*** YOUR CUTE ***

By Peter Lagosky

Starring

Tim Carter as Chad
Kathleen Ahenda as Amanda
Leanne Santos as Cassia
Laurel Simonson as Lindsay
TBD as Sweatsuit

Sweatsuit

Welcome to the University of Chadgary. I mean, Calgary. Remember, these are the traditional territories of the Blackfoot and the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta. That includes the Siksika, the Piikani, the Kainai, the Tsuu T'ina, and the Stoney Nakoda first nations. The University of Calgary on land adjacent to where the Bow River meets the Elbow River. The traditional Blackfoot name of this place is Mohkinstis, which we now call the City of Calgary. The City of Calgary is also home to Metis nation of Alberta region 3.

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We hope you enjoy the performance.

ACT 1 SCENE 1

Chad (looking at phone with coffee)

"I'm selfish, impatient, and a little insecure. I make mistakes, I am out of control, and at times hard to handle. But if you can't handle me at my worst, then you sure as hell don't deserve me at my best. Not here for hookups."

I don't like the sound of any of that!

AMANDA walks pensively onstage. CHAD looks between phone and her, giving her an awkward look.

Amanda

Chad?

Chad

Yo yo 'sup Manda?? Hahaha just kidding. I'm colour blind. Not actually though. Metaphorically. I don't see races. I just run in them.

Amanda

(Awkwardly) Nice to finally meet you!

Awkward handshake

Amanda (O.S.)

Six two my ass.

Chad

Yeah, you too.

Chad (O.S.)

Bro! Never dated a black chick before.

Amanda

So, how was your day?

Chad

Good.

Awkward pause

How was yours?

Amanda

It was alright. I had to bring the dog to the vet...

Chad

I have a dog too, his name's Bobo. German Sheppard and Husky mix. He's always chewing up my football cleats.

Amanda

Oh, you play football?

Chad

Yeah, I was gonna go pro. Was gonna get drafted to the CFL. Decided to focus on school though.

Amanda

What do you study?

Chad

Business. Rise and grind. I'm money motivated. My dad's gonna set me up with an internship at his hedge fund. Roberts and Smith, perhaps you've heard of them?

Amanda

I can't say I have. I actually study...

Chad

Yeah they're one of the highest performing hedge funds in Western Canada. My dad says he can hook me up with a primo job after. It's the least he can do after he got me a (repulsively) Kia for sweet 16. What an idiot, right? I'd rather take the bus than be seen behind the wheel of it. Oh well, living the dream, eh?

Amanda

(Awkwardly laughs)... yeah... I have to go to the washroom, I'll be right back.

AMANDA exits

Chad (texting) (O.S.)

Bro... totally getting my blackbelt tonight.

A few seconds passes, then a vibration

Chad (picks up phone)
Amanda sent you a message... wha??

Reading from phone

Hey Chad, my great step aunt thrice removed is in poor health so I had to duck out. Sorry I didn't tell you. You seem like a nice guy, but I think it's best if we stay as friends. I don't think I'm ready for a relationship right now and I think you'll find an awesome girl who is.

He looks conflicted, then starts typing.

Chad (while texting)

Yeah, well, you're a bitch. Like you'd ever put out. No wonder you're on Tinder. You look like a dumpster fire, if the dumpster was filled with puke and dirty diapers. Whatever. I have no time for hard sixes. Enjoy being single, loser.

Sends message with authority, pockets phone, stands up and addresses audience

Modern Major General plays.

Chad

I'm single! I'm the greatest gentleman from near and far and i'm an intellectual! I am wealthy and i'm handsome and i'm truly above all!

Amanda

Hold on a sec, and if i can recall, you said you're truly above all?

Chad

Yes, yes, I am truly above all!

Amanda

You make me want to chug methanol!

Chad

I'm what you want in a man!

Amanda

You're a human garbage can!

Chad

And it is it is a glorious thing to be ripped like superman!

Amanda

You can't justify that you are any kind of decent guy
You're unemployed undignified and that's just when I simplify
"You're woker than a rabbi" which you felt the need to specify
But every time you talk you sound like you're still stuck in junior high
You take hours to reply
Your face makes little children cry
And please just let me clarify
That you are awful so goodbye

Chad

Please just let me clarify you will regret saying goodbye

Amanda

I'm very good at seeing through the douchebags of the world like you You are never ever someone I would ever be into Someone telling you off is something that's been long overdue And after this I hope that no one ever has to talk to you

AMANDA exits.

Chad

Yeah... well... enjoy the bus ride home, loser.

CHAD exits.

