

# CLIMATE CHANGED

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## LOGLINE

When an all-talk-but-no-action environmentalist is forced to work for a fossil fuel conglomerate, he learns that the girl of his dreams he meets on the job may be running a global warming cover-up of a cataclysmic environmental disaster.

## SYNOPSIS

Chronically underemployed lawyer, Max Bricker, has lost yet another job after an office equipment meltdown failed job revolt has attained meme status on social media. Jessica, his soon-to-be ex, kicks him out over the embarrassment after Max catches her with his law school friend "in the act".

Homeless, Max crashes at the apartment of his boyhood friend, Chad Truberg, who's getting married to airline pilot Will in three weeks. Max has already accepted Chad's request to be his Best Man. Chad convinces Max to "get back out there." Max and Will can't stand each other: Max wants to continue his relationship with Chad, but realizes that Chad has found a new man in Will, who infuriated Max by implying that he too, is gay.

Invigorated, Max charms his recruiter, who offers him the only temp work that won't do background checks: reviewing documents for a planned fossil fuel conglomerate merger. Revolted, Max refuses, but the recruiter informs him this is his "last chance" or else he'll be "persona non grata for life" as a lawyer.

During the orientation session, Max suffers hopeless legal nerds, career burn-outs, and Cyrus Pugh, his kooky British supervisor. But in the break room, he meets lawyer Kim Dearing, who shares his life-long love for environment causes. Smitten, Max invites Kim out on a cheap first date when Kim expertly handles would-be muggers.

Back at the apartment, Chad warns Max to break it off, but Will challenges Max to invite Kim to the wedding has his guest.

At Max's law school alumni mixer at a bar, Kim humiliates Jessica. Afterward, Kim invites Max to her apartment. Once there, Max opens up about his close relationship with Chad and invites her to the wedding. They grow intimate and Max sleeps over.

The next morning, Max wakes up with Kim gone and a note apologizing that Cyrus called her in early. At the office, Max overhears Kim discussing confidential memos with Cyrus having to do with "handling" Utah fracking operations and securing approval from the mysterious "Chief" prior to the merger announcement.

Max learns to respect his officemates who help him investigate his suspicions about Kim, by hacking into company files. When Max tails Kim after work, he witnesses her handing off company documents to a well-dressed man in a café. Reviewing the hacked document folders, Max discovers Kim's role in the cover-up of massive environmental pollution through the manipulation of reporting data and satellite photos.

At Kim's apartment after a viewing of Eric Brockovich, Max tries to guilt Kim into admitting her misdeeds, but fails. Instead, she shares with him that she'll be promoted and everyone else will be terminated in two days.

At Chad's wedding reception, Max, totally sloshed gives the Best Man's speech from Hell, verbally abusing Chad, Will, and Kim, and then recklessly setting fire to the hall, setting off fire sprinklers. Livid, Chad tells him never to call him again. Outside the reception hall, Max, unable to confront Kim about her actions, breaks up with her.

In a do-or-die decision, Max barges into Cyrus' office to expose Kim's malicious misdeeds, only to blow her cover as an undercover FBI agent, and learn that Cyrus is behind the whole scheme. Kim springs into action, disarming two Goons long enough to escape the building.

With the two Goons in hot pursuit, Max and Kim come upon the Gay Pride Parade crowd and find Chad's float. Before the goons can close in, Max publicly apologizes to Chad and secures Will's plane to fly Max and Kim to Utah.

During the flight, Cyrus calls them to let them know he has kidnapped Chad.

In Utah, Max and Kim track down "The Chief", an old Indian Chief who takes them to the windfarm to show them the devastation of the hidden fracking operation.

Max and Cyrus agree to an evidence-for-Chad exchange before the merger announcement press conference. Max and Kim, along with their officemates, engineer a clever bait-and-switch, along with some creative computer hacking, to embarrass Cyrus and expose the company's malfeasance.

On the 4th of July, Max and Kim watch an epic fireworks display as she informs him that the FBI is looking to hire someone "just like him." As they embrace, we see Chad and Will converge on the lovely couple in a group hug.