

We Broke Up

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INT. GYM - MORNING

MAGGIE - late 20s, bags under her eyes, hair hasn't been washed in a few days, workout outfit is baggie and old, she's insecure about exercise, but know she needs to do it - is standing on a treadmill filling out the time/weight/age section.

The treadmill starts and a pump up song BLARES through her headphones.

Three treadmills down, SARAH- mid 20s, wearing a pristine workout outfit, at the gym for the show of it, nice, but nosy, and always makes the conversation about her - recognizes Maggie.

She excitedly jumps off her treadmill and gets on the one right next to Maggie.

Sarah immediately starts talking until finally realizing Maggie can't hear her, so she touches her shoulder. Maggie pulls out her headphones and slows down to a walk.

MAGGIE

Sarah, hey!

SARAH

Maggie! Oh my god!!!

Sarah tries to hug her over the treadmills. It doesn't work.

SARAH (CONT'D)

It's seriously so good to see you!
David and I were just thinking
about you and Brian! We have to get
drinks soon.

Maggie's face falls a bit. She knew this would happen but it's still uncomfortable.

MAGGIE

Uh, actually we broke up about a
week ago.

Sarah's mouth falls open, her eyes widen in shock.

SARAH

Oh. My. God. Oh my god! Are you
okay? What happened?

MAGGIE

Oh, I'm okay, I think.
(she chuckles, trying to
make herself feel better)
(MORE)

MAGGIE (CONT'D)

We just realized it wasn't working. It's tough, but I know it's for the best and you know, we'll always care about each other, eventually maybe we'll even be friends.

(she laughs, but it obviously stings)

We were just growing a part, not together and you know, made the "adult" and smart decision to break up.

SARAH

Oh my god. He cheated. That's what it was, wasn't it?!

MAGGIE

No, not at-

SARAH

I can't believe it. I can't believe he cheated on you. Wow. You know I thought you two were going to get married.

Maggie strains a smile.

MAGGIE

Thanks? But, look he didn't -

SARAH

And then that piece of shit goes and cheats on you. Men our scum, Maggie. Except for David of course, but the rest of them, oh my god! I thought you would be engaged by the end of the year!

MAGGIE

Okay? I think you're not-

SARAH

I mean I even imagined what your wedding would be like. I figured we would be invited. And I know this sounds crazy, but I started a pinterest board for it. I can't believe he cheated! You must be devastated, like crying everyday devastated.

Maggie realizes Sarah doesn't REALLY need her to respond to anything. So, she starts back up a jog.

SARAH (CONT'D)

I mean what a waste of your time. You were together like 3 years right? I can't believe I spent so much time with a cheater. You must be non stop crying. I can't even believe you're out in public.

Maggie slowly puts her headphones back in. Sarah is oblivious.

SARAH (CONT'D)

You know I literally just read a BuzzFeed article about cheaters and how there are so many signs. Were there signs? Oh my God, I bet there were. There had to be. I can't believe there were so many signs.

Overlay of title: WE BROKE UP Day 5

CUT TO:

INT. OFFICE -DAY

Maggie is working on her computer. Her hair's been washed, but her eyes still look tired and she's hunching more than she should.

OVERLAY: Day 7

Two co-workers, LUCY and STACEY - twin-like best friends, finish each others sentences, dress almost identical and are attached at the hip - sit down at their desks and start snapping at Maggie to get her attention.

LUCY

Maggie!

STACEY

You are not going to believe what happen to us at lunch.

MAGGIE

What?

LUCY

Guess.

STACEY

Guess.

MAGGIE

Did you see one of the Sprouse twins?

LUCY
Oh, my god, oh my god, oh my
god. This is fate! I've never
heard better news! Do you
know what this means?!

STACEY
Oh, my god, oh my god, oh my
god. I can't believe it. This
is the greatest thing that's
ever happened! Do you know
what this means?!

MAGGIE
What?

