

UNDERCOVER HOST

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INT. INTERVIEW ROOM

TED, a socially awkward college student in a toga speaks directly into the camera, pretending to be cool.

TED

You know, I've always been that guy known for throwing some epic ragers, but I wanna take a step back and truly get to know my guests and what attending my own parties feels like. That's why I'm going undercover as the host and pretending to be Chad, the super rad party goer.

INT. TED'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Music plays from a singular speaker. One colored light flashes in the corner. Pong cups are set up on a table. The house is rather neat and organized. A TOGA PARTY banner hangs from the ceiling.

A couple, CRAIG and TRACY dance in the background. Ted goes up to greet them.

TED

Hey guys! I can't believe how awesome this party is.

CRAIG

Yeah, well I mean if you like lowkey parties I guess it works.

TED

Lowkey? What? I'd consider this pretty highkey. Maybe even the highest key. Have you been listening to this playlist? It's poppin!

Ted begins awkwardly jamming out. Tracy rolls her eyes

TRACY

It's poppin? Well if you're a fan of the constant interruption of Spotify ads I suppose you're in luck.

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TED

Okay. But in my defense, who actually pays for Spotify? Am I right?

INT. TED'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

CRAIG

Also, who even throws toga parties anymore? Themes are so lame.

TED

Yeah honesty. What? Togas seriously? I, I came here in regular clothes. I really did. I just found this and figured, why not. But obviously no one else wore togas. I usually don't. Oh look is that a bowl of chips? Free snacks? Crazy. Am I in heaven? This party rules.

Ted, the sole toga wearer wanders over to the snack table where KYLE smacks him on the shoulder.

KYLE

Hey bro, what's up? It's Ted from earth science right? We did a project at your house once.

TED

No no. You don't look familiar at all. My name's Chad actually. You probably recognize me from frat parties or something.

KYLE

Ha. Ted there's no way you joined a frat. But nice try buddy. That gave me a good laugh.

TED

Nah nah it's true Kyle. I mean fellow party goer. I'm in that Alpha Beta one.

KYLE

Ha. You're not in Alpha anything. But the Beta part I believe.

TED
 Woah. The Cupid Shuffle! How did
 they know this is my favorite song.

Ted goes back out to dance along. Kyle calls after him.

KYLE
 Probably because you're the host.
 This is your playlist.

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KYLE
 Yeah there's not a doubt in my mind
 that that is Ted and this is his
 house. And no one can change my
 mind.

INT. TED'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Ted grabs a flower vase. Pulls out the flowers and delicately
 places them on the table.

TED
 Oh yeah? Well if I was "Ted" and
 this was my house, would I do this?

Ted smashes the vase to the ground. Everyone looks at him,
 shaking their heads. They continue partying.

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TED
 I can't believe I broke my vase. My
 grandma gave that to me.

INT. TED'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

A long line of people wait outside of the bathroom. Ted gets
 in line behind KELLY.

TED
 What's this? There's actually a
 line for the bathroom?

KELLY
 Yeah, welcome to my world. I feel
 like I spend more time in bathroom
 lines at parties than actually
 partying.

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TED

You know, I never realized how hard of a lifestyle party goers have. It was truly eye opening to wait in a bathroom line for 5 minutes with the common folk. I have just been so privileged as a host to have access to my private bathroom upstairs in my room. What a humbling experience for me.

INT. TED'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Kelly comes out of the bathroom.

TED

So like you need me to get ya another drink or something?

KELLY

Nah it's fine. I gotta save my last bit of cash for my Uber home.

TED

Wow. Yeah, an Uber home. I never thought of that struggle before. I'm so sorry.

KELLY

What? Have you ever been to a party before?

TED

Of course! I love parties. I'm the life of the party. All I do is party.

Kelly stares, skeptically.

TED (CONT'D)

Alright. Fine You got me.

Ted turns down the music.

TED (CONT'D)

Everyone, I suppose I have an announcement to make. I am actually the host of this party. Yes, I know, I'm basically Gatsby.

(MORE)

TED (CONT'D)

I've been pretending to blend in as your fellow partier to truly understand your struggles. It's been an eye-opening experience for me and I will never forget the time I spent with each of you.

No one is shocked or even cares.

KYLE

I knew it!

TED

You know what Kyle, I've had it with you! Get out! You are uninvited to my house!

KYLE

Whatever bro. I heard Xi Phi is throwing a better rager tonight anyways.

Kyle leaves.

TED

Anyways, Kelly I feel like we really connected tonight. I'm sorry about the bathroom line. To make up for it, here's a limited edition special early invite to my next party. Super exclusive stuff. But you deserve it.

Ted hands her the invitation.

KELLY

Um okay. Thanks. Well I think I'm gonna go check out that party Kyle was talking about. But its been a cute bed sheet party.

Kelly takes off and the rest of the guests follow. Ted is left all alone.

TED

(spoken under his breath)
It's a toga.

FADE TO BLACK.