

# **ADDICTED?**

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## Cast

Main Character:

Guy

Supporting Cast:

Production Hand

Director

The Girlfriend

Parents

Friend

Crew Member / Interviewer

## Locations

INT:

House 1

- Bedroom
- Living room
- Kitchen

House 2

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bedroom
- Hallway

Other

- Classroom
- Movie Theatre

EXT:

Outside

- Backyard

## **Scene 1 (Meet Guy) Part 1**

(Location: You get a scan of Guy's room, you see him sitting on the edge of his bed sprinkling chalk into his drink. He is drinking it as he is getting mic'ed from the production hand.)

Guy

Hello, my name is Guy and I'm addicted to...(turns away from camera)...I'm sorry this is really hard for me to talk about. I remember the first time I tried the substance it felt exhilarating. I got this rush that I never felt before, and I just couldn't stop.

## **Scene 1 (Behind-The-Scenes) Part 2**

(Location: Guy's room, the production team just finished the shot and are packing up and moving to the living room.)

Director

CUT!

Guy

Was that take ok or should I run it again?

Director

Yes, that take was fine.

Guy

Good, I think that was the most believable delivery.

Production Hand

Wait, what do you mean most believable? Isn't this your story?...Aren't you really addicted to.....

Director

Let's get the girlfriend in to get her point of view on the addiction. Before that lets get some shots of him with it.

## **Scene 2 (Meet the Girlfriend) Part 1**

(Location: In the living room the couple is sitting next to each other on the couch. Guy is crushing the chalk up and sniffs it like it was coke.)

Girlfriend

Hi, my name is NAME and I am Guy's girlfriend. When he told me about this addiction I was really confused. I didn't know if I should believe it or not. Until one day we were at the movies and...and (*begins to get teary eyed*)

## **Scene 2 (Meet the Girlfriend's Flashback) 1.B**

(Location: In the movie theatre, lights are out, the couple is sitting next to each other. Guy is sneaking things out of his pocket to eat)

FLASHBACK: Girlfriend Voiceover

and I saw him sneaking a few pieces from his pocket. I asked him what it was but he told me candy. I didn't believe him, so I grabbed one out of his hand and discovered it was chalk! I was disgusted and embarrassed! I had to get up

## **Scene 2 (Meet the Girlfriend) Part 1**

(Location: In the living room the couple is sitting next to each other on the couch. Guy is crushing the chalk up and sniffs it like it was coke.)

Girlfriend Cont'd

and walk away. We didn't speak for about, (*Looks at Guy*) two weeks. I didn't know if I could handle this. That's why I'm here, to help him take the first step in getting help.

## Scene 2 (Behind-The-Scene) Part 2

(Location: In the living room the couple is still sitting next to each other on the couch. Team just finished and are fixing the lights and talking amongst themselves.)

Director

Beautiful. Lets cut here. We need more b-roll of him with the chalk and maybe find some of his friends to get their reaction...

Production hand

*(Whispers to Guy)* Hey, you didn't answer my question from bef...

Guy

That was really good.

Girlfriend

*(Nonchalant)* Thanks

*Guy exchange looks with the girl*

Production Hand

*(Yells)* Can someone answer me; is this guy, pun intended, actually addicted to chalk?

Director

Next time you yell on my set, that'll be the last production you work on.

Production Hand

I'm sorry but I am totally confused on what's happening here. Listen, give it to me straight, should I believe the man or not?

*(Director is about to speak)*

Crew Member

The friend and parents are here

*(Shot of them walking in and the dad quickly putting something in his jacket pocket)*

Director

Stop yelling on my set, follow protocol. *(walks away towards the parents and friend)*

Production Hand

(Looks frustrated and confused)

### **Scene 3 (Meet the Parents) Part 1**

(Location: The parents are sitting in the kitchen next to each other at the table. The dad is drinking something that he hides behind the tissue dispenser.)

Mom

We love our son but hate his addiction. The first time He tried chalk he was around 10...

Dad

(Sounds *surprise and confused*) CHALK?! \*hiccup\* woof excuse me, but I don't remem...

Mom

Honey, do you remember when...

### **Scene 3 (Meet the Parent's Flashback) Part 1.B**

(Location: Empty classroom, young Guy is sitting down and the teacher is standing in front of him.)

FLASHBACK: Mom Voiceover

he had detention and was told to clean erasers, when he came home that day he told us while he was slapping them together, he caught some of dust

### **Scene 3 (Meet the Parents) Part 1**

(Location: The parents are still sitting in the kitchen next to each other at the table. The dad is sweating.)

Mom Cont'd

in his mouth

Dad

Ohhh, thatsss what that was all about?

