

Synopsis for Nice Guys by Mark Samuel

In Middle America, if you get a good job and play by the rules happiness is supposed to follow. PAUL and DAVID are two friends who have learned it isn't quite that simple.

David is a twenty-something engineer, whose girlfriend, CHRISTINE, is pushing him to pursue a project that could make his career. Upsetting him more is her insistence on seeing what is in the locked office at his house.

Paul is a divorced single dad, who sometimes regrets his liberal arts degree. He runs the mailroom at David's firm, but aspires to be a cartoonist. He wants to find a nice girl and give his daughter a family again, but standing in his way are the memories of his marriage and the college sweet heart that dumped him to become a porn star.

After a typical day at work, Paul and David head to the first of three engagement parties for their friend ALLEN and his fiancée, JESSICA. While Paul laments the fact that he will be going to yet another wedding alone, Christine gets drunk and embarrasses David. When David tries to get her to leave they argue and ruin the party.

David sends Christine home and stays with Paul to drown their sorrows. Upset about the state of their lives, Paul suggests that they get their former professional athlete co-worker, SHAWN, to teach them how to get what they want. David resists, but after losing out on the project that could have made his career and a bad breakup with Christine he reconsiders.

Paul and David then meet Shawn to begin their training. However, while waiting for Shawn to arrive, Paul meets ALLISON. Their kids go to the same school and Paul is smitten. Shawn then takes Paul and David to a strange mansion where he teaches them the first of his three rules for getting what you want in life.

Inside the home, it turns out, is a sex club. There David is nearly talked into cuckolding for an eccentric couple and Paul goes home with CATHERINE, after she rescues him from a group of furies. Their evening is ruined, however, when Catherine's father stops by her apartment unexpectedly.

Later Shawn takes Paul and David out to learn rule number two. Shawn coaches Paul on the art of picking up women and it is revealed that David has hatched a plan to seduce his boss, MARILYN, to get a promotion.

With their new skills, David pursues Marilyn by infiltrating a women's group while Paul attends a karate class to impress Allison. Both bungle their attempts, but Allison agrees to go on a date with Paul and Marilyn commits to having lunch with David so they can get to know each other.

Things then take a turn for the worse when Paul and David attend Allen's second engagement party and seduce his fiancée's twin cousins. On top of that, Marilyn promises David a promotion if he does her a questionable favor and Paul is beginning to doubt their plan. Paul only wants to be with Allison and thinks David should call his ex-girlfriend, Christine.

Their plan then further unravels when Paul's ex-wife sues him for custody of their daughter when she learns he is dating and David discovers that Marilyn is setting him up to take the fall for her corporate espionage. Paul's nascent relationship with Allison is ruined and David realizes that Christine was right for him along.

Now with Allen's third engagement party looming, David will have to save his career and the two friends will both have to get back the women they love.