Alex and Lindsay Take on the World!

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Cast Of Characters:

Alex: (m) A high school student who is involved romantically with Lindsay.
Lindsay: (f) A high school student who is involved romantically with Alex
Breanna: (f) A high school student, lacking a moral compass who is totally crushing on Alex.
Corey: (m) One of Alex's friends and not a fan of the Alex-Lindsay relationship.
Tyler: (m) A gregarious leader and friends with Alex. The mastermind of the guys side of the plan to break up Alex and Lindsay.
Josh: (m) Another of Alex's friends determined to end Alex and Lindsay's relationship.
Danielle: (f) A high school student, Crushing on Alex and determined to get him to break up with Lindsay
Steph: (f) One of Lindsay's friends and not a fan of the Alex-Lindsay relationship.
Brittany: (f) One of Lindsay's friends determined to end Alex and Lindsay's relationship.
Erin: (f) Another of Lindsay's friends determined to end Alex and Lindsay relationship.
Brittany: (f) One of Lindsay's friends determined to end Alex and Lindsay relationship.
Krs. Jennings: (e) A Biology teacher at B.D. Hernandez High School.
Mr. Taylor: (e) The theatre teacher at B.D. Hernandez High School.

Setting: A high school.

Time: Now.

(as the Lights come up we see Alex and Breanna in the library. They have books on a desk and Alex is tutoring Breanna.)

Breanna: So, that goes into 48 and the answer is 12?

Alex: Right.

Breanna: Ok. I think that makes sense now.

Alex: You'll get it. It's bad luck you got Mrs. Davis... I had her for Math 3 and she's horrible. I pretty much had to teach myself in that class.

Breanna: At least you're good at math and can do that. I can't.

Alex: Well, that's what tutoring is for.

Breanna: Fair enough.

(Alex is getting his stuff together)

Breanna: We're done?

Alex: I think so for now. You're good right?

Breanna: I'm good. We have a quiz tomorrow so keep your fingers crossed for me.

Alex: Will do.

Breanna: (nervous) Hey, Alex...

Alex: Yeah?

Breanna: You got plans tonight?

Alex: I was going to go over to my brother's house.

Breanna: (making her intentions obvious) Any chance you can skip that?

Alex: Why?

Breanna: It's just that my parents aren't home and I was thinking you could come over.

Alex: (oblivious) What for?

(Breanna shoots him a look)

Alex: Oh, right... (a beat) But I have a girlfriend.

Breanna: (moving in close) Lindsay doesn't have to know.

Alex: (totally caught off guard) But...

Breanna: (very, very close to him) Watching you do math is such a turn on.

(lights come up on Josh, Tyler and Corey)

Tyler: She actually said that??

(Breanna freezes as Alex talks to his friends, who he is recounting this story to)

Alex: Yeah man, she totally threw it out there like that.

Corey: What did you do?

Alex: I kind of froze.

Corey: What?

Alex: I froze! I wasn't expecting it and I thought about Lindsay...

(all three groan)

Alex: I know you don't like her but...

Josh: Breanna is a total upgrade.

Alex: You think so?

Tyler: 100 percent.

Corey: So, you went to her house right?

(a beat)

Corey: Right??

(Alex crosses back to Breanna and the scene continues)

Breanna: (Continuing the scene) Watching you do math is a total turn on.

(Alex starts to laugh)

Breanna: What?

Alex: (still laughing) I never thought my sweet math skills would have this affect on anyone.

Breanna: (closing the distance) But it does... at least with me. (at this she does something bizarrely provocative, like kissing chin, or touching his face) How about we go back to my house?

Alex: (thinking about it and wanting to but after a pause) I can't.

Breanna: (not giving up) Yes you can.

Alex: (stumbling) I have a girlfriend.

Breanna: We already covered that. She doesn't... (closing in) have... (closer) to know... (she moves in to kiss him)

Alex: (as she moves in Alex puts a pencil on her lips before she can kiss him) This is really nice Bree, but I can't. It's not right.

(Corey, Josh and Tyler react. They are NOT happy)

Breanna: (not phased) Well, the offer is open if you change your mind. (she takes her stuff to leave) Text me later.

Alex: Ok ...

(he crosses to his friends)

Tyler: What the hell??

Alex: I wanted to!

Corey: Why didn't you?

Alex: I don't know! Lindsay...

Tyler: Lindsay sucks! Come on...

Alex: I know, I know, I know! Look, I know we've been having problems...

Josh: Understatement of the year.

Alex: Right...

