



Script for Sticky situations

Characters:

All are 16 or 17 years old. They are all friends from the same group.

ALFIE - Host of the party, not much of a drinker. He is easily influenced by his peers, especially BILLY who bullies him a bit. He is infatuated with CHRISSIE, who he is expecting to arrive at his party. Very sociable, has lots of friends and is eminently likeable.

BILLY - Very cocky - a real lad, prone to drink a lot at parties, and likes to show off how much he can handle. He is tolerated, if not particularly liked by all.

CHRISSIE - Stunning young woman, trendsetter, others look to her for how they should look and act. She doesn't usually drink a lot, as she likes to be in control of the situation. Thinks ALFIE is cute, but playing cards close to her chest.

DAVE - Boyfriend of EMILY. When sober he's a nice guy, but a little drink and he becomes very flirty, which turns into lecherous fairly quickly. Always up for a party, unfortunately the amount he drinks means he rarely sees the end of one.

EMILY - Long suffering girlfriend of DAVE. Thoughtful, considerate and sensible - even at parties. She knows how much she can drink and still stay in control. Often found trying to look after FREYA.

FREYA - Lovely girl, when sober she is quite shy, so when she goes out she tends to have a few drinks beforehand to help her socialize. Unfortunately she rarely knows when to stop and can become annoying, bouncing around and knocking things over before generally relying on her friends to get her home.

FADE IN

Alphie's story:

[HOUSE FRONT DOOR]

ALPHIE opens the front door. A slight disappointment quickly covered by a polite greeting.

ALPHIE
Oh Hi. Come in.

Follows into corridor.

Party is bubbling. There is dancing, people everywhere, lots of people drinking. The music is loud. See people dancing in the Front Room.

[DRINKS TABLE/KITCHEN]

BILLY and ALPHIE lean up against a wall in the kitchen - near the drinks. Bottles of booze cover the table which BILLY is looking after. ALPHIE is trying to look through the crowd to the distant front door for someone. BILLY is busy working out some alcoholic punch with the various bottles, almost scientifically. ALPHIE is fidgety and quite nervous.

ALPHIE
It's not her. Where is she? I really want to tell her.

BILLY
(Half taking the mickey)
What - tell her that you're mad for her?

BILLY passes ALPHIE a drink.

BILLY (CONTD)
Drink some of this. It will give you the bottle to talk to her straight.

ALPHIE takes a big glug and winces.

[BACK ROOM]

ALPHIE dances and talks to other characters. He always has a drink in his hand.

[KITCHEN]

ALPHIE with another drink, drunker, half listening to Billy bragging about something. Then..

ALPHIE
(Face lights up)
She here!

BILLY
Good to go?

ALPHIE downs drink and takes a deep breath and a step forward.

CHRISSIE appears in the room, radiant and stylish, with friends in tow. She sees ALPHIE, smiles and walks towards him.

CHRISSIE
Hi Alphie – how's it going?

ALPHIE smiles back, a little uncertain as if something is wrong.

FILM PAUSES – What happens next?

Dave and Emily's story:

[FIREPLACE]

DAVE is bouncing up and down to the music, with a girl. He is grinning and flirting a little. He swigs from his beer bottle, as he lowers it EMILY grabs it and puts it out of his reach.

EMILY
I think you've had enough!

Girl dances off looking a bit relieved. DAVE and EMILY argue until

DAVE
(Slurs drunkenly and waves his arms)
Go away... just go.

EMILY turns on her heel and stomps off tearful; DAVE stays there and angrily grabs his bottle and swigs deeply. He can hear EMILY's voice echoing in his head

EMILY
Then you spend the whole night talking to other girls...

[STAIRS]

CHRISSIE walks down the stairs – she is wearing a clean top, but looks annoyed. Someone offers her a drink and she knocks it back angrily.

[FRONT ROOM]

DAVE spots CHRISSIE. He is pleased to see her, they chat and start to dance.

ALPHIE passes to pick up a glass from the mantelpiece, but is really keen to know what's going on. CHRISSIE, seeing ALPHIE makes more of her dance with DAVE.

CUT TO

INT - FRONT ROOM - 11.20

DAVE dances more intimately with CHRISSIE, first one side, then the other. He offers his bottle to drink. She sips happily though she also has her own drink in her hand. Both are clearly drunk and laughing at some private joke.

INT - FRONT ROOM - 11.20

Slow dancing.

DAVE tries to pull CHRISSIE away somewhere. They creep off giggling and clutching their drinks.

