

Storyline Synopsis:

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Where small-town gym meets big personalities. This is a comedy short about the quirks and qualities of gym life. Taking place at the locally owned (and sort of gay) U Ran Us (Pronounced Uranus) Gym, we discover a world where Chad, the well-meaning but clueless "bro" trainer meets Kevin, a new member trudging his way through his mid-life crisis. Along the way we meet Gina, Nick, Cheryl, Wesley, and learn that their despair and unchecked expectations have lead this colorful blend of characters to bond together through a deep and meaningful life of pure superficiality, and relatable comedy.

Character Synopses:

Chad: The Trainer, lead character, total "bro." A Fun-loving gym douche. He's obsessed with himself and his looks and because of that, he cares about the gym he works in. He's knows not nearly as much as he thinks and claims he knows about working out. He's a space cadet.

Kevin: The other lead character, Kevin's a frumpy middle-aged man who recently hit his midlife crisis. Sort of depressed but friendly, and in need of friends and human connection.

Cheryl: A gorgeous over-sexualized woman who's always gotten whatever and whomever she's wanted using her sexuality. She's aggressive, manipulative, competitive, always plotting and scheming. She's become obsessed with Chad as the one thing she hasn't gotten yet.

Gina: Gina is a beautiful latin girl who doesn't really need to work out. She's naturally beautiful, but she's found a home in U Ran Us. She feels more comfortable at the gym than at home. She's always "getting ready" with hair, make up, etc. and uses the machines as her own makeup stations. She's an actor and sort of spoiled, but also a dog-walker of one dog. The dog of a "celebrity" which she won't reveal.

Wesley (Wezzley): The gym manager, Wesley does more with his looks than his words. He knows everyone in the gym in and out and runs it like clockwork. he's smart and always 5 steps ahead of everyone. Wesley's worked at the gym through it's many incarnation and as long as anyone can remember. He's the silent parent able to nudge people one way or another to balance the ecosystem of the gym. But he's also wound up tight, and can lose it. He closes every deal behind Chad and allows Chad to believe he's great.

Nick: Nick is a swole gym rat. He hyper masculine while working out and super soft and effeminate in everyday life. while working out he grunts, goes big, pushes himself and others, has water jugs, weights, duffle bags full of tools he lugs around from one machine to another, but the minute he's off the weights and in conversation he's delicate like a flower. He loves the gym, loves the comfort of being himself there.

Naked Old Man: Naken Old Man is the typical old guy in the locker room. spends all day naked in the locker room, comfortable with himself. Sometimes engages in oldtimey conversation about the lessons he's learned in life, but for the most part is just in the background keeping to himself. He's been there forever and nobody knows much about him... yet.

Nico: Nico is a wirey small man who enjoys only doing butt machines. He wants to look good, but can't get himself to do any other machines. He hired Chad to help him and Chad's been working with him forever, but he can't seem to get him off the butt machines.

EXT. PARKING LOT OF GYM

A Nissan Altima pulls up and parks in a spot in front of a gym called You Rän Us Fitness. A man (KEVIN) parks the car in an isolated part of the parking lot and turns the engine off. He takes a deep breath while he musters up the courage to go in, chugs the rest of his Dunkin Donuts coffee deciding whether this will be the time he has the courage to walk through the doors.

The car door finally opens, KEVIN steps out, walks into the building.

INT. FRONT LOBBY OF A GYM

CHAD

No, bruh, just keep working on a new muscle group.

NICO

But I like it- I don't know... I like the machines I know.

THE CAMERA ONLY SEES NICO'S FRONT WHICH LOOKS SKINNY BUT RELATIVELY NORMAL.

CHAD

But you're too focused, just work on, anything else.

NICO

Okay.

Nico Exits the lobby toward the machines. As he walks away we see that he has a disproportionately huge ass.

Chad sees Kevin walk in and approaches him with the enthusiasm of a possible new member. Sam, the front desk guy greets him.

SAM

Hi, welcome to U-

CHAD

-Hey Buddy! So glad you're here.  
(to Sam) I got this, (back to  
Kevin) YOU my friend, look like  
you're in need of a gym membership.

