

INT. GREEN SCREEN - DAY

COLD OPEN

The sky is blue. Artemis is drinking tea.

ARTEMIS

What a glorious day it is! Mmm,  
this tea is quite...Hmm?

HOODED FIGURE

Artemis.

ARTEMIS

Whoa

HOODED FIGURE

Artemissssss.

ARTEMIS

Who are you?

HOODED FIGURE

I have many names, but you may call  
me...Bill?

ARTEMIS

Is that a question, or are you--

HOODED FIGURE

You must go back, Artemis. You must  
go baaaaack.

ARTEMIS

Back...Back? What does that mean?

The Hooded Figure stands there for a moment and then starts  
backing away.

HOODED FIGURE

OooOooOooOooOoh...

The Hooded Figure steps off-screen through a door and then  
slams it closed.

INT. DORM - DAY

Artemis wakes up with a start and shifts his eyes around,  
very confused.

END COLD OPEN

INTRO SEQUENCE

INT. BAR - DAY

Scarlet is manning the bar. Ash is sitting across the counter. Buddy comes rushing in.

BUDDY  
Is he here?!

SCARLET  
Uh...?

BUDDY  
He's not here...Dammit!

Buddy meanders to the bar counter and sits down.

BUDDY (CONT'D)  
You travel across worlds and  
spacetime, and you can't even find  
one man. It's just really  
frustrating, you know?

SCARLET  
Yeah.

BUDDY  
And now I'm just really tired.

He lays his head down in the nest of his arms.

BUDDY (CONT'D)  
I think I'm just going to...pass  
out for a second...if that's all  
right...

SCARLET  
Yeah, go for it.

Buddy passes out. Scarlet and Ash look at each other, confused.

Artemis comes in.

SCARLET (CONT'D)  
Look who decided to show up.

ARTEMIS  
Yeah, sorry, I just had the--

Artemis looks at Buddy.

ARTEMIS (CONT'D)  
He going to be all right?

ASH  
I'm not sure.

Artemis nods.

ARTEMIS  
Okay, anyway, I was saying, I had  
the craziest dream last night.

ASH  
Yeah?

ARTEMIS  
Yeah.

Artemis goes behind the counter and starts cleaning up a bit.  
Some time passes as Ash stares at him.

ASH  
Wait, are you just going to leave  
it at that?

ARTEMIS  
Oh, I dunno if I could even  
describe it. It was just really,  
really crazy.

SCARLET  
Why would you even bring it up if  
you couldn't explain it?

ARTEMIS  
I just wanted you guys to know.

Artemis looks around and then looks down bashfully.

ARTEMIS (CONT'D)  
Hey has, uh, Emma come in yet?

ASH  
Nah, I haven't seen her today.

Artemis nods and continues cleaning the counter.

In walks Henry.

HENRY  
Ayyyyyyyyyy!

No one seems to notice him. He sits down across from the bar  
and leans in.

HENRY (CONT'D)  
Ayyyyyyyyyy!

Scarlet is startled.

SCARLET  
[Fucking shit], Henry!

HENRY  
Sorry, sorry!

Henry looks over at Buddy.

HENRY (CONT'D)  
Hey, uh, what's dis guy's deal?

SCARLET  
Don't bother him, Henry.

HENRY  
I can bounce him, if you want.

SCARLET  
Stop.

HENRY  
Just say the word, and I'll do it.

SCARLET  
Stop it, Henry.

HENRY  
All right, all right.

Henry looks over at Ash.

HENRY (CONT'D)  
Hey, nice shirt, Ash.

ASH  
Thanks, I--

HENRY  
Not! Haha, that shirt is so stupid.

ARTEMIS  
Nice, Henry.

HENRY  
Yeah, you might as well just take  
it off, it's so dumb.

There's a small silence. Henry tries to recover.

HENRY (CONT'D)  
Or, you know, just keep it on.

Henry looks at his nails, tsks, and then takes out a nail filer. He starts filing his nails.

ARTEMIS

Are you...filing your nails?

HENRY

Yeah? What about it?

ARTEMIS

Nothing, I just--

HENRY

Hey, of men file their nails. Hulk Hogan, The Rock, several of my friends...