Josh: That's like saying "Hitler was a meanie" It just doesn't cover it.

Alex: What?? Look... doing it that way isn't right. I know you guys don't like Lindsay, but I do! And cheating on her would... I just can't do that.

Corey: But that was Breanna Gore and she's hot.

Josh: And she totally wants you! I can't believe you went to your brother's house after that.

(a bell rings)

Alex: I told Lindsay I would walk with her to class. (he goes to leave)

Tyler: We're skating after school... you're still coming right?

Alex: (he totally forgot about that) Oh... I totally spaced on that.

Corey: And you made plans with Lindsay again.

Alex: My bad. I'm sorry.

Corey: Well, cancel with her.

Alex: I can't. I'll see you at lunch though. (he leaves and immediately all three remaining guys react)

Tyler: How could that have not worked??

Corey: I have no idea. I just can't...

Josh: I bet Breanna is pissed.

Corey: What exactly did you tell her?

Josh: I told her that Alex was totally into her now and if he knew that she wanted him he would drop Lindsay.

Tyler: That sucks.

Josh: Tell me about it. She didn't text me last night so I figured it must have worked.

Corey: I can't believe it didn't.

Tyler: She totally put it out there... if she had done that to me...

Josh: I would have seen how fast my car could go in getting there.

Tyler: No kidding.

(Breanna enters and crosses to Tyler)

Breanna: (to Josh) We need to talk.

Josh: (trying to stall) Can it wait? Ty and Corey were just...

Corey: I have to go by Mr. Rhodes class before 1st block. We're good. (he bails)

Tyler: And uh... I have to... uh... .poop.

Breanna: Thanks, I totally needed to know that.

Tyler: So yeah, I'm going to go do that now. (Josh shoots him a murderous look) Sorry! (he leaves)

Josh: So, uh... how did it go last night?

(Black out. The lights come up on Lindsay who is holding a bouquet of flowers as Alex enters)

Lindsay: (going up to Alex, assuming he put the flowers in her car) There you are! You're adorable! (she kisses him)

Alex: Uh...Thanks. (seeing the flowers) Where did you get those?

Lindsay: (thinking he is joking) I don't know... I guess either the flower fairy put them in my car or I have the greatest boyfriend in the world! (she kisses him again)

Alex: What?

Lindsay: You're the bestest ever! Where did you get them? They're gorgeous!

Alex: The flowers?

Lindsay: Yes, of course the flowers!

Alex: Those aren't mine.

Lindsay: Quit kidding!

Alex: I'm not, I didn't buy those.

Lindsay: Wait, for real?

Alex: Did someone deliver them?

Lindsay: No, they were in my car this morning, I thought they were from you.

Alex: They aren't.

Lindsay: Are you sure?

Alex: (duh) Yeah. I think I would remember putting flowers in your car. Was there a card?

Lindsay: (pulling out the card) Yeah.

Alex: Did they sign it?

Lindsay: It says "From your secret admirer". I thought it was from you.

Alex: I'm not your secret admirer.

Lindsay: I thought you could be...

Alex: I'm not. I'm your "open admirer".

Lindsay: That's a good point...

Alex: Who in the hell would send you flowers, knowing you're with me?

Lindsay: I have no clue.

Alex: Are you sure?

Lindsay: Sure about what?

Alex: I mean, you have to have some idea.

Lindsay: I don't.

Alex: (getting frustrated) Come on, If someone is into me, I know it.

Lindsay: Like Breanna Gore?

Alex: (caught off guard and defensive) What about her?

Lindsay: She's totally into you.

Alex: She is?

Lindsay: You know she is!

Alex: Well, I'm not into her and I totally wouldn't hook up with her after tutoring behind your back!

Lindsay: I didn't say you would! Where did that come from?

Alex: Nevermind! So you're saying that you have no clue who could have put those flowers in your car? Lindsay: If it wasn't you, then I have no clue! Also, I resent the fact that you think I'm lying to you. Alex: I didn't say that you were lying!

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Lindsay: You've insinuated it.

Alex: I did?

Lindsay: Yes! And I don't have time for this. I need to go to class.

Alex: Fine go to class! Maybe your admirer will be there waiting for you!

Lindsay: Maybe he will!

(she leaves in a huff, as does Alex. Danielle and Steph have been watching and when they leave, Steph runs off and comes back with Erin and Brittany)

Brittany: (excited) Did it work?

Danielle: It was epic!

Brittany: Details!

Danielle: So, Lindsay had the flowers with her totally thinking Alex put them in her car and she was like all excited and when he came up...