FILM PAUSES – **What happens next?**

Conclusion:

INT - OUTSIDE BATHROOM - 12.30

ALPHIE is struggling with the bathroom door. It's locked. He knocks and shakes the handle.

EMILY arrives looking tired.

ALPHIE
Someone's jammed the door!

ALPHIE gives the door a big shove and the small bolt on the other side gives way. The door opens.

INT - INSIDE BATHROOM - 12.31

ALPHIE enters. He halts abruptly.

ALPHIE (CONTD)
(shocked)
Chrissie!

DAVE and CHRISSIE are asleep in the bath. They are dressed, but some clothes have come off. They have made a nest with towels or clothes below them. CHRISSIE wakes and raises a wobbly head to see ALPHIE.

Then DAVE sits up and groans.

EMILY
Dave?!

FADE OUT

Freya's story:

INT - DRINKS TABLE/KITCHEN/FRONT ROOM - 10PM TO MIDNITE

FADE IN

INT - DRINKS TABLE - 10.15PM

FREYA walks over to the drinks table where Billy is mixing a number of drinks.

BILLY
My first customer!

BILLY scoops a plastic cup of punch and offers it to FREYA. She takes a gulp, winces a little at the taste, and then looks in the cup.

FREYA
Funny colour, what is it?

BILLY
My special recipe, I call it 'Down in one' – cos that's the only way to drink it.

INT - VARIOUS - 10.45 - 11.15PM

Billy with punch bowl in hand and some plastic cups offers out his drinks. A few try it. Many reject it. FREYA can be seen dancing wildly. She bounces into some not-very-happy extra with their arms folded. She giggles and grabs another punch.

SNAP / FLIP TO

INT – FRONT ROOM - 11.20PM

FREYA is seen leaning against the wall looking as if she is struggling to stay awake. Suddenly she falls forwards.

SNAP / FLIP TO

INT – FRONT ROOM - 11.30PM

FREYA is unconscious on the sofa. EMILY, GITA, BILLY and ALPHIE are all standing around her. EMILY looks particularly worried as she tries to wake her.

EMILY
Freya!

GITA
She doesn't normally drink that much.

BILLY
She only had one of my specials...

BILLY and ALPHIE start laughing, EMILY gives them a stern look.

EMILY

She feels cold and clammy.

FILM PAUSES – **What happens next?**

Conclusion:

EMILY

Freya!

GITA

She doesn't normally drink that much.

BILLY

She only had one of my specials...

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EMILY

She feels cold and clammy.

BILLY

I had at least four....or was it five?

BILLY and ALPHIE start laughing again

EMILY

Seriously, look, turn her onto her side so she doesn't choke on her sick.

EMILY and GITA struggle to turn FREYA over.

BILLY

I'm still standing... look!

EMILY

Her body can't take as much as yours. People die like this you know – it can happen.

BILLY

You blaming me? I'm going man, see you.

BILLY looks sullen and walks out of the room. ALPHIE starts to look worried.

ALPHIE

If she dies on my sofa my parents are going to kill me!

EMILY

Alphie – call an ambulance.

ALPHIE dials 999 on his mobile phone

FADE OUT

Billy's story:

INT - DRINKS TABLE - 10.15PM

BILLY
(with mock excitement)
My first customer!

BILLY scoops a plastic cup of punch and offers it to FREYA. She takes a gulp, winces a little at the taste, and then looks in the cup.

BILLY (CONT'D)
It's my special recipe. It's called "Down In One" cos that's the only way to drink it.

FREYA looks at BILLY. She shrugs her shoulders, giggles and downs the drink in one.

SNAP / FLIP TO

INT – FRONT ROOM - 10.30PM

BILLY is seen mixing punch and then moving through the party offering it to everyone and having plenty himself.

BILLY
Get your free sample of Down in one here!!

EXT - STREET - 11.45PM

BILLY is walking, stumbling home. Two drunken men approach.

FIRST THUG
Does your mum know you are out little boy?

FILM PAUSES – **What happens next?**

Conclusion:

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FIRST THUG

Does your mum know you are out little boy?

The thugs laugh with each other and push past BILLY. They might have left it there, but...

BILLY

Actually YOUR MUM said she'd wait up for me.

The thugs stop. They turn menacingly upon BILLY. A clenched fist is raised high, and brought down on BILLYs jaw.

FADE TO BLACK

FIRST THUG (UNDER BLACK)

Hey look at that. Down in One. Ha ha.

END