STACEY
We're all single! Together!!

LUCY
We're all single! Together!!

LUCY (CONT'D)
Okay, get your calendar out right
now. We're going out and getting
fucked.

STACEY
Yes! Please!

MAGGIE
Oh thanks, but I don't know if I'm
ready for all that.

STACEY
Maggie, when I broke up with Dom, I
fucked someone new immediately and
that, is how I got HPV.

Beat. Maggie is extremely uncomfortable.

STACEY (CONT'D)
And of course over him, but I
thought I should mention the HPV,
like be careful.

LUCY
Look, Maggie. Do not question what
a good fuck can do for you!

STACEY
Or even a bad fuck.

LUCY
Honestly, you just need to fuck.

MAGGIE
Please stop saying fuck.

They ignore her.

STACEY

This is going to be so great. We're the single table now! And we're going to be fuckin'gggg!

Aaahhh!

LUCY

STACEY (CONT'D)

Aaaahhh!!

LUCY (CONT'D)

Let's get a sign.

STACEY

Let's get shirts! We'll have them say something about three's company or something.

LUCY

Yes! Men love groups of three.

STACEY

It reminds them of threesomes.

LUCY

And men love threesomes.

This cracks them up! Maggie strains a smile.

CUT TO:

RESTAURANT - NIGHT

Maggie is sitting with a group of friends; LESLIE- a twenty something, self proclaimed comedian, but not very good- JOHN - mid twenties, bad dresser, loves drama- and CARA - 30, always looking for something to be mad about. They're laughing and talking.

Maggie looks a little better than before, she's laughing and the bags are starting to disappear. Her hunch is less and her outfit fits a lot better than the previous.

Overlay: Day 10

LESLIE

So, then I was like but why is there beef in this? And he said
(she can't stop laughing)
He said-

JOHN

What did he say?!

LESLIE
He said, what beef?

She burst out laughing. Everyone just stares.

JOHN
That wasn't funny, Leslie.

Leslie rolls her eyes.

CARA
Hey, where's Brian, Maggie?

Maggie takes a deep breath in, these are her friends she should be able to tell them.

MAGGIE
Uh, I've been meaning to tell you all, but wasn't sure how, uh Brian and I, well, we broke up.

They stare at her in shock.

CARA
What?

MAGGIE
Yea, like a week ago. I think? It's been hard to talk about it, that's why I didn't mention it right away. I kind of just needed to be alone for awhile, let it sink in.

LESLIE
Is this a joke? Cause it's not funny.

They lean in like she's about to make a joke.

MAGGIE
No. Look, I know it might come as a shock, but we just realized we were growing a part and thought it would be best for both of us if we ended it.

They lean back, shaking their heads.

CARA
You broke up a week ago?

MAGGIE
Yes.

LESLIE
You broke up.

MAGGIE
Yes.

Maggie stares expectantly for their responses.

CARA
Why the fuck are we just hearing
about this now?

JOHN
Seriously! What the fuck Maggie?

MAGGIE
Wait what?

CARA
I can't believe you waited this
long to tell us.

JOHN
That's super fucked up Maggie.

MAGGIE
What?

CARA
Are we not like your best friends?
Did you not even think about
calling us?

MAGGIE
I'm sorry, it's honestly been
pretty rough and I just needed to
be alone with it. It was a big
decision and one I wanted to make
sure I felt good about before
telling everyone.

They stare at her completely unmoved by what she just said.

LESLIE
We saw him yesterday and said hi.
We had no idea we were supposed to
hate him now. I even told him the
beef joke! I look like an idiot.

JOHN
Yes, yes you do.

Leslie scoffs at John.

MAGGIE

I was still processing everything.
Telling everyone means it's real
and I guess I just wasn't ready for
it to be.

Beat.

JOHN

That's super fucked up Maggie.

CARA

I hugged him when I saw him. How
could you let me do that? Now he
thinks I'm siding with him. And you
know that I never side with the
man. No wonder he looked at me
weird!

