

"The Reality of Romance"  
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## ACT I: Introduction of Love

A group of girls walking into a mall laughing and talking. On the way to one of the in mall restaurants they talk.

Sarah: [chuckles and sighs] Ya `know guys I've been feeling lonely lately, I need someone.

Layla: I don't think you should expect someone to fill a void for you, Sarah.

Friend 1: [laughs] Who are you to say that Layla you haven't had a boyfriend or little crush since sixth grade.

[all the girls except Layla burst into laughter ]

Layla: ha ha. I'm just saying that Sarah shouldn't depend on others, I haven't had a boyfriend for years because I haven't found anyone that intrigued me.

Friend 2: [gasps looking in the direction of the mall fountain in front of the restaurant] Girls look!

[There is a guy around the same age as them, taking pictures of his dog in front of the fountain]

Friend 2 : Isn't the dog soo cute omg I want to pet it.

[Friend 2, Friend 1, and Sarah darts to the guy and the dog asking if they can pet him]

Layla: [walking over] you guys so embarrassing. [chuckles and looks at the guy] Hi I'm Layla sorry for my friends they are a sucker for cute dogs.

Ben:

## ACT II

Rey - Ace friend

Erin - Toxic friend

[Rey and Erin are hanging out at the park. They are walking around and notice a group of people playing basketball]

He looks at a few of the people playing basketball from a distance with his friend. He then looks over at Rey

Erin: So what do you think?

Rey looks at his friend, looking a bit confused

Rey: Think about what?

Erin motions over to the group of people, focusing more on the sweaty man in a grey tank top, red shorts and a red sweatband

Erin: About them. That dude over there definitely looks like he's your type.

Rey looks over at the people on the court

Rey: What? Why?

Erin: Well I know you're not straight or else I would've asked you about one of those chicks.

Rey looks at Erin, feeling very confused and slightly offended

Rey: Just because I'm not straight doesn't mean I'm gay.

Erin: Chill dude. I'm just saying that I've never seen you in a relationship or mention anything about dates.

Rey: Well why does that matter?

Erin shrugs

Erin: Don't you ever feel kinda weird when all your friends are in relationships but you aren't?

Rey chuckles

Rey: Not everyone is like you, dude.

Rey walks away

## ACT III

Rey - Ace friend

Toby - Creepy dude

Harry - Good friend

Rey is standing outside of a nightclub that he just walked out of in order to get some fresh air. He takes out a juul and starts using it. While he is juuling and scrolling through his phone, another person walks out of the building. The man notices Rey and starts walking up to him.

Toby: Hey Rey!

Rey looks over and recognizes him

Rey: Oh hi! Toby, right?

Toby nods

Toby: Yep! So I saw you at the coffee shop today. I noticed you got something different today

Rey smirks

Rey: Oh yeah? Well I usually get a caramel mocha because that's what my sister likes. Other than that, I'm not a big coffee person

Toby: Really? Is that why you play tennis? Because your sister likes it?

Rey puts his juul away and chuckles

Rey: No. I play tennis because I actually enjoy it. Not everything I do is based on what other people like.

Toby runs his fingers through his hair

Toby: So do you... believe in destiny?

Rey shakes his head

Rey: Nah dude. I believe in free will. Destiny is a really strange idea to me

Toby: What about true love?

Rey seems confused

Rey: What?

Toby takes a step forward

Toby: Do you believe in true love?

His body language concerns Rey as Rey takes a step back

Rey: Of course not. True love is a really stupid concept

Toby continues to walk toward him and Rey keeps moving back until he feels the brick exterior against his back. Rey looks scared for his life

Rey: What's your problem dude?!

Toby: I had a dream about you. We were out here in this lot and I confessed my love to you and you reciprocate the feelings

Toby reaches his hand out and attempts to caress Rey's face. Rey slaps his hand away

Rey: What the hell?! I'm asexual!

Toby frowns

Toby: Don't worry. You'll learn to love me sooner or later

Rey sees his opportunity and pushes Toby to the side before

running away. Rey then runs into Harry. Rey explains the situation to Harry and they let the manager of the club know.

Toby is then kicked out and no longer allowed back in.