

# Maladaptive

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a dramatic comedy by Adam Chin

## Synopsis - Long Version

“I’m in love!” Emily announces to her friends, the middle-aged couple Abby and Graham. The problem is, Emily’s new boyfriend Stuart is in high school and Emily, 30, is old enough to know better. And the other problem is that Graham is in love with Emily. He’s so in love, he’s planning on ditching Abby and buying a second home for he and Emily to live in together. Except he hasn’t told Emily yet. Or Abby.

Roger, Emily’s ex-boyfriend, isn’t in love. And that’s his problem — he can’t seem to fall in love. Lost in an endless series of empty sexual relationships, Roger loses his job and soon finds himself contemplating suicide. And then he meets a mysterious woman by a lake, Clare, a woman who says her sole profession is divorce. Roger immediately falls for her.

Graham, driven by his mid-life infatuation, succeeds in smashing style. He successfully woos Emily, gets Stuart to break off his relationship with her, buys a second home, dumps Abby, and convinces Emily to move in with him. And when the two of them move in together, Graham finds he isn’t happy. He misses Abby. And wants to go back.

In the end, Emily and Roger meet together for lunch to catch up on what’s happened in their lives since they broke up. Emily tells how she’s alone again after everything that happened with Graham and Stuart. And Roger tells the strange story of what happened to him and the mysterious woman Clare.