

HOMEBOODIES

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FADE IN:

INT. APARTMENT BEDROOM - NIGHT

RYAN (Black, 21 years-old, socially awkward, college senior) enters her bedroom holding a cup of tea wearing matching set pajamas, slippers and a face mask. Her room is dim lit with an assortment of candles and decorated with R&B records. Ryan sits her cup of tea on her night stand, lays on her bed, and begins to scroll on Instagram. She sees many other college students posting about how they are out at clubs having a good time.

RYAN  
(annoyed)  
Everybody at El Rey again?

Frustrated, Ryan exits Instagram and opens a streaming app on her TV to find something to watch. She aimlessly scrolls through the options before accidentally clicking on an episode of 'A Different World'.

Ryan watches for a moment. Her annoyance fades as she becomes engrossed in the show. The theme song plays in the background.

Ryan is interrupted when she hears her ROOMMATE (Black, 21 years-old, club outfit, party animal, college senior) SLAM their front door shut when she enters the apartment. Her roommate stumbles though the living and crashes out drunk on the couch.

RYAN (cont'd)  
(to camera)  
That's my roommate. Her name isn't important. She never fails to come home blacked out every single weekend.

ROOMMATE (O.S)  
(struggling to get  
her words out)  
Can you get me some water?

AUDIENCE LAUGHS.

RYAN  
Sighs.

Ryan gets up and closes her door.

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Title hits the screen. HOMEBODDIES.

INT. APARTMENT BEDROOM - DAY

Suddenly, Ryan opens the door again and is dressed in trendy clothing, holding textbooks, and ready to head to class. She animatedly smiles to the camera.

Ryan exits her bedroom and goes to the kitchen.

INT. APARTMENT KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Ryan picks up a tea kettle and starts to pour it into a mug. She closes her eyes takes a long sip, enjoying every second of it.

RYAN  
(to camera)  
Despite being in college for three  
years, I would rate my experience  
about a three out of five.

Ryan holds up her hand and begins to lift a finger for each time she says class.

RYAN (cont'd)  
All I do is go to class, go to class  
again, and go to class some more.  
I mean its not all bad. And the men  
you ask?

EXT. CAMPUS BENCH - DAY - FLASHBACK

Ryan sits at a bench with her laptop in her lap, contently completing an assignment. A random boy off screen approaches her.

RANDOM BOY (O.S)  
Hey, excuse me?

RYAN  
(to camera)  
OH! He's kind of cute.

Ryan turns towards the random boy.

RYAN (cont'd)  
(flirtatious)  
Yes.

RANDOM BOY (O.S)  
You dropped your pencil.

Ryan sighs to the camera.

INT. APARTMENT KITCHEN - DAY

Return to Ryan drinking tea in her kitchen.

RYAN  
They're all over me.

Ryan suddenly hears a KNOCK at her front door. She walks to her door, looks through the peep hole, and slowly opens it.

DJ (Black, 21 years-old, good looking) emerges, leaning in the door frames.

AUDIENCE APPLAUSE.

RYAN (cont'd)  
DJ?! What are you doing here.

DJ  
Hey, I asked around to find where you stay at to see if you were free Saturday night.

Ryan turns to the camera to give a thumbs up then returns to DJ and tries to appear collected.

RYAN  
Uh, yeah sure.

Ryan and DJ exchange a smile and Ryan closes the door.

INT. APARTMENT LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Ryan sits on her living room couch staring into space, infatuated by that moment with DJ.

Ryan's roommate sits next to her and notices that Ryan is in a daze.

ROOMMATE  
(Laughing)  
Whats wrong with you?

RYAN  
You know DJ right? Well, he just asked me if I would go out with him this Saturday.

ROOMMATE  
(sarcastically)  
DJ? Yeah, right.

RYAN  
What do you mean?

ROOMMATE  
Why would DJ ask you out? How the hell does he even know who you are? It's not like you ever leave our apartment.

Ryan's excitement slowly starts to fade away.

ROOMMATE (cont'd)  
You have got to be the most boring person I have ever met.

AUDIENCE GASPS.

RYAN  
Well at least I don't drink my problems away because I 1.5 GPA.

ROOMMATE  
Reality check, that's literally what we were sent to college to do!

Ryan's mind hones in on the phrase 'reality check'. Suddenly everything clicks.

RYAN  
Reality check.

Ryan turns to the camera.

RYAN (cont'd)  
(to camera)  
Reality?

INT. APARTMENT BEDROOM - NIGHT

Ryan suddenly wakes up back in her bedroom in a frenzy. She is still in her matching pajama set and face mask. Ryan never left her room. 'A Different World' theme song continues to play in the background.

RYAN  
What the BLEEP!

Ryan picks up the TV remote and cuts off the television.

90'S SITCOM OUTRO MUSIC PLAYS.

FADE TO BLACK