ARTEMIS

Are you just making that up?

HENRY

No.

ARTEMIS

Okay.

Henry leans in.

HENRY

Guys, I like women, okay? I love women!

ARTEMIS

Okay.

In walks Emma. She's carrying a portfolio.

EMMA

Heeeeey, everyone!

ARTEMIS

Hey, what's up, Emma!

Artemis runs up and hugs her, then bashfully pulls back and pats her on the shoulder.

Ash looks over and sees the portfolio.

ASH

Whatchu got there?

Emma holds up the portfolio.

EMMA

Oh, this? Just a little something  
I've been cooking up...

She beams.

EMMA (CONT'D)

Guys, I think I've found my true  
calling in life. I am an artist!

ARTEMIS

No kidding!

EMMA

Yeah! Here, just brace yourselves,  
all right? I've been told that it's  
pretty, well...I guess you'll see.

Emma looks through her portfolio.

EMMA (CONT'D)

Okay, here it is...

Emma pulls out the picture, which we don't see but the  
characters do. Everyone stares at the picture, baffled.

EMMA (CONT'D)

What do you guys think?

SCARLET

What am I looking at...

EMMA

You guys like it?

ASH

It--

ARTEMIS

It looks great. Right, guys? It  
looks great.

ASH

Oh, right, right.

ARTEMIS

Yeah, I just love how...art-y it  
is. There's just so much...art  
going on here.

EMMA

You think? That's what he said too!

ARTEMIS

"He...?"

EMMA

Yeah, so I sit next to this guy in class, right? And I doodle while the teacher's talking--I know, I'm such a rebel!--and then I decide to show off my drawing to the guy I'm sitting next to. And he's telling me how incredible it is! He goes on about how I'm the best artist he's ever seen, how I could seriously be the next Davinci!

SCARLET

Yeah, did he follow up by asking if you wanted to smoke another blunt with him after class?

EMMA

I'm serious! This guy was super, super genuine, and really nice--

Artemis looks jealous.

ARTEMIS

What's this guy's name?!

EMMA

Um...Jimmy Phillips...But I don't really see why that matters.

ARTEMIS

It--it doesn't.

Artemis takes out his phone and looks up Jimmy Phillips.

ASH

Man, this Jimmy guy sounds like a real nice dude.

SCARLET

"Nice" is one way to put it.

EMMA

Well, for now, is it all right if I hang it up?

SCARLET

Only if it's on one of the bathroom stalls.

EMMA

Okay!

Emma exits to hang up the picture.

Artemis pulls up a picture he found of Jimmy. He is an incredibly handsome dude.

ARTEMIS

Ha! Is this him? Look at that. A face only a mother could love.

SCARLET

Damn. You need to get your eyes checked or something. Look at that cut jaw!

ASH

Do you think your finger would bleed if you touched that?

Henry takes a look at the photo and then quickly looks away.

HENRY

Personally, you know what, I don't really care, nawha'I'msayin', right, nawha'I'msayin...?

He glances at the photo one more time.

ARTEMIS

We need to look into this guy.

SCARLET

Why? Someone getting a little jealous?

ARTEMIS

No! No-hoh! No. I mean, you guys obviously saw the same drawing I saw. I know this guy is pulling something.

SCARLET

If you say so, lover-boy.

ARTEMIS

Seriously. I just don't want Emma to get hurt.

ASH

Didn't you say the drawing was "great"?

ARTEMIS

Yeah, but that was completely different. Completely different. I was coming from a place of love--of totally platonic love. This guy just wants to get in Emma's pants.

ASH

How are you so sure about that?

ARTEMIS

I'm sure, okay! And anyway, we'll settle this whole thing as soon we get out of here. I'm going to pay Jimbo here a visit.

Artemis turns to leave.

SCARLET

Wait, you can't just leave--

ARTEMIS

Scarlet, I'm sorry, I'll make up for it later.

SCARLET

--without me.

ARTEMIS

Oh. Okay, well, c'mon, let's go and show this guy a thing or two about being "nice"!

Artemis and Scarlet start to leave.

ASH

Wait, uh, who's going to take care of the bar?