MAGGIE

Why did you hug him?

CARA

Because I'm friendly! And he looked
upset! Don't turn this around on
me.

Maggie starts to say something, but The WAITER comes over and
drops off more drinks. He looks at Maggie.

WAITER

You doing okay?

LESLIE

So, even the fucking waiter knows!!

Beat.

JOHN

That's super fucked up, Maggie.

CUT TO:

INT. BAR - NIGHT

MAX - 30ish, handsome in that hipsterish rugged way - is
sitting in a booth with two beers in front of him. Maggie
runs in.

They do a quick friendly hug and then take a seat across from
each other in the booth. Maggie's hair is down, she's wearing
some make-up and standing a little straighter.

Overlay: Day 11

MAGGIE
Sorry I'm late. Trains were crazy.

MAX
Yea whatever.
(they both laugh)
How's it going?

MAGGIE
Can't complain. You?

MAX
Eh. Oh, I did finally get around to
watching Castaway. Brian was right
it did make me cry when the
volleyball died.

Maggie knows she needs to tell Max, but doesn't want to make
it weird.

MAGGIE
So just so you know, Brian and I
actually broke up.

Beat.

Max just stares at her.

MAX
Huh.

Awkward silence. Maggie tries to make conversation.

MAGGIE
Is this an IPA?

Max nods, still in shock. He starts to look around
uncomfortably and move his hands and arms over everything.

MAGGIE (CONT'D)
Are you...

MAX
How long ago?

MAGGIE
A week or so, something like that.

MAX
Huh. I didn't...uh I didn't know
that.

He continues to fidget around in the booth. He starts to move closer to her, but then moves back.

He keeps staring wide eyed at her, then looks away. He downs his beer. Then starts to get up, then decides not to.

MAGGIE

What's going on?

MAX

I don't want to be in a relationship.

MAGGIE

Um, okay?

MAX

I just don't want you to think this is a date. I mean it could be a date, I guess. I didn't know, I mean I definitely thought about it, but then was like no, and now I'm like duh! But I don't want a relationship.

MAGGIE

Neither do I. I just thought we could get a drink. We're friends. We've known each other for like 6 years, Max.

MAX

Right. But you're single now and I'm single. And I guess I've always thought you were cute, but like I'm not sure if this would work and I'm really not ready. So...okay?

Max is sweating.

MAGGIE

Look, I don't want to be in a relationship with you Max. Honestly, I'm really not ready for anything like that. I just wanted to grab a drink as friends.

Max nods more than he needs to.

MAX

It's hot in here.

MAGGIE

I guess. The air must be -

Max starts to take off his sweater in a distracting enough way that Maggie stops talking.

He's struggling to get it off. He keeps trying to stop his shirt underneath from coming off, but it keeps getting pulled up with his sweater. It's all very uncomfortable. Then he, accidentally, pulls both of his shirts off.

Beat.

MAX

I need to go to the bathroom.

MAGGIE

Oh.kay.

He grabs his stuff and instead of heading towards the bathroom he heads for the door.

MAGGIE (CONT'D)

That's the exit.

MAX

I meant the bathroom at my house.

He leaves shirtless.

MAGGIE

(to self)

Cool....cool. Cool. Cool. Cool

She takes a sip of beer.

MAGGIE (CONT'D)

Hm, this is an IPA.

The day counter we've been seeing is now stuck on the screen as the scenes change the counter stays and the day goes up.

CUT TO:

INT. GYM - DAY

Overlay: DAY 16

Maggie is on the treadmill again, right next to Sarah. Maggie's jogging at a pretty good pace and silently singing along to her music. Sarah is blabbing.

SARAH

I mean what is love nowadays? How can you really know if anyone is being truthful?

