

THE FLATMATE

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FADE IN

EXT. BUSY CITY STREET - DAY (TUESDAY)

It is a sunny morning. Adam (late 20s) rushes through the pavement while speaking on his mobile.

ADAM

...and is the room still available?

He waits for the response from the other side of the line while still walking on a fast pace.

ADAM

I am in between jobs at the
moment but I have enough...

The person on the phone interrupts him.

ADAM

Oh, company policy! I see.
Well, thank you for your time then!

Adam curses, stops to check his phone and looks at the building right across the street. He waits for a space amongst the passing cars, crosses the street on a fast pace, reaches the front of a building and rings a doorbell.

Phil's head (early 30s) shows up on a window a few stores above:

PHIL

(shouting)
Finally! Come on up!

ADAM

Which apartme...

PHIL

(shouting)
Second floor! Hurry!

INT. APARTMENT BUILDING STAIRS

Adam climbs the stairs as fast as he can and reaches an apartment door barely open. As he tries to knock, the door opens.

INT. APARTMENT ENTRY HALL

PHIL

(shouting from the bathroom)
It's the room on your left

Adam steps in and looks at a small empty room through the door at his left.
Phil comes out of the bathroom's door doing his tie.

ADAM

Hi, I'm...

PHIL

Nice to meet you Adam.

They shake hands briefly

PHIL

That's the room we spoke about

Phil then goes after a mirror while finishing his tie knot.

ADAM

Sorry, am I late?

PHIL

No, but I am. Should be at work half an hour ago

Phil disappears as he walks into the bathroom

ADAM

(loudly into the bathroom's door)

Should I come back another time?

Phil comes out of the bathroom with a toothbrush in his mouth

PHIL

(while brushing his teeth)

So you taking the room?

ADAM

Well... I guess so.

PHIL

Awesome! Any chance you have the deposit on you?

ADAM

Actually yes I do

Phil takes the toothbrush out of his mouth and holds it next to his chin.

PHIL

There's just one rule:
be helpful with the cleaning.

ADAM

Got it

PHIL

Actually two rules:
the cleaning one and no noise
unless we're throwing a party

ADAM

I am not really into...

Phil sees that some toothpaste has just dripped onto his tie

PHIL

For fuck sake, again?!

He goes into a room while taking his tie off. Adam follows slowly behind

PHIL

(loudly from his bedroom)
By the way, did you mention
you've done some sentence time?

ADAM

(as if to himself)
Shit!

ADAM

is that a problem?

INT. PHIL'S MESSY BEDROOM

Adam leans against the bedroom's door frame.
Phil picks up a freshly clean tie from a drawer and throws around his own
neck

PHIL

Should it be a problem?

ADAM

It has been... I mean, at least for everyone else

Phil gives up on his tie and puts on his blue blazer as he walks out the
room. Adam turns as Phil passes but remains near the door frame.

INT. APARTMENT ENTRY HALL

PHIL

Nah, I don't give a shit.
Pay your stuff on time and have some
common sense and we're golden

ADAM

Man, thank you so much!

PHIL

No problem, here's the key

Phil pulls a set of keys from his left pocket and throws it to Adam.

ADAM

Really? Shouldn't I sign a
contract or something?

PHIL

(walking around)
No time! I gotta go.
When can you move in?

Phil picks up a briefcase and walks towards the front door.

ADAM

I can come whenever.
Actually today would be ideal.

Phil approaches the front door and holds the door knob.

PHIL

Great! Just leave your deposit on the kitchen table.
Oh! Another rule: no drinking red wine on the couch.
It's got enough stains already.

Adam chuckles

ADAM

Don't worry, I don't drink

PHIL

What?! How can you... Ok!
We'll discuss this later!

Phil walks out through the apartment's door and starts going down the stairs.
Adam looks at the set of keys in his hands.

ADAM

Wait, which key...

PHIL

Figure it out! See ya!

Phil waves and disappears rushing down the stairs

INT APARTMENT HALL - DAY (MONDAY)

Adam walks out of his room going towards the kitchen while speaking on the phone.

ADAM

And do you know at what time
he'd be available?

INT. KITCHEN

Adam shuts off the stove where an italian coffee maker was boiling and pours himself some coffee while holding the phone with his shoulder.

ADAM (CONT'D)

I called yesterday to schedule
an interview with him...
Yes, I called the day before too

An alarm clock goes off from inside Phil's room as Adam starts losing his patience with the person on the phone. He takes the phone on one hand while the other hand puts down a cup of coffee.

ADAM (CONT'D)

Yes, I applied via the website and
I got a response saying I
should call and book a face to face...

While still holding the phone to his ear, Adam opens the fridge to see a glass with a bit of water inside and a note sticked to it saying "wake me".

ADAM (CONT'D)

No, this was 2 weeks ago...
Yes, I understand that.

He picks up the glass of water and walks towards Phil's room, where the alarm clock still rings.

INT. APARTMENT HALL

ADAM (walking) (CONT'D)

But I was hoping this
interview could happen before
the end of the week.

He stops at Phil's door.

ADAM (CONT'D)

Sorry, could you hold on
a second? Just a second.

Adam holds the phone against his chest, opens the door and enters Phil's room.

INT. PHIL'S MESSY BEDROOM

Adam walks in and empties the glass of water on Phil's sleeping head. Phil wakes up gasping loudly.

Adam then turns away from the bed and heads towards the room's door while back on his phone.

ADAM

Hi, I'm back. Sorry about
that. Hello? Hello?!

Adam holds the phone in front of his face.

ADAM

(shouting angrily into the phone)
You cocksucking cunt!

Phil still in bed sees what has just happened.

PHIL

Well good morning to you too
sweetie! Do you lick your
balls with that mouth?

Adam turns to face the bed.

ADAM

(still angry)
What?!

Adam thinks and laughs.

ADAM

Lick your balls?
How does that make any sense?

PHIL

It's better than the
kiss-your-mother freudian shit.

Adam puts his phone in his trousers' back pocket

ADAM

Uhm, that's true.
Anyways, There's fresh coffee
in the kitchen if you fancy.

PHIL

Oh man, you're a legend!

Adam walks out of the room

PHIL

(loudly to the doorframe)
Thanks for waking me up.

ADAM

(from the kitchen)
That's alright

INT. APARTMENT BUILDING'S STAIRS - EVENING (FRIDAY)

Phil climbs the last flight of stairs accompanied by two very attractive young ladies, one on each side holding an arm.

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Next (random brainstormed ideas):

- Phil tries to convince Adam to go out drinking but he refuses because he needs to stay home studying. (nope!)
- Once Adam gets a job, Phil finally convinces him to go out and celebrate.
- Adam gets drunk and lets slip that he's been assisting a big shot executive (typing proposals/PA stuff) on a company merge
- Phil tells Adam he has made a lot of money out of the merge information Adam shared that night
- Adam gets outraged! That's the crime (insider trading) he did time for
- Adam has to report Phil to the authorities (nope!)
- Phil goes to jail
- Adam starts the search for a new flatmate. No ex-cons tho!
- THE END!