Steph: She totally was excited but he was like "who sent you those" and she was like "stop kidding around, I know it was you" and he was like "it wasn't me" and she was like "it had to be you!"

Erin: Did he get angry?

Steph: Not at first.

Danielle: (quickly) But then it got heated as he got jealous and said she had to know who sent them but she doesn't and he thought she was hiding something...

Steph: And then she said something about Breanna...

Erin: Gore?

Steph: Yeah.

Danielle: It got weird for a minute, but then they got kind of mad and both ran off to class.

Brittany: I'm going to be late to 1st block.

Danielle: It's totally worth it.

Brittany: Did you bring the teddy bear to put in her car for this afternoon?

Danielle: Yeah, It's in my bag. I'm going to go out there now.

Erin: It sucks that we have to do this, but If I have to see them during 3rd block one more time.

Steph: It's gross.

Erin: It's worse than gross.

Steph: Have you seen her profile pic?

Brittany: Puke fest.

Danielle: Totally. Don't worry though, it will be over soon.

Erin: Are you still going to try to swoop in after they break up?

Danielle: I was going to, but I don't know now.

Steph: Yeah, right.

Danielle: No, seriously. At first I was totally pissed that she would go after him knowing how bad I crushed on him all year, but now, after seeing them together... I don't know.

Erin: You're going to have to beat Breanna to him.

Danielle: She's not a threat. IF I choose to have him after we break them up, Breanna Gore won't even enter his mind.

(Black out. When the lights come back up Lindsay is holding a stuffed bear and being confronted by Alex)

Lindsay: (in mid conversation) I promise! I racked my brain all day trying to figure out who put the flowers in my car and I came up with no one!

Alex: Well, that no one decided flowers weren't enough, didn't they?

Lindsay: I didn't ask for someone to put a teddy bear in my car! I'll throw it away!

Alex: People don't just do stuff like this unless they think there's a chance.

Lindsay: (getting angry) What do you mean by that?

Alex: I don't know, what DO I mean by that?

Lindsay: This is stupid! I can't believe you're mad at me over something I have no control over.

(at this, Breanna walks in, sees them arguing as she passes by)

Breanna: (flirting) Hey Alex!

Alex: Hey Bree, how did the quiz go?

Breanna: I got an eighty eight!

Alex: Sweet!

Breanna: You're the best tutor ever. I totally owe you one.

Lindsay: (inserting herself) Hey, Breanna.

Breanna: (with no enthusiasm) Oh, hey. (back to Alex) Are you good to tutor tomorrow after school?

Alex: Totally.

Breanna: Awesome! I can't wait! I'll see you at three then.

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Alex: See you then. (Breanna exits) Lindsay: You're not allowed to tutor her anymore. Alex: What? Lindsay: I don't want you tutoring her anymore. Alex: Why? Lindsay: (indignant) Why?? (imitating Breanna) "You're the best tutor ever!" Alex: So? Lindsay: She wants you! Alex: No she doesn't! Lindsay: You know she does! What are you hiding? Alex: I'm not hiding anything, I'm not the one with the secret admirer! Lindsay: That's only because yours isn't a secret at all! Alex: Breanna doesn't want me... Lindsay: Saying that doesn't make it true. (Tyler and Steph enter, just walking by) Alex: Are you still going to be at the skate park at 4? Tyler: Yeah, man. Alex: I'll be there. Tyler: You will? Lindsay: (at the same time) You will? Alex: Unless you still think you can tell me what I can or can't do. Lindsay: I don't do that! (Tyler snorts and Lindsay shoots him a look) Tyler: Something in my throat... Lindsay: (calmer) I don't do that. Alex: You told me that I'm not allowed to tutor Breanna! Lindsay: That doesn't count! And...we had plans today! Alex: HAD plans. Steph: Wow...

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Lindsay: So it's like that is it?

Alex: I guess so.

Lindsay: Fine!

Alex: Fine!

(Lindsay and Alex both exit in opposite directions, very angry. As they exit, Tyler can't help himself from fist pumping)

Tyler: Yes!

Steph: (confused) What?

Tyler: Nothing. It's nothing.

Steph: Wait... you're happy about that aren't you?

Tyler: No... Ok. Yeah, that was pretty awesome.

Steph: It was, wasn't it? Maybe they'll break up for good this time.

Tyler: (thinking aloud) That would be nice. (a beat) Wait... you want them to break up too?

Steph: Duh... who doesn't?

Tyler: They're the worst. When they aren't fighting, they're all on top of each other and...

