

OUT OF TIME

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EXT. LONDON STREET

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They come across a door, partially ajar.

Going in-

ADAM
Lets go in here..

His girl, ANDREA, is unsure.

ANDREA
I don't know. Won't there be
homeless people living in there?

The other couple teases.

MAX
If this is their home, they aren't
homeless, are they?

MAX'S girlfriend, MINDY, hollers into the black.

MINDY
HELLO! ANY ONE HOMELESS AT HOME IN
HERE??

Nothing.

Mindy leads Max inside, giggling.

Adam teases Andrea in.

Mindy jumps out of the darkness. Scaring her.

MINDY (CONT'D)
BOO!

ANDREA
You knob!

INT. ROOM

Surrounded by candles, two couples.

Max is mixing up a very elaborate cocktail.

ADAM
What are you doing man?

MAX
It's delicious. I call it the Max
to the Max.

ANDREA
It's Blue.

MAX
It's delicious.

MINDY
I love them.

ANDREA
That's because you're an alcoholic.

MINDY
I am.

Takes a drink.

MINDY (CONT'D)
I really am.

MAX
And a slut.

MINDY
I am.

She reaches... downward.

MINDY (CONT'D)
I really am.

Max smiles and they kiss.

ANDREA
She has been since uni.

MINDY
I have not.

ANDREA
You have. That guy... the rugby
guy. You knew him for what - 15
minutes before you disappeared into
the toilet.

MINDY
That doesn't count.

MAX
Doesn't count?

MINDY

I told you it was a weird one,
thrashing about like that - weird.
I don't think it even went in.

A phone buzzes.

Andrea reaches down, grabs it.

ANDREA

It's my sister.

She answers.

ANDREA (CONT'D)

(into phone)

What do you want?

EXT. BALCONY

Andrea's sister MEAGAN is upset.

MEAGAN

Where are you? You completely
missed the party.

INT. ROOM

Andrea puppets with her hand.

ANDREA

(sarcastically)

Oh. Was that tonight? I'm SO
sorry I couldn't be there for you
and Mr. Perfect to celebrate you
being SO perfect together.

EXT. BALCONY

MEAGAN

Why do you have to be so selfish
all the time. You're my maid of
Honor. Of anyone YOU should have
been here.

INT. ROOM

ANDREA

You're not mum. You can't tell me
where to be and when.

EXT. BALCONY

MEAGAN

I didn't tell you I ask you-

She looks at the phone.

MR PERFECT (O.S.)

Is everything okay?

MEAGAN

Yeah... it's just my sister. She's being-

MR PERFECT

A little sister. Don't worry, you can talk to her tomorrow and everything will be fine.

(beat)

Come inside. It's cold out here.

MEAGAN

In a minute.

Meagan goes to the balcony edge. She looks at her phone, fumbles and reaches for it.

INT. ROOM

Andrea shuts her phone angrily.

ADAM

You hung up on her.

ANDREA

She's so frustratingly... PERFECT.

Mindy looks up from her makeout session with Max.

MINDY

Then be bad.

They get back into it.

ADAM

She makes a compelling argument.

They begin to make out. After a moment-

ANDREA

Ow. Ow ow ow ow ow.

ADAM
What is it?

ANDREA
Something...

She reaches under her back, pulls out The DEVICE.

ANDREA (CONT'D)
What is it?

ADAM
Don't know. Don't care.

He takes it from her and puts it on the table. It makes a weird noise.

Andrea picks it up. She twists it. A NOISE as:

Time streams forward. The candles burn down. Max and Mindy are asleep, clothes askew.

ANDREA
The hell?

She drops it. Adam catches it mid air.

ADAM
I don't-

He twists it the opposite way. The REVERSE noise as:

Time streams backwards as the candles regrow. Max and Mindy are just making out regular.

ANDREA
It controls time.

MINDY
(Disbelieving)
What?

ANDREA
Didn't you every read comic books?

MAX
No, I was too busy having sex.

