



CLIMATE CHANGED

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LOGLINE

When an all-talk-but-no-action environmentalist learns that his new girlfriend co-worker may be running a global warming cover-up of an imminent cataclysmic environmental disaster, he rounds up misfit coworkers to find the truth before it's too late.

SYNOPSIS

Chronically underemployed lawyer, Max Bricker, has lost yet another job after a failed office revolt has earned him official meme status on social media. His soon-to-be ex kicks him out over the embarrassment when Max catches her with his law school buddy "in the act".

Max crashes at the apartment of his boyhood friend, Chad Truberg, who's marrying airline pilot Will in three weeks. Max has already accepted Chad's request to recite a Best Man speech at the reception. Max and Will can't stand each other: Max wants to continue his relationship with Chad but realizes that Chad has found a new man in Will, who infuriates Max further by implying that he, too, is gay.

Max finds the only company that will hire him: a fossil fuel company offering temp work reviewing legal documents for a planned megamerger. A nightmare for any environmentalist, but especially difficult for Max, whose mom died of cancer from having worked at an oil refinery.

On the job, Max suffers hopeless career burnouts and social misfits and his pompous over-caffeinated British snowflake of a boss, Cyrus Pugh. However, he also meets Kim Dearing, who shares his lifelong love for environment causes. Smitten, Max invites Kim out on a cheap first date when she expertly handles would-be muggers.

When Chad warns Max to break it off, Will challenges Max to invite Kim to the wedding as his plus-one.

At Max's law school alumni mixer at a bar, Kim helps Max humiliate his ex. Afterward, in Kim's apartment, they grow intimate.

Back in the office, Max inadvertently sees Kim's confidential memos that describe "handling" Utah fracking operations and securing approval from the mysterious "Chief" to pave the way for the merger.

Max learns to respect his officemates who help him investigate his suspicions about Kim by hacking into company files. When he tails Kim after work, he witnesses her handing off company documents to a well-dressed man in a café. Reviewing the hacked document folders, Max thinks that he has her dead to rights for her role in the cover-up of massive environmental pollution.

At Chad and Will's wedding reception, a totally sloshed Max gives the Best Man's speech from Hell: he verbally abuses Chad, Will, and Kim, and then recklessly sets fire to the hall. Unable to confront Kim about her actions, Max breaks up with her.

In his do-or-die moment, Max barges into Cyrus' office to expose Kim's malicious misdeeds, only to blow her cover as an undercover FBI agent and learns that Cyrus is behind the whole scheme. Kim springs into action, disarming two Goons long enough for Max and Kim to get away.

As the goons close in, Max and Kim come upon a Gay Pride Parade crowd and find Chad's float. Max publicly apologizes to Chad and secures Will's plane to fly Max and Kim to Utah, where key evidence awaits.

In Utah, Max and Kim track down "The Chief", an old Indian Chief who takes them to the wind farm to show them the devastation of the hidden fracking operation.

On their way back to New York, Cyrus kindly informs them that he has kidnapped Chad. Max and Cyrus agree to an evidence-for-Chad exchange before the merger announcement press conference. There, Max and Kim, along with their officemates, engineer a clever bait-and-switch, along with some creative computer hacking, to embarrass Cyrus and expose the company's malfeasance. As a result, Max gets to work alongside Kim at the FBI as an environmental enforcer, his ultimate dream job.