

The First Last Family Reunion

Logline:

To get the kidney to save his life, a successful-but-selfish Wall Street trader must reconnect with his estranged family of twenty years at his first annual family reunion and confront the fears of his past with his dying father.

Summary:

In the midst of the 2008 Financial Crisis, as the world's economies plummet, TONY GREENE is a shooting star at a successful Wall Street Securities Trading company. Tasked personally by the CEO to bring a highly-valued client's damaged portfolio to health, Tony sees his ticket to partnership, while his colleagues see an opportunity to sabotage his efforts for their personal gain. His financial success is suddenly coupled with the news that his ex-wife is remarrying and taking their son to Boston and that the sharp pains in his side is the result of PKD, a deadly kidney disease, and he needs a family donor soon. Tony pulls out the invitation to the Annual Family Reunion, which he hasn't attended since he left home twenty years ago, on very bad terms. He makes some calls and heads to North Carolina to surprise the family and win over a kidney from his estranged relatives.

Tony's arrival is greeted warmly by his elderly mother, RUTH, his younger sister, LISA, his older Irish Twins, IRIS and CRAIG, but not so much by his older brother ROGER, an out-of-work house builder struggling in the current economy. Roger resents Tony's icing of the family over the years and is convinced there is a hidden motive behind his visit this year. His fears are realized when Tony tells him of his condition and asks Roger for his kidney in exchange for money, calling it a win-win. Roger is disgusted and refuses. Tony talks with his other siblings, one by one, and each have their own reason for being unable to help. That is until Craig agrees, much to Roger's amazement. Excited, they go to a doctor's office to get a quick familial DNA match confirmed...and it comes back negative. Tony and Craig are not related.

With his personal life spiraling out of control, an unknown deception by his colleagues tanking his job performance, and the revelation of this family deception, Tony must face the fears that caused him to run away from his family twenty years ago and reconcile his pain with his father, who is fading away to Alzheimer's. But will Tony be able to give up everything he's ever valued in life in order to save himself?

Setting and Scope:

Based in New York City and rural North Carolina in 2008, this Drama script at 112 pages is meant to be low-budget.

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