SCARLET

You can.

ASH

Uh...

Ash moves around to behind the bar counter.

SCARLET

Oh, Rachel's going to come in and ask for a Slippery Nipple. She always does. It's not too hard to make. Pour the sambuca into a shot glass. And then you'll top it with a layer of Irish Cream.

(MORE)

SCARLET (CONT'D)

Make sure it's laced real smooth.  
Then take a drop of grenadine and  
plip it on the top.

ASH

I don't know what any of those  
things are.

SCARLET

You'll figure it out.

Scarlet and Artemis leave.

Buddy abruptly wakes up.

BUDDY

Did I miss anything important?

EXT. SIDEWALK

Artemis and Scarlet are walking down the sidewalk.

SCARLET

C'mon, don't you think you're  
overreacting a little bit?

ARTEMIS

No, I gotta figure out what this  
guy's deal is. No one's going to  
take advantage of my--

SCARLET

Your what?

ARTEMIS

My *friend*, Scarlet. My good friend.

SCARLET

Okay...

ARTEMIS

Well, c'mon, you want to stand up  
to him too, right? That's why  
you're here.

SCARLET

I'm just here because I want to see  
if his jawline is really that  
sharp.

Artemis and Scarlet stop and look up at the house.

ARTEMIS

There it is.

INT. BAR

Ash and Henry are there at the bar in awkward, sexual tension. Ash clears his throat. Henry nods.

Emma walks back into the bar area. Ash and Henry breathe a sigh of relief.

EMMA

I just hung it up on the mirror if that's all--

Emma looks around.

EMMA (CONT'D)

Hey, where'd Artemis and Scarlet go?

ASH

Um, they had to go see a friend.

EMMA

They both had to go?

ASH

Yeah.

EMMA

Okay...

HENRY

Hey, Emma, did anyone tell you you look *hot* today?

EMMA

Oh. Thanks.

HENRY

Because you do. You look so hot.

EMMA

Thank...you?

Rachel walks in and sits down.

RACHEL

Oh, hey, hey, ya'll! Ash, you're tending today?

ASH  
I guess?

RACHEL  
Okay, could I get a...

Zoom in on mouth, slow motion.

RACHEL (CONT'D)  
...Slippery nipple?

ASH  
Okay...

EXT. OUTSIDE HOUSE

Artemis is pounding on the front door.

ARTEMIS  
C'mon out, Jimmy Boy!

SCARLET  
Okay, you need to ease up, man.

The door slowly opens and a young man with sunglasses greets them.

ARTEMIS  
Too cool for school, huh?

JIMMY  
What

ARTEMIS  
Yeah, nice sunglasses, dude! You get them at the *glasses* store?

JIMMY  
I did.

SCARLET  
You'll have to excuse him. He's a bit riled up.

Scarlet reaches forward and touches Jimmy's jaw.

JIMMY  
Oh, hello...

SCARLET  
Wow...That is just amazing...

Artemis pushes Scarlet aside.

ARTEMIS

Okay, enough of this. I'm just going to cut to it. We're Emma's friends, and we know what you're doing, so if you could just...cut it out, I would really appreciate it!

JIMMY

Sorry?

ARTEMIS

The picture, man! Why did you say those things about it? I know you saw the same thing we did!

JIMMY

I didn't see anything--

ARTEMIS

Oh, what a load of--

JIMMY

--because I am blind.

Jimmy sighs.

JIMMY (CONT'D)

I was afraid of this. Emma showed me that picture and I--Well, I just wanted to make her happy, you know? So I just made some stuff up. I just like seeing her smile. In my head.

ARTEMIS

Wow, well, now I feel like a real...jerkwad.

JIMMY

Nah, it's cool. It's kinda weird that you came all the way to my house to tell me this instead of just, like, messaging me. But I get it. You care about her. Right, Artemis?

ARTEMIS

Wait, how did you know--

JIMMY

Emma talks about you all the time. "The guy from the bar."

ARTEMIS

Really.

JIMMY

Yeah. The other day she was telling me about the Superman cape--

Scarlet leans in. Artemis waves her hand.