Mom

Umm, yes, (*looks at her husband worried and takes a tissue to wipe the sweat off his forehead*) when I asked him about it, (*looks back at the interviewer*) he said he was just curious and wanted to try it. I told him to stop, it's weird and no son of mine is weird. Oh my gosh, PET NAME, do we have a weird son like our neighbor the Bensons?...I can't take this (*begins crying*)

### **Scene 3 (Behind-the-scenes) Part 1**

(Location: The parents are still sitting in the kitchen next to each other at the table. the production team are talking to each other.)

PA

Hi Mr. Blank, do you need some water? You don't look so well.

### **Scene 4 (Meet the Friend) Part 1**

(Location: The friend and Guy are sitting outside in the backyard.)

Friend

I caught him this one time in my house. He asked me where the bathroom was and so I told him down

### **Scene 4 (Meet the Friend's Flashback) Part 1.B**

(Location: In the friend's room and you see the friend giving directions and Guy walking out the door into the hallway.)

FLASHBACK: Friend Voiceover

the hall to your right. 5 minutes passed, 10 minutes passed...15...I'm like did bro have some bad food? He's probably blowing it up and my toilet can't handle all that so I figure, let me walk over and just to mention about clogging up my toilet...like don't do that. I go and find him in the hallway near my little sister's chalkboard licking it.

#### **Scene 4 (Meet the Friend) Part 1**

(Location: The friend is sitting outside in the backyard.)

Friend Cont'd

I'm like broooo, what are you doing?!

Interviewer

So that was the first time you found out.

Friend

Yeaaaa man! I didn't understand like... chalk?! I was like bro I don't even know who to tell about this? Thought about writing Dr. Phil and I told him I would but he got all tight and defensive on some "cash me outside how bout that?" I was like you don't want it with me bro. After that, we haven't really spoken much. (Looks at guy) I care for you bro...I don't wanna see you like this.

Guy

I know I'm trying...

Friend

No excuses, none at all...now's the time to do better.

#### **Scene 4 (Behind-The-Scene) Part 2**

(Location: The friend is sitting outside in the backyard.)

Director

Wonderful. OK, now we need some more b-roll.

#### **Scene 4 (Behind-The-Scene) Part 2.B**

(Location: Guy and his dad are sitting on the couch talking and laughing, the dad is drinking something. The mom, friend and girlfriend enter and surround them.)

Dad

Ahh, what's happening?

Mom

Honey, we need to talk to you about something

Dad

Ummmmmm...ooohkkkkay

Girlfriend



We care about you Mr. Blank

Friend

Yea, we don't want to see anything happen to you

Dad

I'm confused...

Guy

Dad, I love you so much I can't stand to see you ruin your life.

*(He stands up and joins the group)*

I want you to remember this is all out of love

Dad

Son, you are in on thisss too?

*(is confused and annoyed)*

Mannn, can you get to the point?

Mom

We are sending you to rehab for your addiction

Dad

WHAT!?

### **Scene 5 (Meet the Aftermath) Part 1**

(During this moment, a lot of visuals will be shown to illustrate the dad's addiction. Visuals of him during production drinking, flashbacks of Guy seeing his dad drunk, images of the dad's experience in rehab)

Voiceover:

Unbeknownst to the show, we learned that Guy wasn't really addicted to chalk. However, we later learned the reason behind the lie was to get his father, Mr. Blank, some real help since he was the one dealing with a major addiction. Given that he was so close to the show we decided to send him to rehab. After seeing the pain he has caused on his family, leading his son just to fake an addiction in order to get him some help, he agreed to go. Fast-forward, three months later, Mr. Blank is doing better now; his family and friends are still around him and supporting him. Guy did apologize for the lie; he realized that it's not cool to fake an addiction for attention when there are REAL PEOPLE out there with REAL ADDICTIONS.

Production Hand

Wow, that's deep

Director

CUT!

### **Scene 6: PSA**

(Location: In a room, the actor is sitting on a chair.)

Hi, my name is John Doe and I played ROLE in the film "Addicted?". There are people out there who are addicted to a variety of things, the most common one many of us are aware of is substance abuse. According to an article done by USA Today, one in seven in the USA will face substance addiction. In America alone, about 21 million Americans are struggling with that form of addiction. Can you believe that one out of ten will receive treatment and help for their addiction? We need the number of people who receive help to increase, help us make this possible. We need to bring a better awareness and we do this by bringing this issue to the surface. Every 19 minutes an individual dies from substance addiction. So please, if you know anyone who suffers with a form of addiction, please call Addiction Recovery at (844) 760 - 1887 to help get him or her the help they need.

**THE END**