ANDREA
I read comic books AND had lots of sex. Nerds are good at it. They don't take it for granted. Like SOME people.

Max smiles and nuzzles her neck.

ADAM

But they...

ANDREA

I think we have to be touching.
Everyone come here.

They gather, and lay on hands. She turns the dial, noise and
TIMESTREAM.

Candles are low.

They go outside. A pedestrian tossing an apple mid-air.
Time is frozen, the apple suspended in front of them. Our
group walks by, snags the apple from midair. Time begins
again, the pedestrian confused by the missing apple.

Bystanders stream by. Then back.

MAX

The fu-

MINDY

Let me see.

She grabs it.

MINDY (CONT'D)

What does this do...

She presses a different control. A new noise. Time stops.

Some fun and games of them playing around. Andrea always
reticent about it.

INT. APARTMENT - MORNING

The Group stumbles in.

ADAM

We are like gods or something.

MINDY

With great power comes great
responsibility.

MAX

What?

MINDY
Spiderman?

Max shrugs.

MINDY (CONT'D)
You're lucky you're cute.

ANDREA
Where's my sister?

Now, Adam shrugs.

ANDREA (CONT'D)
My sister. She should be yelling
at us for wasting our lives and
coming in at the wee hours of the
morning.

ADAM
Maybe she went out.

ANDREA
She doesn't go out. "She's not 19
anymore". She would have called if
she had anyway.

She pulls out the phone.

ANDREA (CONT'D)
I don't get it... I charged this
before we went out.

ADAM
Yes, but we were out there for
like... 80 hours if you think about
it. We don't know how that deals
with electricity. Or anything
really.

Andrea plugs in her phone. It beeps. Makes a voicemail
noise. She looks at it.

ON SCREEN : YOU HAVE 23 VOICEMAIL MESSAGES

She listens to one on speakerphone.

MR PERFECT
(on phone)
Andrea - This is Ben. You need to
call me right away.

Andrea hits a button on the phone.

DIGITAL VOICE
NEXT MESSAGE.

MR PERFECT
(on phone)
Seriously. Call me.

Button.

DIGITAL VOICE
NEXT MESSAGE.

MR PERFECT
(on phone)
Andrea. I don't know how to tell
you this on the phone. Your sister
is dead.

MINDY
Oh my god.

ANDREA
Shush.

MR PERFECT
(continuing)
She fell from the balcony right
after you fought... You have to
call. We're at hospital now.

ADAM
Andrea.

Andrea sees the device. Reaches for it. Adam puts his hand
on it.

ADAM (CONT'D)
I don't know...

ANDREA
Don't tell me you don't know. Give
me that. I'm going to save my
sister.

MINDY
You can't! You know the whole
thing with if you step on a
butterfly then Hitler wins the war?

MAX
You have a strange mind.

MINDY

I'm saying you don't know what will happen. Maybe if your sister lives something worse will happen.

ANDREA

She's the only family I have left. Had left. Now give me that... thing.

MINDY

No. Don't do it Adam.

Adam looks and Andrea. Tears in her eyes.

ANDREA

Please. She's all I have.

Adam looks down at the device. Lickity split Andrea grabs it, STREAMS BACKWARD.

She lands in the living room as Meagan is arguing with her on the phone. Mr. Perfect is in the doorway.

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(beat)

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MEAGAN

In a minute.

Mr Perfect turns around startled to see Andrea running at him.

She catches Meagan just as she begins to fall.

MEAGAN (CONT'D)

What are you-

Andrea tightly hugs Meagan.

ANDREA

I'm sorry, I'm sorry I love you I
love you so much.

Meagan strokes Andreas head.

MEAGAN

It's okay. It's all okay.

The Device falls. As it hits the ground - a huge noise and
flash of light.

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Fine. Fraidy cat.

They continue walking down the street.

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ANDREA

It's my sister.

(beat)

What do you want?

The dialogue fades...

EXT. PAVEMENT

Megan's body. Dead.