

Zach Bucholtz
"The Designated Driver"
Overview Outline

First Act: INTRODUCTION: Zach

1st Sequence: "Routine"

- a) Meet Zach: shy, sober, overweight, doesn't party, no friends
- b) Zach moves in with new roommates Lance, Paul, and Sam
- c) Sam's surprise party: Zach alone upstairs
- d) Meet Laura: outgoing, aggressive; invites Zach to play beer pong
- e) Beer Pong: Zach loses, admits to not drinking; girls realize he can DD
- f) Answer: what are his flaws? Afraid to do new things, no friends, not social
 - CATALYST: Zach drives Laura, Kim, Gina and Alex to Taco Bell

2nd Sequence: "Collision"

- a) The girls thank Zach over and over again
- b) He thinks: these could be my new friends
- c) Shots of Zach in school being a good student
- d) Answer: why should he do this? Because he needs friends, he won't party
- e) Mom tells him to be careful
- f) Meet Michele, Zoey's roommate, who Zach likes
 - BIG EVENT: Zach drives Michele and Britney home, promises to always be there for them
 - * Outer Goal: To make friends, to be a good friend to people
 - * Inner Need: To not be alone, to be accepted

Second Act: A NEW WORLD: Designated Driving

1st Sequence: "Lowest Obstacle"

- a) Zach is the designated driver
- b) Line: "everybody needs somebody they can trust"
- c) Chinese Fire Drill
- d) Paul's Parkour
- e) Taco Bell with Laura

SUCCESS: Sleeps in a bed with Laura

2nd Sequence: "Next Attempts"

- a) Goes to his first party, gets hit on by a gay guy
- b) Blows off studying to save Gina from a bathroom of closed restaurant
- c) Some serious scene: school? Work? Family? Kids? Maybe he's a tutor
- d) More Laura
- e) Some small Michele scene
 - MIDPOINT: Gets invited to a concert as a replacement; thinks he's made friends; asks Zoey for help with Michele

3rd Sequence: "The Sequence of Love"

- a) Zach and Zoey talking about Michele
- b) Zach offers to drive Michele somewhere
- c) Jimmy Johns, Halloween walk through campus, with Britney
- d) Make sure other characters still relevant

4th Sequence: "The Hardest Thing To Do"

- a) Zach helps the girls steal marijuana from a party
- b) Establish that this is his life now

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- c) Family problems
 - CRISIS: Academic Probation, Christmas at home

Third Act: SHOWDOWN

1st Sequence: "The Showdown"

- a) Zach informs his friends he can't DD for them anymore
- b) Zach focuses hard on school during the winter term
- c) Back to being lonely
- d) Laura needs a ride, stuck at a party late in the night; Zach reluctantly agrees to drive again
- e) Zach and Laura argue about her taking advantage of him
 - TWIST: Zach drinks for the first time

2nd Sequence: "Resolution"

- a) Zach wakes up not sure where he is
- b) Finds out Laura took care of him after he got drunk
- c) Figure out romance subplot