Steph: It's gross. PDA all over the place and their profile pictures...

Tyler: We have given Alex so much crap about that. They are so gross.

Steph: And when they're not gross, they're at each other's throats and if I have to hear Lindsay cry over him ONE more time...

Tyler: It's just as bad with Alex. Ever since they started dating, he never wants to hang out with us anymore and when he does show up, he's texting her and talking about her constantly. We're so sick of it.

Steph: So are we.

Tyler: (Thinking and laughing to himself) I think everyone is. You know what's funny?

Steph: What?

Tyler: I shouldn't tell you. Nevermind.

Steph: No. You can't do that. What?

Tyler: Ok. But you have to promise not to say anything to anyone.

Steph: Sure. Spill it.

Tyler: We've totally been trying to break them up.

Steph: Really?

Tyler: Yeah. We're so sick of it. I know it's a crappy thing to do, but we can't stand it anymore. We talk her down all the time and Josh told Breanna Gore that Alex would totally ditch Lindsay for her.

Steph: No way!

Tyler: She totally has the hots for him too.

Steph: I know!

Tyler: We thought about doing the same thing with Danielle, but there's no way that would work.

Steph: Poor Danielle... Alex isn't into her at all. Of course, she can't see that and totally thinks she's going to get him.

Tyler: I bet she would love to see them break up.

Steph: You have no idea.

Tyler: Oh yeah?

Steph: Promise not to tell anyone if I let you in on something?

Tyler: Sure. What's up?

Steph: Danielle's been determined to break them up and we've all been helping.

Tyler: All?

Steph: Erin and Brittany too.

Tyler: Really?

Steph: You know how someone gave Lindsay flowers this morning?

Tyler: Yeah, Alex won't shut up about it.

Steph: That was Danielle.

Tyler: (after a moment) That's freaking genius!

Steph: So was telling Bree that Alex wants her.

Tyler: (laughing) So all of Alex and Lindsay's friends... literally both sides... have been trying to break them up.

Steph: We should have been working together.

Tyler: No kidding. (a beat) Wait... why don't we?

Steph: Work together?

Tyler: Yeah... this should be easy if we team up.

Steph: That's a good idea.

Tyler: I think so too.

Steph: Let me talk to Danielle... I'm sure she'll go along with it.

Tyler: Cool.

Steph: I'm headed over to her house now. I'll text you in a bit.

Tyler: Sounds good.

(Tyler gets his phone out to call Josh as Steph leaves, she passes Alex and he comes on to talk to Tyler. Tyler doesn't see him as he starts his conversation with Josh. Alex listens)

Tyler: Dude, you're not going to believe this. They totally just had a big fight after school. A total freaking blow up! (listens) Yeah, it was great. But it gets even better! (listens) No, just listen! The girls... like all of Lindsay's friends... have been trying to break them up too! Seriously! (listens) I told Steph that we had told Breanna that Alex wants her and she told me that Danielle was the one that put flowers in Lindsay's car! (laughing) Yeah, Danielle is the "secret" admirer! (listens) I'm serious! So, we thought maybe we should start working together to break them up. (listens) Yeah, I think it's a great idea and so did Steph. (listens) Yeah, they're sick of all of the same crap we are. Anyways, I'm on my way to the skate park so I'll see you in a minute. Call Corey and let him know the good news. (he exits)

(Alex processes this for a moment before getting out his phone)

Alex: Hey Lindsay. You're not going to believe what I just heard. Are you still free? (listens) Ok. Good. We need to talk.

(Blackout. When the lights come back up, Tyler, Corey, Josh, Brittany, Erin, Steph, Danielle and Breanna are in a classroom, Tyler and Danielle are standing addressing the group)

Tyler: I think that's everyone.

Josh: How did you get Mrs. Jennings to let us use her room?

Danielle: That was easy... I told her we needed to have an earth day club meeting this morning.

Josh: We have an earth day club?

Erin: Yeah. Danielle's president.

Josh: I think I knew that.

Tyler: So, the group chat had some great ideas last night but I thought it would be a good idea to get everyone together in the same room to make sure we're all on the same page. I assume no one minds that I invited Breanna to be a part of the meeting since she has been directly involved...

Breanna: Until last night, I didn't know I was involved.

Tyler: Right, but since we're all after the same goal...

Danielle: That being to break up Alex and Lindsay, then it's definitely a good idea to make sure everyone knows what's going down today.

Breanna: (raising her hand) I have a question.

Tyler: Ok. What is it?

Breanna: I want Alex to drop Lindsay because I want to date him myself. I haven't been secretive about that at all.