KEVIN

Yeah, well.. the truth is, after  
the year I've had, I feel like I  
need this, see, I just got.. I'm  
divorced-...

CHAD

yeahyeahyeah congrats but let's  
talk about the important things..  
your gym membership. So I know you  
just walked in. We can have you ..  
sign the contract now.. or...

KEVIN

Well, can I just look around?

CHAD

Yeah buddy! yeah yeah, do you need  
a physical tour or do you want to  
look from right here? It's up to  
you, both are free of charge.

KEVIN

Um, I guess, the physical tour.

CHAD leads KEVIN toward the juice bar.

CHAD

We have all kind of juices, shakes,  
bars...

CHAD leads KEVIN towards the locker area. They stop at the doorway of the locker room.

CHAD  
Here's the Men's room...

CHERYL comes aggressively gliding over to CHAD. She's a beautiful, seductive, in-shape woman wearing very revealing gym outfit.

CHERYL  
Chad! Hi! You're giving him a tour?  
Oh my god, you're so ambitious,  
always working.

CHAD  
(To Kevin) This is Cheryl.

KEVIN  
Hi, I'm Kevin. So you like working  
out at U Ran Us?

CHERYL Maintains eye contact with CHAD

CHERYL  
Yes, So Chad, when are you-

CHAD  
-Come on, I'll show you the locker  
room.

CHAD quickly shuffles KEVIN into the Men's locker room leaving CHERYL behind.

CHERYL  
But wait I thought you.. I was  
gonna see if you were .. what are  
you-

INT. LOCKER ROOM

Chad and Kevin stand in the doorway; we see lockers, showers, and a naked old man is reading a newspaper. The newspaper is covering his naughty parts.

CHAD  
We have lockers, showers, pool,  
yada yada...this is Naked Old Man.  
There's one in every lockerroom, am  
I right? (to Naked Old Man) Yo,  
Naked Old Man, you're all paid up,  
right?

KEVIN sees NAKED OLD MAN, who looks up for a second. They have an unexplainable but palpable half second moment. KEVIN wonders to himself if he knows this man from somewhere but ultimately shakes it off.

INT. OUTSIDE MEN'S LOCKER ROOM DOOR

Kevin pokes his head slightly out.

KEVIN

No, I don't see anyone out here specifically-

CHAD

-Great. I want to show you the machines.

Chad and Kevin pass by Nico working on a butt machine, his arm is holding a weird part of the machine.

CHAD

Nico! What did I just say bruh!?

NICO

Okay, but my arm is up like this, see? I'm working all basically arm.

INT. LEG MACHINE SECTION

Gina, a latin woman who is wearing tight spandex-y type workout clothing, is sitting at a leg machine with no weights, putting on lipstick with a handheld mirror. she has a foldout table with an extensive make-up bag on the table, with a wheeled suitcase at the base of the machine.

CHAD

These are the leg machines, this is Gina, what's up beautiful?

GINA

Chad the lighting still..

Gina gestures to the above lighting.

CHAD

I know honey, we're working on it.

GINA

But how am I supposed to like seeeeee Like the weights, how can I see them? Like I don't even know where they are.

KEVIN  
 So, you like working out at U Ran  
 Us?--

GINA  
 --I'm here every day, I love it  
 here from what I can see.

Chad shows Kevin the rest of the machines, Kevin walking  
 behind, toward the front of the gym.

CHAD  
 ...And there's the abs section,  
 warm up rug, cardio is over there,  
 spin room is up here, basketball  
 ball courts, all included.

Chad takes Kevin to the front lobby.

INT. FRONT LOBBY

In the front lobby we see WESLEY, the manager going through  
 some papers on one side of the main desk.

CHAD  
 So... we're good, right?

KEVIN  
 Yeah. Um.. Sure. I'm good. I'm gonna go now...

CHAD  
 Good! See you...

WESLEY  
 -How's everything going?

CHAD  
 Heeeeey, Westerly!

WESLEY  
 It's pronounced "Wezzley."

CHAD  
 Right, well, we're good! He's good.  
 I'm good. We are GOOD.