ARTEMIS

You know what, that's all right--

SCARLET

No, no, I want to hear this...

ARTEMIS

It was great meeting you, Jimmy, but now we really have to go.

Artemis starts to pull Scarlet away, but then Scarlet pulls back, pulls out a pen and paper, and writes down her number. She gives it to Jimmy.

SCARLET

Call me.

Artemis and Scarlet start walking away. Jimmy looks down at the paper and then back up.

JIMMY

I'm blind.

INT. BAR

Montage of Ash fumbling with drinks, trying to make the Slippery Nipple.

RACHEL

You got it?

ASH

Yeah, yeah.

Ash pulls out the shot of Slippery Nipple and puts it on the counter.

ASH (CONT'D)

Here it is.

RACHEL

That doesn't look like a Slippery Nipple.

ASH  
It's my own special edition. Just  
don't expect--

Rachel takes the shot and downs it. She coughs.

RACHEL  
God that's terrible.

She pushes the shot glass forward.

RACHEL (CONT'D)  
Pour me another.

ASH  
Oh...Okay...

Henry, who's been watching from the side, chimes in.

HENRY  
Hey, I'll take one too.

EXT. SIDEWALK

Artemis and Scarlet walk down the sidewalk away from the house.

ARTEMIS  
Wow, he was actually a pretty cool  
dude.

SCARLET  
Finally coming around?

ARTEMIS  
Hey, I was just trying to protect  
Emma.

Beat.

ARTEMIS (CONT'D)  
Did he remind you of Simon?

SCARLET  
Of Simon? Why would he remind me of  
Simon?

ARTEMIS  
Because he's...

Beat.

ARTEMIS (CONT'D)  
Never mind.

They walk a little more.

SCARLET  
Look, either you tell her or I tell her.

ARTEMIS  
Tell her what?

SCARLET  
Oh my God, just shut up.

Artemis checks his phone.

ARTEMIS  
Man, how long have we been out?

SCARLET  
It's been a bit.

ARTEMIS  
Wonder how things are holding up at O'Toole's.

SCARLET  
Oh, I'm sure it's fine.

INT. BAR

Things are not fine. Rachel, Henry, and Ash are all drunk.

RACHEL  
And I told that guy, well, hey, you look like a lopsided pineapple.

ASH  
Oooh, you told him! Hahaha

HENRY  
God it is getting so cold in here.  
Ash you should take off your clothes it's getting so cold

ASH  
Yeah, haha, that makes sense.

HENRY  
Here let me help you.

Henry leans over the counter to help Ash unbutton his shirt. Suddenly his lips fall on Ash. They start vigorously making out and they fall to the floor behind the bar counter.

Rachel takes a picture with her phone.

Emma looks very confused. Buddy is shaking his head. He stands up.

BUDDY

You people are crazy. I'm going to go take a piss.

EXT. SIDEWALK

ARTEMIS

Yeah, Ash can handle things.

Artemis and Scarlet pass by a park.

SCARLET

Hey, look.

ARTEMIS

What?

SCARLET

There's the park we used to go to. I'd stand in the corner over there, mostly. Rachel always tried to get us all to play house with her. You used to hold this "No Girls Aloud" sign on top of the play structure. And you spelled "allowed" like "loud." A-loud.

Scarlet smiles.

SCARLET (CONT'D)

It was fun.

She looks at Artemis.

SCARLET (CONT'D)

You remember that?

Artemis grimaces.

ARTEMIS

No.

INT. BAR

Artemis and Scarlet walk into the bar. It's a complete mess now.

SCARLET  
What the [fuck].

Ash and Henry scramble up from behind the counter, half unbuttoned.

RACHEL  
Okay, okay, this looks bad, but I can explain. We smashed all the bottles in the liquor cabinet and threw all the stools on the floor because we wanted to ride them like horses. Also Henry and Ash are gay.

HENRY  
That last thing--That isn't true.

He's saying this as he buttons up his shirt.

ARTEMIS  
We were gone for like, thirty minutes. I don't understand how you even...

ASH  
To be fair, it was pretty irresponsible to leave in the middle of your shift.

ARTEMIS  
Point taken.

Scarlet moves behind the counter.

