

InRealLife

A Feature Length Romantic Comedy

Navigating Relationships Through Technology... In Real Life

2017 Telefilm Micro-Budget Production Application

SYNOPSIS

In Real Life is a romantic ensemble comedy that tells the story of two main characters, navigating relationships through the world of technology.

Charlie is a 34-year old, trust-fund, WASP trying to get out from under the high-society lifestyle that she was born into, by charting her own path into academics rather than life as a businessman or a lawyer's wife. Adam is a 33-year old computer programmer from a prominent Jewish family, working towards establishing himself as an international DJ and music producer.

Charlie, historically, has a tough time being faithful in relationships due to boredom; whereas Adam has historically been absent from his relationships due to his ambition and adventure. When Charlie catches her partner, Dave in the shower with a mysterious woman, and Adam's live-in girlfriend, Lila, whom he was planning on proposing to, takes a job overseas without consulting him, both Charlie and Adam are forced to choose whether to allow their meddling families to set them up or take it upon themselves to chart their own paths into love in this day and age of *de rigueur* technology.

Charlie confides in her BFF, Jason, that she was ready to change her ways and settle down thinking that Dave was the one and that she doesn't want to go down the path of her sister who lives the expected high-society "perfect life" but who is miserable and alone.

Even though he is a successful computer programmer, Adam is a neophyte when it comes to online dating and seeks advice from his co-worker and closest thing to a pal, in Steve. Steve is a brash, crass stoner, and encourages Adam to do online dating as a way for flagrant "hook ups with crazy chicks".

With the advice from their closest friends, Charlie and Adam both decide to try online dating. However, their families influence is not going away.

Adam's meddling sister, Rachel, finds out about Lila and spills the beans to their mother, Magda, who being the typically overbearing, Jewish society lady, decides that it is fated that he end up with the Rabbi's daughter, Tovah. Acquiescing, Adam and Tovah go out on a date and realize they are not each other's *bashert*.

Similarly, Charlie keeps getting shoved into the presence of Colin, who is her father's protégé, and her mother's first choice for a son-in-law. Charlie's rebellious nature saves her from the inevitable and undue embarrassment that would result from a relationship with Colin, as it turns out her sister, Elizabeth, is having an affair with him.

Through a series of events, mishaps and only a couple degrees of separation, we see that Charlie and Adam are destined to be together, regardless of their being mismatched. They show up in each other's scenes, but still never connect. And, even though Charlie and Adam are engaged with online dating, they continually swipe left on each other because they are not a match. When they meet, in real life, without the aid of online technology, sparks fly and they are immediately curious and attracted to each other, but fate breaks them apart.

That is until the big club scene, where all the characters finally come together. The night that Adam is waiting for is a gig that will afford him the success that will allow him to stay at home more and focus on his personal life doing the thing he is most passionate about: DJing. Adam learns that a high powered, influential manager is confirmed to attend the show. It is during this show that a comedy of errors takes place: Adam and Charlie connect again, and then later he thinks he loses her to Jason; Charlie discovers her sister's affair with Colin; Tovah and Steve meet and get along like gangbusters; and Jason and Rami spark a curious relationship. After being bombarded with all these high stakes emotions, Charlie unleashes, gets black out drunk. After a night of debauchery with her old and new friends, Charlie wakes up the next day in Steve's bed. Pretty soon, Jason, Rami and Steve clarify the previous evening's events over breakfast at the dinner, where all is made clear, and Charlie and Adam finally connect in real life.