(MORE)

SARAH (CONT'D)

You know David and I were just talking about our relationship and how it's changed over the years. Maybe you guys didn't talk enough? You didn't, I can tell. Oh my god it was emotional cheating wasn't it?! I knew it!

CUT TO:

INT. CAR - NIGHT

Overlay: DAY 20

Maggie is in the back seat of an uber. She's wearing a cute going out outfit, her make-up is done and her hair is curled. She's looking out the window with her hand on her face and extremely annoyed.

DRIVER

It might not be over.

MAGGIE

It is.

DRIVER

You don't know that for sure.

MAGGIE

I do.

DRIVER

Most loves never end. Did I tell you about my wife and I?

MAGGIE

Yep.

DRIVER

Well, it's worth hearing again. We met in 1978.

CUT TO:

INT. BAR - NIGHT

Overlay: DAY 24

Leslie and John are sitting at a table drinking, in a heated debate.

LESLIE

The joke is about how it's not
beef.

JOHN

It doesn't make any sense Leslie.
No matter how many times you
explain it!

LESLIE

Yes it does! Ugh! Maggie gets it
right?

They turn to the empty chair.

LESLIE (CONT'D)

Where's Maggie?

They both scan the room and then see her at the bar. She's
chatting with the bartender in a normal way, just ordering a
drink.

LESLIE (CONT'D)

Are you fucking kidding me? Are
they dating?

JOHN

That's super fucked up.

CUT TO:

INT. APARTMENT - DAY

Overlay: DAY 27

Maggie is cooking in sweats, but looking cute. Her phone is
next to her on speaker. She never stops cooking through this
exchange.

MOTHER

We always hated him. Your father
said from the beginning he would do
this to you.

FATHER

And I was right.

MOTHER

He was right! Say it! Say your
father was right!

FATHER

Thank God we don't have to see him
at Christmas again!

MOTHER

Remember how much gravy he used?

FATHER

There was none left for anyone
else.

MOTHER

Do you remember that Maggie?

FATHER

I knew from that day on he was not
a good guy.

MOTHER

And he was right! Wasn't he Maggie?
Maggie? MAGGIE!

She's distracted by her cooking.

CUT TO:

INT. OFFICE - DAY

Overlay: DAY 30

Maggie is looking very put together and even smiling. She's
unwrapping a gift in front of her, as Lucy and Stacey stare
at her trying to hold in their excitement.

Maggie is having a bit of trouble getting the box opened.
Stacey and Lucy, frustrated this has taken so long, grab it
from her and rip it open.

They pull out three shirts and throw one at Maggie

LUCY

It's our shirts!

STACEY

It's our shirts!

MAGGIE

You actually bought these?

LUCY

Duh!

STACEY

Duh!

LUCY (CONT'D)

And look, look! On the front they
say "Three's a Company".

STACEY

And on the back they say, WRTF!

MAGGIE

What does that stand for?

LUCY

We're ready to fuck!

STACEY

We're ready to fuck!

Maggie's just staring at them in shock.

MAGGIE

You guys work in HR, this can't be appropriate.

Stacey looks upset, Lucy leans into Maggie.

LUCY

Let. Us. Have. This.

MAGGIE

...Ok.

Lucy and Stacy bursts into cheers.

STACEY

Yay!

LUCY

Let's go put them on.

They run out, leaving Maggie staring at her shirt.

MAGGIE

I should probably get a new job.

CUT TO:

EXT. STREET - NIGHT

Overlay: DAY 33

Maggie is walking down a street in NYC. She's smiling and listening to her favorite playlist. She looks good, maybe even happy? Her music is all we hear throughout this scene.

She walks past a Panera and glances inside. She sees Max in line. He looks up and sees her. His face immediately drops.

Maggie waves and smiles.

Max begins shaking his head no and backs up, running right into an elderly woman making her drop her purse.

He apologizes profusely, she hits him with her bag, which makes him stumble backward into someone else. He looks up and stares at Maggie.

She mouths "Are you okay?"