SCARLET  
It's going on your tab Rachel.

Rachel looks more irritated than anything.

Artemis sits next to Emma.

EMMA  
So how was your--

Artemis kisses Emma and then looks forward, hands folded.

Emma puts a hand on his.

Henry gasps.

HENRY

Whoa-ho, wait, Artemis and Emma  
*like* each other? Did anyone else  
see this coming?!

No one else is reacting surprised.

EMMA

Did you really like it?

ARTEMIS

What?

EMMA

The picture. You can be honest with  
me. Is it bad?

ARTEMIS

I would say...that some would  
say...it's very artistic.

EMMA

You're too nice, Artemis.

She smiles and squeezes his hand.

Buddy walk back in from his bathroom break.

BUDDY

Sorry I had some trouble finding  
the--

Buddy looks directly at Artemis.

BUDDY (CONT'D)

You...You're Artemis, aren't you?

ARTEMIS

Yeah?

BUDDY

Finally!

ARTEMIS

Finally what?

BUDDY

Artemis, I've been looking for you.

ARTEMIS

Um...

BUDDY  
There's no time to explain! Follow  
me!

Buddy tugs Artemis away.

EMMA  
Wait, what's going on...?

INT. STUDIO

Buddy and Artemis both walk off the set. Everyone on the set  
freezes.

BUDDY  
Listen, Artemis, you and I are from  
a different world. You understand?

ARTEMIS  
No, not really.

BUDDY  
Surely you've noticed! Things are  
similar, but different. People,  
places...You feel out place, don't  
you? Other people have these  
memories of you that you don't  
have.

Brief flashback to Scarlet talking about the park.

Cut back to present.

ARTEMIS  
But I don't understand...What that  
means...

BUDDY  
You've been rebooted, Artemis! A  
new continuity for a new set of  
writers!

ARTEMIS  
Wait, what?

BUDDY  
Look, see!

There's the studio audience.

BUDDY (CONT'D)

These people can't be expected to keep up with 100 plus episodes of continuity! They're simple college students!

ARTEMIS

I am so confused...

BUDDY

Look, it doesn't matter. What matters is, you need to get to your continuity.

ARTEMIS

But I have friends here. And Emma.

Artemis points to Emma, frozen on the set.

BUDDY

You have friends back where you're from, too. Friends who have been missing you.

ARTEMIS

But Emma...We just...

BUDDY

I'm sorry, Artemis. But this is just the way things have to be. You have to go back.

Artemis has a flashback about his dream.

He points at Buddy.

ARTEMIS

Wait, you're that guy from my dream! Bill!

BUDDY

What? No. That was just some weird dream you had.

ARTEMIS

Oh. Really? That is a really weird coincidence.

BUDDY

Artemis, I know this a lot to throw at you at once.

Buddy points to the audience.

BUDDY (CONT'D)  
And you guys as well.

Buddy looks back at Artemis.

BUDDY (CONT'D)  
But will you come with me?

ARTEMIS  
Will they remember me?

BUDDY  
I'm afraid not. You were from a  
different continuity; you were  
never supposed to be there.

ARTEMIS  
And I won't ever see them again...

Buddy shrugs.

BUDDY  
Well, who knows? You could make a  
cameo appearance down the line.  
Maybe in a reunion episode or  
something.

Artemis walks over to Emma, who's at the edge of the set. He  
kisses her on the forehead.

ARTEMIS  
Do I really have to go?

BUDDY  
Yes. I'm sorry.

Artemis backs away.

ARTEMIS  
Well...

He smiles.

ARTEMIS (CONT'D)  
I'm really glad I met you all.

He walks away.

BUDDY  
Whew.

He looks at the audience.

BUDDY (CONT'D)  
Don't expect this to ever happen  
again.

He walks away.

INT. BAR

Everyone unfreezes. People are arguing in the background.  
Emma's standing there, looking out.

SCARLET  
Hey, Emma. You okay?

EMMA  
Yeah, I'm fine.

She moves to the stool across the counter.

EMMA (CONT'D)  
Just...

She looks at the empty stool next to her.

EMMA (CONT'D)  
It feels like something's missing.

Cut to black.