela, and she told me she'd call me.

AMBER

And look at that she never called you did she, did she?

JACK

Yes but I know she would have if she wouldn't have gotten a date with the star quarterback after that.

AMBER

You know what you are, you're a dumbass.

JACK

Yeah well, you're a, you're a, what rhymes with jackass?

Aaron hears the fighting going on and walks in the room

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AARON

Hey what the hell is going on in here.

JACK

Your bitchy fiancée and I were having a friendly argument over bedrooms.

AARON

Enough I get it, okay well we have three bedrooms, so here is what I think we're going to do, Jack will take the small room and Amber and I will take the big room.....

Amber cuts Aaron off

AMBER

Oh, la, la, honey, you're making me....

Aaron cuts Amber off

AARON

Dammit, I'm not done yet, now listen.

AMBER

Okay you don't have to get all bitchy.

AARON

I'm not getting bitchy, this would be bitchy, me raising my voice, now listen, I'm not angry, but I said I'm not done. We'll use the other room as a computer and office room, now as for the fighting, we're all going to be living together, so let's be a family and all get along, understood.

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AMBER AND JACK

Yes

AARON

What? I can't hear you.

AMBER AND JACK

YES!

AARON

Thank you.

Aaron leaves the room.

JACK

Next time we go outside.

AMBER

Agreed.

FADE TO: PRESENT

INT. HOSPITAL - WAITING ROOM - NOW

Jack, Aaron, Sarah and Christine still sitting in chairs, when Alex, Mr. And Mrs. Werwig walk up.

MR. WERWIG

Is she okay, Is she hurt, what?

AARON

She's fine, you know last summer was the last time we talked before two weeks ago, I remember I had Jack call her and she told him that we were only friends for an hour, that wasn't true though, you know I guess I once feel in love with a girl, I can never be with.

MR. WERWIG

You know she started doing these drugs and we didn't know what to do.

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AARON

I'll tell you what to do, get her the help she needs, if we don't she'll only get worse and she may die.

JACK

Hey we all know that you've never been through this before, but neither have we, it's just common sense.

ALEX WERWIG

I should have noticed something in her behavior, it was just too late.

SARAH

Nothing's ever too late.

CHRISTINE

We'll even make the call to get her help.

The Doctor walks out into the waiting room.

AARON

How is she?

DOCTOR

She's fine, she is asking to see a Aaron Bielert though.

AARON

I'm Aaron.

BLACK OUT.

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

INT. HOSPITAL - STACY'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Stacy in the bed with i.v. in left arm as Aaron walks in.

STACY
Hey there stranger.

AARON
Hey you okay?

STACY
I'm sorry about this, I don't know
what came over me.

AARON
Look, we're going to get you the
help you need, we all want you to
be okay.

STACY
Thanks for everything.

AARON
No problem, but I think maybe
there's some other people you
should be apologizing to besides
me, should I send them in?

STACY
If you want, I ruined your
relationship with Amber didn't I?

AARON
You know what, I only blame
myself, I wasn't honest with her,
or with you, it's funny, two weeks
ago, I loved her so much before we
broke up but now I almost forgot
about her.

STACY
Has she called you or you tried
calling her?

AARON
No the last words she told me is
to not bother her anymore because
I've ruined her life enough.

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STACY

I'm sorry, I guess this is goodbye
for us?

AARON

Yeah it is, take care.

STACY

You too.

Aaron walks out of the room.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - LATER

Aaron and Jack sitting on couch and Christine and Sarah
sitting in chairs.

AARON

They said she'd be released
tomorrow.

JACK

Well that's good, I actually feel
bad for her, we've known her for
so long, and I never thought she
would do something like this.

SARAH

How do you know Stacy?

AARON

I've known her for a while, we
used to work together.

SARAH

Hey I need some help tonight with
Professor Daniels history quiz.

AARON

That's fine, I'll meet you after
dinner in my room. Hey Jack
remember a few years back when we
thought we'd never get through
High School.

SARAH

I never thought I'd get through
high school.

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CHRISTINE

Hey dinner is ready guys, I set my watch to let me know when it would be done.

AARON

That's great, just like family.

JACK

Hey let's go eat.

All get up and go into kitchen.

INT. CAMPUS - ALGEBRA CLASSROOM - NEXT DAY

Aaron and Jack talking.

AARON

What you think about Sarah?

JACK

I think she got a great butt, nice knockers, at least a ten on our scale. I figured you liked her because you always help her so that's why I asked her to move in.

AARON

I think it was a good move, hey maybe I'll even ask her out now that we're already living together.

JACK

Not if I beat you too it.

Sarah walks over towards Aaron and Jack.

SARAH

Hey Aaron, how was your morning classes?

AARON

I thought you had this class in the morning?

SARAH

I changed my schedule so I can be with my best friends, and some idiots too.

Ryan and Dan walk into the classroom and come up to Aaron.

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RYAN

Hey we got some great news. Tell him Dan.

DAN

This weekend is Veronica's twenty-second birthday party and she wants us to throw a party for her and we thought you could help us plan.

SARAH

Sure, I love parties, let's just not let happened what happened last time.

RYAN

I have no idea what you're talking about.

AARON

Yeah you do, remember we got caught by Professor Daniels.

DAN

I don't know which Professor Daniels I hate more.

SARAH

Hey we should have it at our place.

JACK

Great idea, let's just not get the cops called.

Professor S. Daniels walks into the classroom

SARAH

Here's forty-five minutes out of my life I'll want back.

PROFESSOR S. DANIELS

Good Morning class, today we have a pop quiz on chapter one, I hope you're all ready with what life's going to throw at you.

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AARON
I think we are now
(Aaron looks at Sarah)

FADE TO BLACK.

INT. APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - DAY (TAG SCENE)

Aaron sitting on couch addressing audience

AARON
Well we got a new roommate, her
name is Sarah and she is fine,
what do you guys think, yeah I
agree. I can't wait to see what's
going to happen next, we'll see
you next week.

FADE TO BLACK.

END OF SHOW