

"Allergic To Love"  
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INT. DR. HU-YI'S OFFICE - DAY

Dr. HU-YI is standing in front of his framed Harvard Medical School Diploma. He shines the degree with the cuff of his jacket. Andy (boyishly handsome) is curled up on a leather sofa hugging a teddy bear.

ANDY

... I don't know why, but I can't move on doc.

Dr. HU-YI

How long has it been?

ANDY

A year, almost to the day since she ripped out my heart and left me for dead.

Dr. Hu-Yi takes notes.

ANDY (cont'd)

And to make matters worse, in an attempt to get over her, I date just about every woman I meet. It's- It's like another full time job except I'm not getting paid, I mean I don't want to get paid because that would make me an escort but, dating is a lot of work with no pay, no vision coverage, dental, days off, parental leave, no-

DR. HU-YI

(thick accent)

Andy, you're losing focus and I need you to focus. And if I've said it once, I've said it more than once. You're having these problems because you're not ready for a new woman in your life, not yet. Have you been doing the exercises I recommended?

ANDY

You mean visualizing myself without Radha? No, it's just too painful.

DR. HU-YI

Of course it is, it was a very traumatic event. I tell you what. Let's see if we can discover something new.

(MORE)

DR. HU-YI (cont'd)  
A different angle perhaps. Walk me  
through the traumatic event again.

ANDY  
Walk? I'd rather run.

FLASHBACK - ONE YEAR AGO

INT. CHURCH - DAY

Beautiful Catholic ceremony. Andy is standing at the alter smiling. MICHAEL and DANI (female) are standing beside Andy. The ORGANIST plays the wedding march. EVERYONE stands. Andy is beaming.

ANDY (V.O.)  
She was the woman of my dreams.

The MAID OF HONOR scurries down the aisle. She whispers in the organist's ear, he slams down on the piano keys.

ORGANIST  
Get out!

Andy's smile grows tight. The Maid of Honor walks to the microphone.

MAID OF HONOR  
(clears throat)  
Um, well, I'm sure you're all wondering  
about, about the delay...

DANI  
(through clenched teeth)  
Holy crap.

Michael pokes her with his elbow.

MAID OF HONOR  
The, the wedding has been called off.  
Radha, has- has changed her mind. S-  
sorry and thanks for coming.

SHOT: STUNNED AUDIENCE MOUTHS AGAPE

MAID OF HONOR (cont'd)  
One more thing, refreshments are in the  
lobby. Thank you.

Andy's tight smile is frozen to his face.

MICHAEL

Andy? Andy are you alright?

DANI

I don't think he's breathing. Andy?...

(turns to Michael)

Can you pass out while standing up?

Andy's face has completely glazed over.

END OF FLASHBACK

INT. DR. HU-YI'S OFFICE - DAY

Dr. Hu-Yi stops writing, thinks for a moment and then writes feverishly.

DR. HU-YI

And so now...

ANDY

And so now, it's a year later and I'm so afraid of being alone, doc, I can't say no to any woman I meet. All I do is swipe right, swipe right, swipe right.

DR. HU-YI

Everyone has ups and downs as far as relationships are concerned. Look, the easy way out would be for me to tell you the remedy but instead why don't you tell me what you think the answer is?

ANDY

Like a self-diagnosis?

DR. HU-YI

Exactly.

ANDY

I need to somehow be endowed with the power to resist dating for a while. Because honestly, I don't know if I can keep up this pace much longer.

DR. HU-YI

You can't keep up this pace because it's not healthy and you're bound to make the same mistakes as before.

ANDY

So, doc, where do we start?

DR. HU-YI

You can start by paying the receptionist on your way out, pah rum pum.

(laughs)

Just a little psychiatrist's humor. I have another solution. Forget the creative visualization. We have to come up with a way to take you out of the dating pool for a while.

ANDY

(whines)

But I don't wanna be alone.

Dr. HU-YI

You could pretend to be gay.

ANDY

Yeeeeaaaaah, I don't think so. I'm pretty irresistible no matter what. Maybe I could get one of those collars and pretend to be a priest or something.

(sings)

*Ave Maria*. Eh, too much work, I'd have to lie to everyone, go to church, hmmmmmm, what else? What else? What else?

DR. HU-YI

How about married? You can pretend to be married.

A light bulb goes off for Andy.

INT. DINER - DAY

Andy, Michael and Dani are having lunch.

DANI

How can wearing a fake wedding band solve your problems with women?

ANDY

It'll take me off the market for a while and force me to work on me.

DANI

"Force me to work on me?" That is so Iyanla Vanzant, Fix My Life. Did you see that episode with the guy who had like thirty kids? Woo! Now that's some good programming.

MICHAEL

A wedding band won't work, take it from me, some women like married men. I mean they literally seek us out. No commitment, no emotional attachments.

ANDY

Well, that'd work too. I just am not ready to fall in love again, like ever.

MICHAEL

Humor me for a second, what if you meet the next Mrs. Edwards during this whole exercise in futility?

ANDY

What are the chances of that happening?... Besides, Dr. Hu-Yi is pretty adamant that if I-

DANI

Dr. Hooey? You're bullshitting.

ANDY

You know, I thought his name was a little odd at first too, but he's a Harvard man.

DANI

I can't wait for this to backfire so that I can be first in line to tell you I told you so.

ANDY

It won't backfire. How can it? It's foolproof.

DANI

Says the fool, so there's my proof.

MICHAEL

Shouldn't you be wearing the ring right now?

ANDY

Technically yes and I tried to put on my old one from, you know, but I just couldn't bring myself to put that thing on. I think it's got a hex on it or something.

MICHAEL

I don't know why you're holding onto that thing. You should just pawn it.