



CLIMATE CHANGED

Rom-Com / Spoof Thriller
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LOGLINE

When an all-talk-and-no-action environmentalist is forced to work for a fossil fuel conglomerate and learns his new girlfriend may be running a global warming cover-up, he rounds up misfit coworkers to avert a catastrophic environmental disaster.

SYNOPSIS

Environmental attorney Max Bricker has big dreams of putting corporate polluters in their place but can't keep a job—or a meaningful relationship—to save his rudderless life. Desperate to make ends meet, he takes a temp job with a fossil fuel conglomerate that's merging with a shady wind farm operation. At the office, Max endures an endless treadmill of dull document reviews, nerdy career burnouts, and kooky British office manager, Cyrus, who comes off as the cool boss you can come to for anything.

When Max hits it off with the sharp yet mysterious Kim Dearing—also an environmentalist—he thinks his relationship drought is over. However, one day he discovers her corporate memos about an influence peddling scheme to cover up an imminent environmental disaster that will pave the way for the illegal merger.

Crushed beyond words, Max vows to expose it with the help of co-workers who he finally learns to respect. But when he decides to take action by alerting Cyrus about Kim's misdeeds, Max inadvertently blows her cover as an FBI agent. On the run, Max and Kim must rally the office troops to carry out a clever plan to sting Cyrus, stop the merger and expose the cover-up to the world.



MAX
BRICKER

KIM
DEARING

CYRUS
PUGH

CHAD
TRUBERG



SIMU
LIU



ARIANA
DEBOSE



STEPHEN
MERCHANT



JERROD
CARMICHAEL

Casting ideas - Aspirational Talent Only

MAX BRICKER

ACTIVITIST

Plastic Straw Lecturer

Lawyer

Single

Frustrated

Malcontent

Hopelessly obsessed with landing his dream job to protect Mother Nature from corporate polluters, Max is equally inept at work and love. He embarks on a grovel-til-it-hurts career strategy of working dead-end law jobs while performing cheesy magic acts on the side to make ends meet. His impromptu lectures about the ills of plastic straws don't help him win friends or influence people either. However, his ability to place trust in others is tested when Max rounds up career burn-out officemates to investigate his girlfriend's apparent involvement in a global warming cover-up.

KIM DEARING

GIRLFRIEND

FBI Agent

Lawyer

Caring

Smart

Professional

As an undercover FBI agent assigned to investigate a corporate environmental cover-up, Kim plays the part of the ass-kissing office attorney so well, she gets promoted. This rubs rough-around-the-edges boyfriend Max the wrong way—but not for the reason she thinks. Thanks to him, her secret identity is ultimately revealed. Quick on her feet, she deputizes Max to help her expose the scheme before it's too late.

CYRUS PUGH

BOSS

Annoying

British

Kooky

Ruthless

Condescending

Cyrus relishes the chance to play an aloof office idiot to perpetuate the corporation's cover-up of an imminent environmental disaster. His devious plan appears to pay off when Max alerts him to Kim's suspicious activities, blowing her cover as an FBI agent. However, when Max and Kim ultimately slip through his fingers, he commands an army of corporate goons to kidnap Chad as leverage to stop them from exposing his scheme.

CHAD TRUBERG

BEST FRIEND

Counselor

Rational

Reasonable

Mature

Sensitive

Chad straddles a line between two worlds: his past with best friend Max and his future with fiancé Will, a charming but wisecracking airline pilot. Chad's heart tells him he can no longer cave to Max's constant demand for free career advice, especially when Will hates his guts. After Max gives a reception-clearing Best Man speech from Hell, Chad has an opportunity while standing on a Gay Pride parade float to forgive Max so that Will can help fly Max safely away from corporate goons chasing him. Seriously?



BREAK ROOM

The social hub of the office, where employees gather to form relationships over pizza (but mind that two slice limit!).



OFFICES

The gray, sterile environment where the mindless work gets done, but also where more sinister plans are hatched.



CHAD'S APARTMENT

Three's a crowd when Max crashes at his best friend Chad's apartment, but clashes with Chad's fiancé only three weeks before their wedding.



NEW YORK CITY

Skyscrapers, muggers, and the city's Gay Pride parade create a zany backdrop to the high-stakes action.

WHEN I GRADUATED LAW SCHOOL WITH MEDIOCRE GRADES FROM A MEDIOCRE LAW SCHOOL, I KNEW MY EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS WERE GRIM FROM THE GET-GO. UNABLE TO SECURE A LAW FIRM JOB, I HAD TO SETTLE FOR SHORT-TERM LEGAL DOCUMENT REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS. THESE FORGETTABLE GIGS EMPLOY LEGAL MISANTHROPES AND CAREER BURNOUTS WHO EKE OUT A LIVING AT TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS AN HOUR TRYING TO SURVIVE ON A NEW YORK LIFESTYLE BUDGET. YOU'D BE LUCKY TO LIVE IN A BROOM CLOSET AT THOSE WAGES. I WONDERED WHY THEY REQUIRE A LAW DEGREE AND BAR MEMBERSHIP TO STARE AT A COMPUTER SCREEN ALL DAY LONG IN A "NO TALKING ALLOWED" WORK ZONE AS MEANINGLESS DOCUMENTS FLY BY. THIS WAS THE GLOOMY ENVIRONMENT WHERE CLIMATE CHANGED WAS HATCHED. I CHanneled MY ANGER AND FRUSTRATION INTO AN EXTENDED MIDDLE FINGER AIMED AT THE LEGAL PROFESSION TO CREATE A STORY WHERE THESE FORGOTTEN EMPLOYEES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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