WESLEY  
 Good. (Beat)

In an attempt to distract CHAD from Kevin, Wesley says..  
 Hey CHAD, is that Nico on a Glute  
 machine?

CHAD

What? (CHAD turns to see Nico) Aw, man, Nico!

CHAD runs off camera toward Nico.

WESLEY

How's it *really* going?

CHAD

I don't know if I need a gym membership at this time.

WESLEY

What made you come in?

Wesley leads Kevin down the hall towards his office. While walking to Wesley's office Kevin explains.

KEVIN

Well, I just feel like I need a change, I just.. well.. I just got divorced and I'm not in the best place right now, and I figure I'm going to be entering the dating scene soon. And, I'm not... happy with the way I look... so I thought maybe, a gym membership is what I needed, but...

They sit down at WESLEY'S desk.

WESLEY

And has any of that changed?

KEVIN

Well, no.. but...

WESLEY

Sounds like you still need a membership. (Beat) Right?

KEVIN

...Right. I just...

WESLEY

Look, I know Chad seems a little self obsessed and we have some *eccentric* members here, but truth be told, these are good people and once you get to know them you'll understand that unlike bigger gyms, this is a family. (cont)

Wesley slides the contract and pen across the desk.

We all have each others' backs. And  
we'll have your back until you're  
happy with yourself and life  
again. It's what we do. (Beat)

Kevin picks up the pen and signs the contract.

KEVIN

I guess You Ran Us it is.

WESLEY

Actually, it's German, it's  
pronounced: "Uranus."

Kevin freezes, pen still frozen at the end of his signature.  
Wesley gently takes the contract while Kevin is still frozen  
from the realization he just signed up at a placed called  
"Uranus Gym."

EXT. PARKING LOT OF GYM - NEXT MORNING

Kevin drives up to the building, gets out of his car, walks  
up and looks at the sign for a minute, and before he walks  
back in says to himself:

KEVIN

Well Chad, you sold me on U Ran Us  
(Uranus) after all.

END PILOT SEGMENT 1

INT. GYM - WEIGHTS SECTION

CHAD and KEVIN walk up to the bench press machine.

KEVIN

Are you sure we should start with  
this? It's my first session.

CHAD

What? Yeah, whatever, you'll be  
fine, do exactly what I say and  
guys'll be hitting on you in no  
time.

KEVIN

I'm not-..

CHAD

-..don't argue dude, just trust me,  
I've been doing long time.

Kevin sees the weights as way beyond what he can handle.

KEVIN

Should I start a little bit...  
lower? Isn't that a bit.. too much  
for me?

CHAD

What? That's why I'm here, I'll  
spot you, hello, that's what you're  
paying me for.

KEVIN

Oh-kay, I guess...

KEVIN starts to bench press the weights and is obviously struggling. CHAD notices a HOT new member working out in the forefront.

CHAD

Damn, this guy is so sexy, don't  
you think? You think I should talk  
to him? He's pretty swole... oh  
shit he's doing squats, he's doing  
SQUATS. That's the international  
sign for flirtatious bottom. Do you  
agree? (Kevin grunts) Yeah, I think  
so too. Do you think I should talk  
to him? (Kevin a clearly  
struggling) Really? is this a good  
time? You're cool? Okay cool, bust  
out two more sets, wish me luck  
(Kevin grunts deeper)

CHAD starts making his way to the hot guy in the forefront, oblivious that Kevin is struggling, and while he leaves says..

Thanks for having my back.

Kevin struggles with the bar on his neck to the point where he's suffocating and almost loses consciousness, red in the face, sweating.

CHAD

Wow, I got his number, we've got  
plans tomorrow night, we're gonna  
work out, he's gonna be so  
impressed with me.

(looks down, sees Kevin's face all purple from being almost dead)

Whoa! (beat) by the looks of your  
face I've worked hard today, just

CHAD  
do one more set and hit the  
showers, okay? Good work today, see  
you tomorrow.

Chad Exits, we hear a faint deathly "last-words" type  
whisper

KEVIN  
Doughebag

END SEGMENT 2