ACT 1 SCENE 2

CASSIA enters and sits at an easel. There is a bottle of wine and two glasses nearby. Faint jazz music plays in the background.

Cassia (O.S.)

He should be here by now... after all this was his idea. What kind of sociopath goes to Paint and Sip on a first date? He must be crazy. What if he laces my wine? What if he's a really good painter? I can't paint for shit. Why did I agree to this? Ugh. I'd soooo rather be at home.

(pause)

Fuck this. I'm bailing.

She begins packing up her stuff, when all of a sudden, she hears faint obnoxious dubstep music. It stops with the beep-beep of a car locking. In walks **CHAD**, looking like a douche. He pulls out a heavily customized vape and blows a humongous cloud.

Oh no. God no. I hate this already. I knew the name Chad was a red flag. Shit. Well, at least there's wine.

CHAD walks over with a huge shit eating grin.

Chad

Cassia? Am I pronouncing that right?

Cassia

That's me.

Chad

Phew! Totally thought I was gonna mess that up.

Chad (O.S.)

Nice! An Asian chick!

Cassia

Nope, it's Cassia. Nice and easy.

Cassia (O.S.)

KILL ME NOW

Chad

Alright.

He picks up the wine bottle

Ugh... wine. I hope they serve Bud Light. Alright, let's DO THIS.

CHAD sits at the easel across from **CASSIA** and grasps his paintbrush with a fist, painting like an uncoordinated kindergartener.

Cassia

So... do you like art?

Chad

Yeah, I'm like, totally into art. All my friends wanted me to play football, but I was like nahhh. Art's where it's at!

Cassia

Oh, I didn't take you for the artistic type.

Chad

Yeah, you could say art is a lifestyle for me.

Cassia

What kind of art do you like?

Chad

You know, uh, Roman? Greek? Like, ancient stuff. Who's your favourite painter?

Cassia

Well...he's popular but, Leonardo Da Vinci.

Chad

He was sooooo good in Wolf of Wall Street!

Cassia

...Right. Who are yours?

Chad

Oh, you know... rigatoni... ratatouille... merlot... all the classics.

CASSIA cringes

Cassia

So... that explains Paint n Sip. I was wondering why you wanted to come here for a first date. Curious choice, to say the least.

Chad

Well like, I was going to take you for dim sum or sushi, but I figure you're probably so tired of that.

CASSIA looks perplexed

Chad

No offense or anything.

Cassia

I'm not offended. I'm not Chinese. Or Japanese. Filipino actually.

Chad

That's still, like, pretty Asian, right?

Cassia

...Right.

CASSIA takes a huge gulp of wine

Chad

Yeah that doesn't bug me. I'm colour blind. Do you have any tattoos?

Cassia

Just a small one, on my ribs.

Chad

Oh, that's hot.

CASSIA cringes

Chad

Yeah, I have a couple. I've got the Chinese symbol for pain on my shoulder. No offense or anything.

Cassia

None taken.

Chad

I got it because, you know, life is full of pain and it's just a reminder that I gotta stay grinding, grounded, and focused on my goals if I want to avoid it. Gotta stay lit. You know what I'm saying?

Cassia

Neat.

Chad

Yeah, the other's some swaggy tribal art. I mean, I'm not native or anything, but I like it because my bros Tanner and Brad got the same ones. WOLFPACK WOOF WOOF! Am I right? God I miss my bros. They went to Thailand and didn't bring me. Pad thai and thick thighs, am I right? Squaaad goals!

Cassia cringes

No offense or anything.

Cassia puts the wine glass down and drinks from the bottle.

Cassia

No, it's ok. I'm not Thai. Filipino, actually.

A ding rings. **Cassia** and **Chad** both stand up and appreciate their paintings. Cassia takes hers and reveals it to **Chad**: it's a sunset over a lake among hills. Not professional by any stretch, but a nice attempt.

Chad

Yeah, that's cool. Cool painting. Yeah. Nice.

Chad reveals his painting. "Your cute", really messily written, almost as if a dumb child wrote it.

Chad

You can keep this one, beb.

Cassia

Oh... uh... thanks?

Chad

So like, wanna head back to my place? Watch some Netflix? My room is sweet—and my parents aren't home 'till ten. More than enough time © To, uh, hang out. Ehehehehe.

Cassia

I... I don't think so.

Chad

Ahhh, I got it. Do you need more to drink? We can pick up some PBR on the way. Or is it something I said?

Carmen Habanera plays

Cassia

This is not what I signed up for I am so shook in my core
You are a high key racist bro
You have no soul under your ego

Why are you such a piece of shit Girls aren't something to hit and quit Can't you see that you're not swaggy If you think you're lit well I disagree

Fuck you!