Tyler: Right.

Breanna: But isn't that also what Danielle is planning?

Brittany: She has a point there.

Danielle: I think I can answer that. Yes. Breanna is right. But here is how I look at it. As long as Lindsay has her nails dug in, there isn't any hope for either of us, right?

Breanna: Right...

Danielle: So, let's get them pried apart and then we'll see how the cards fall.

Breanna: (To Corey) She doesn't stand a chance.

Corey: (uncomfortable) Ok...

Danielle: So... Alex and Lindsay have 1st block, 3rd block and lunch together, so all plans that require both to be in the room at the same time will have to happen during those times. Erin, did you schedule the delivery?

Erin: I did. It's supposed to be here during 1st block.

Danielle: Excellent. Corey, did you figure out Alex's Instagram password?

Corey: Yeah, it hasn't changed.

Danielle: We're going to start with that. Right before 1st block, I want you to post the picture I sent you last night?

Breanna: What picture did you send?

Danielle: I found an old picture of Alex kissing Jillian Wickerman on Jillian's old account. Believe it or not, it's even worse than the one Alex and Lindsay are currently using for their profile pic.

Brittany: Isn't that from our freshmen year?

Danielle: Yeah.

Brittany: You had to dig deep for that one.

Tyler: It will be worth it.

Corey: What do you want me to put as the caption?

Erin: How about "Woman Crush Wednesday?"

Tyler: That's good, but it's Tuesday.

Danielle: How about something like "thinking back to the good old days, I sure do miss this."

(everyone generally agrees)

Steph: I like that.

Josh: That's rough.

Danielle: Tough times call for tough actions.

Tyler: So, we have the picture and the delivery on tap for 1st block. I'm in that class, as is Brittany, Danielle, Erin and Corey, so we'll report to the group chat on the carnage.

Danielle: This is going to be epic.

Breanna: You want me to corner him after first block, right?

Tyler: Right. I really need you to lay it on thick.

Breanna: Not a problem.

Danielle: Since we're all in third block together, we'll meet outside of class to assess the damage and see what needs to be done to finish them off.

Tyler: Sounds like a plan.

(The bell rings to start first block)

Danielle: Ok, you guys clear out of here so Mrs. Jennings doesn't see a bunch of kids she knows isn't in her class or in the earth day club.

(Steph, Breanna, and Josh go to leave)

Tyler: The rest of you, be cool.

Steph: Text us if anything happens!

Danielle: Corey, post that picture!

Corey: On it.

(At this point other students start to file into class, if you have extras. If not the remaining students will work fine. Alex and Lindsay enter and stand by her desk embracing, much to the discomfort of the rest of the students. Mrs. Jennings comes in last)

Jennings: Have a seat everyone. (seeing Danielle) How was the earth day club meeting?

Danielle: It went great, thank you!

Lindsay: There was an earth day club meeting?

Danielle: Didn't you see the group text?

Lindsay: No...

Danielle: I'll catch you up later.

Jennings: Bell work today is to define ten of the terms listed at the beginning of chapter six. You have 10 minutes. (she starts a timer)

(Before starting to work, Lindsay looks at her phone and sees that Alex has posted a picture.)

Lindsay: (To Alex) You hardly ever post on Instagram.

Alex: What?

Lindsay: I just got the notification. (she looks at her phone as Alex opens the app on his. The conspirators are watching intently) Hmm...

Alex: (seeing it) What the?

Lindsay: That's a really cute picture of you, Alex.

(the others stare on in disbelief)

Lindsay: Awww...I miss our freshmen year too. We were so young! (she leans over and kisses him as the others stare dumbfounded) You're so adorable.

Alex: Thanks babe.

Tyler: (unable to help himself) What the hell? (he checks his phone to make sure it's the right pic)

Jennings: Get to work guys.

Lindsay: Sorry!

Tyler: (in a stage whisper) Hey Corey. Post the picture I just sent you.

Corey: What?

Tyler: Look at your phone!

(Corey gets to work posting the picture)

Jennings: Finished already, Corey?

Corey: No. I just... uh... my mom texted me and I'm answering her. Sorry. (he hits a button) Done.

(Each of the conspirators look at their phone anxiously to see what's about to be posted. Lindsay gets another notification)

Lindsay: Two pictures in a row, Alex?

Alex: Huh? (sees her phone) Oh, uh...

Lindsay: (overboard) That is sooooo cute!

Jennings: Put your phone away please.

Lindsay: (getting up) Mrs. Jennings, you have to see this.