He starts laughing crazily and keeps backing up to try to get out of Maggie's view. He trips over the "caution wet" sign that was up. He hurts his ankle, grabbing it and then he starts hopping backwards.

Maggie is shaking her head, looking as if she's saying what's wrong with you.

Max hops to the end of the line of people. He gives Maggie a small wave and then faces front. He keeps glancing at her, but is now ignoring that she's there.

MAGGIE

What the fuck is wrong with that
guy?

CUT TO:

INT. GYM - DAY

Overlay: Day 35

Maggie is finishing up her run. She's in an awesome workout outfit. Sarah is still just strolling and talking next to her.

SARAH

I think everyone should be a vegan.
David and I have been vegan for 3
days and I swear it's making our
relationship better.

Maggie stops her treadmill, wipes her face, the bars, gets off and walks to the locker rooms. Sarah doesn't even notice.

SARAH (CONT'D)

I think I'm going to write a book
about it. I've always thought I
could be a writer.

CUT TO:

EXT - SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF A RESTAURANT - NIGHT

The counter fades out.

HOST

What? Don't want to take your pretty girlfriend to a nice dinner?

MAGGIE

We're not together, we broke up.

HOST

Oh, been there last year when my-

Maggie, who has been holding it together, shutting her mouth with Sarah and her friends, just can't hold it in anymore and snaps.

MAGGIE

No. No! I don't want to hear it. I don't care if you also went through a break up 2 years ago or last month or yesterday! I don't care if you took a buzzfeed quiz and it told you, you're a psychic and you were sent here to bring us back together. I don't care if you thought we were great together and are confused as to why we broke up. Because honestly it's none of your business. And you know what?! I'm doing great! Great!

She looks at Brian and vigorously shakes her head yes. He's strains a smile and glances at the host, who's in shock.

MAGGIE (CONT'D)

I am! Truly! I mean except of course, realizing that all of my friends are self absorbed assholes and my co-workers are insane. By the way, Brian, you were totally right, about Lucy and Stacey.

Brian smiles and nods, but is getting extremely uncomfortable.

The host stares blankly.

MAGGIE (CONT'D)

And I guess I shouldn't be that surprised about my friends, I know how they are, but I just thought maybe one of them, ONE, would ask me how I was and then listen to the response.

(MORE)

MAGGIE (CONT'D)

I mean what is the point of building friendships....seriously I'm asking. Because you know who got me through this break-up. Me. I did. That's right! And did I mention how well I'm doing. BECAUSE IM DOING REALLY WELL ACTUALLY!

She's shaking her head vigorously again at Brian, who's smiling and giving her the thumbs up sign.

MAGGIE (CONT'D)

In fact, I'll list the ways I'm doing so great! I've been on 2 dates since the break-up, not a lot but enough to realize I will be able to date again. I've lost 8 pounds, healthily! I went to the dentist for the first time in 6 years and I learned how to cook for 1, which I think I'm pretty damn good at it. And you're the first two people to hear about all this, because none of my friends give a crap! Because apparently, break ups are never about the people breaking up! They're about the people around them, who apparently are more affected by the break up than they are. Which is INSANE! So, no! NO! In conclusion, I do NOT want to hear whatever you're going to say next! Okay? OKAY!

Beat. Brian is very uncomfortable. The host is holding back tears. Maggie is breathing heavily. She turns to Brian and sticks out her hand.

MAGGIE (CONT'D)

Well it was great seeing you Brian.

She shakes his hand.

MAGGIE (CONT'D)

I wish you the best.

She walks off screen.

The two men just stand there as if they've just been through war. Maggie walks back on screen to the stand.

MAGGIE (CONT'D)

I'm actually meeting someone at this restaurant.

(MORE)

MAGGIE (CONT'D)

So, I'll just go look for them
inside. Great. Great. Great, great,
great, great.

She smiles at both and walks in.

Overlay: Day 40 - We Broke Up

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