Chad

You were hot but you began to talk

Cassia

Fuck you!

Chad

I can pick up tens on my morning walk

Cassia

Fuck you!

Chad

You should be grateful i asked you out

Cassia

Fuck you!

Chad

Just say you're sorry and we'll work this out

Cassia

I'm so sorry your name is Chad Did your parents hate you that bad? Trust me I'd rather die alone I feel triggered by your shit cologne

Chad

I wear axe

You don't know me, you basic bitch I vape sweet clouds and I'm super rich You're just a 3, at best a 4 I don't care if you walk out that door

CASSIA exits with authority.

Chad

...Whatever.

CHAD exits.

ACT 2, SCENE 1

CASSIA and **AMANDA** are walking through a park.

Cassia

...then he gives me this painting, if you want to call it that. We spend almost an hour painting—or at least I spent almost an hour painting—and after he goes on and on about being an intellectual, all he paints is "Your cute" WITH THE WRONG YOUR. Not to mention, he went on about how art is a lifestyle for him. NO but it gets better. He thought rigatoni was a painter. Rigatoni! I didn't say anything.

Amanda

Oh my god.

Cassia

And out of nowhere, out of absolute nowhere, this ass hat asks if I wanna Netflix and Chill.

Amanda

NO!

Cassia

YES!

Amanda

NO!

Cassia

Okay, well not flat-out, but he may as well have. But also, on a Wednesday?! Ew.

Amanda

Okay. So you think your date was bad, let me tell you about the piece of garbage I went for

coffee with on Wednesday. His name was...also Chad. Uh, anyway, he spent the entire time talking about himself. I never understood what the phrase 'unable to get a word in edgewise' meant until the very moment he told me about his dad getting him a job. And of course he was studying business.

Cassia

Mine too!

Amanda

Weird..

Cassia

Did he keep making weird, almost racist inferences?

Amanda

I remember when we met, he tried speaking in ebonics or something. It was so awkward.

Cassia

Yeah yeah, I had to remind him I'm Filipino at least three times. Then he said something about being

Cassia and Amanda

Colour blind

They look at each other.

Amanda

Noooo.... There's no way. There's gotta be a million Chads out there.

Cassia

Hold on, let me bring up his Tinder, and you can tell me if it's the same guy.

Amanda

Ughhhh this is so weird.

Cassia

Is this him??

They look at each other and simultaneously cringe.

Amanda

What a scumbag!

Cassia

Oh my god!

Amanda

That whole colour blind thing though.

Cassia

You don't think... no.

Amanda (facepalms and laughs)
When was your date on Wednesday?

Cassia

8.

Amanda

We got coffee... I mean, he got coffee... at 5.

Cassia

What a piece of shit! Let me see if he used the same pickup line with you.

CASSIA takes AMANDA's phone and giggles.

Cassia

"Trade your boyfriend in for a MANFRIEND."

Both

Aghhhhhhhhh.

Cassia

Wait, I wanna see your bio.

Amanda

What?

Cassia

Girl. I would swipe right on you.

Amanda

Come on.

Cassia

No, seriously! You are a treasure Amanda, anyone would be lucky to have you.

Amanda

I would swipe right on you too.

AMANDA and **CASSIA** look at each other, then away from each other.

Amanda

Well in that case,

Both try to speak at the same time

Amanda

Sorry, you go ahead.

Cassia

I... kind of would love to buy you coffee.

Amanda

I'd like that.

Cassia

Yeah?

Amanda

Yeah. Can I tell you something?

Cassia

Of course.

Amanda

I saw a flower on the way here, it made me think of you and I couldn't stop.

AMANDA looks at **CASSIA** sheepishly

Cassia (cheekily)

That is disgustingly cheesy and I will not allow it.

AMANDA pauses for a bit.

Flower Song plays, they sing together

This is true love Love we've dreamed of We will be couple goals

Though Chad is poo He joined us two Love is deep in our souls

You are the light of my heart
You're the girl I'm longing for
Oh, Amanda And Cassia don't need their
Tinders anymore
You have my heart, you are my ultimate bae
Bae (repeated)

Amanda

First date?

Cassia

First date.

They exit together, slowly getting closer as they walk.

ACT 2, SCENE 2

CHAD, drenched in sweat, is at the gym. He is dressed extremely obnoxiously and in a way that is not conducive to exercise. On his shirt is some TBD bro douche quote. He is holding a 20-pound dumbbell and struggling mightily to curl it in the mirror.

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He looks around and doesn't see anyone, so he does one more curl.

Chad

Ten.

He doesn't re-rack his weights. Instead, he goes and stands in the mirror and primps and flexes and starts taking selfies. That is, until **LINDSAY** enters. She is extremely made up and dressed in a way that is not conducive to exercise whatsoever. She is also carrying a venti Starbucks drink in the gym for some reason. CHAD is smitten. Once him and **LINDSAY** lock eyes, he shuffles over to the free weights and grabs the 100 pounder. He tries with all his might to lift it but can't. **LINDSAY** is aimlessly walking around the gym, then bends over to tie her shoe—also showing off her ass to **CHAD**. He creepily stares as **LINDSAY** grabs a 2 pound dumbbell and does a non-exercise. She catches him staring, and smiles at him.

Lindsay

Hey.

Chad

'Sup?

He tries again to curl it, and this time gets it about halfway.

Chad

(loud grunts and groans) TWENTY!

CHAD violently drops the weights on the ground and does not wipe his equipment down, violating many gym etiquette rules at once (as noted on a nearby sign).

Chad

I'm Chad.

Lindsay

Oh my god! My dad's name is Chad.

Chad (while flexing)

I'll let you call me daddy beb.

Lindsay (giggles)

I'm Lindsay. Nice shirt.

Chad

You like? I'm thinking of replacing it. It has a tendency to... (flexes) get ripped easily.

Lindsay (giggles)

Oh my god, you're so silly!

Chad

How come I've never seen you round these parts, beb? I like, live in this gym.

Lindsay

I can tell! Well like, I was on Pinterest, and I was following this vegan fitness model, and she said you need to hit the gym to get booty gains, and as you can see, I have like no booty.

LINDSAY, who has quite a booty, turns around and shows off to **CHAD**.

Chad

Yeah, you could use a little cushion for the pushin'.

CHAD does a cringey thrust while saying this.

Lindsay

I know, right? So, like, what's with the lighting in here? Like, do they make it impressionally hard to take a gym selfie?

Chad

Intentionally hard.

Lindsay

No, not intentional. Right here in Canada.

Chad

No... never mind.

Lindsay

You're cute. Oh my god, did I just say that? Hahaha, I'm always letting my tongue slip like that! Goofy me, right?

Chad

I'd like to let my tongue slip on you, if you know what I'm saying.

LINDSAY and **CHAD** have a basic moment, giggling and getting closer. Someone in a **SWEATSUIT**, clearly there to work out, approaches.

Sweatsuit

You still using this?

Chad

What, this?

He tries to lift the 100 pound free weight and struggles mightily.

Nah bro, it's all yours.

Sweatsuit

Thanks.

SWEATSUIT effortlessly picks up the weight and brings it elsewhere to work out with.

Chad pulls out his phone

Chad

Ugh. I hate clingers. Look at this text.

LINDSAY sidles up next to **CHAD** and looks at his phone.

Lindsay

Hey you, I had a really great time the other night. I'd love to get to know you a little better. Wanna grab a drink or something sometime? Lawl.

Chad

L-O-L

Lindsay

(Cluelessly) What's so funny?

Chad

Uh... never mind. Anyway, help me send a message to this broad, yeah?

Lindsay

Well all you gotta do is press the app on your screen that looks like a speech bubble, and start typing...

Chad

A metaphorical message.

Lindsay

Oh! Yeah.

CHAD does a duckface as he holds his phone out to take a selfie.

Chad

Come here babe, let's make her jealous.

LINDSAY comes in and does a skanky pose next to **CHAD**, they take a selfie.

Chad

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. Oh, sweet ink!

Lindsay

Oh this? Yeah, they say 'Live Laugh Love', well that's how I live. You've already made me laugh, so there's just... Love... left ©

Chad

Wanna come to my place? I hope you're 420 friendly, I've got some bomb ass Cali kush.

Lindsay

420? You're a lot taller than that.

Chad (gives perplexed look to audience)

La Donna e Mobile plays.

Chad

I have found my bae She'll be the one to stay Why oh why must she Be taller than me?

Lindsay

I don't know what to do How do I say to you I think that sort of You're my true love

Chad makes a sound of disgust

Chad

You're not trained musically Leave the singing to me

^{*}Pause*

You are so luuuuuuuuuuuuky! To be with me!

Amanda and Cassia enter

Amanda

Chad is still crappy But he makes her happy Cassia: as you do me We're free to be

Lindsay

You guys are so cute!

Chad

What did I tell you?

Amanda

Just let her sing!

Cassia

And we can finish this thing!

ΑII

Love is frustrating Sometimes angering But it is woooooooorth it! You can exit from that wing!

The music continues playing in the background as the cast joins everyone on stage and bows. The show's done.