THE BIRDS OF MY DREAMS

TV SHOW BIBLE

The Birds Of My Dreams is about three close friends: Dan, a struggling writer obsessed with making it big in Hollywood, Kevin, a silly slacker with a great love for beer, and Zoe, a carefree yet ambitious modern day hippie.

These three are all they have in the ways of family. They depend and lean on each other through thick and thin, they trust one another with secrets and look to each other for advice when problems get out of hand. More important than any of that, Dan, Kevin and Zoe crack each other up by acting like idiots and telling ridiculous jokes as they traverse their way through the city of Toronto.

This isn't a show so much about what 20 something year olds do but about the way they think, perceive and deal with the world around them. It's about confronting the real obstacles that life throws at you outside the safety of your home and parents. It's about the gradual loss of innocence. For some, this entails a fight to keep that innocence at all costs and for others, it's about the desperation to get rid of that innocence as quickly and as harshly as possible.

Like FX's Louie, each episode of The Birds Of My Dreams tells its own unique story. There's a clear season-long arc, yet multiple episodes that contribute nothing to the story but were vital to the season's structure anyway.

The show will be far more than your off the shelf dramedy, and to the extent that it breaks new grounds because of the tackling of larger, contemporary social themes that have more to do with the human condition, Sexism, racism, addiction, family and modern romance.

The 30 minute show will deem to explore a world within you, not create a surface-level backdrop on which to paint two-dimensional characters. Life is big and complex, and so is The Birds Of My Dreams. The world is a character, not a stage, and stories mix and intertwine.

The New York Times recently wrote that Twenty-Somethings have been so slow to complete basic life milestones- like becoming financially independent, getting married, and having children- that scientists are now creating a new stage of life somewhere between adolescence and adulthood, called "Emerging Adulthood." Now you can't accuse us of not accomplishing anything- we're setting record lows for emotional maturity.

We're idiot twenty-somethings making our way in a world that refuses to give us loans. We are the generation of Craigslist sublets and partial employment. We don't fake our orgasms, we tape them and put them on the internet. We're weird, and we deserve to be made fun of.

The tone of the show is edgy humor surrounded with love- Ledgy, containing around 12-16 episodes a season.

Possible Taglines:

"Three friends, Triple the fuckups"

"Two guys. One girl. No grown ups."

"Two guys. One girl. Totally not a porn."

Setting

Set entirely in Toronto, the show features a lot of talking and walking along the streets (as in *Sex and the City*, the Big Apple itself is a character) and the friends clustered around tables in real bars and restaurants, ruminating on such commonplace subjects as finding love, making a living and spending time with the parents they are neglecting.

Character Web

Dan Patel:

Handsome.Macho.Smug. Ambitious.Outgoing.
Cruddy Actor by day, writer by night. Wants to be the next Scorcese.
Loves women, music, women, films, women and himself.

He finds himself continuously lost in his head and can't seem to find his purpose in life.

Dan goes onto do the odd jobs to pay the bills and get by, but mostly does freelance work with Zoe for odd companies that need film work.

Roomates to Zoe.

San Patel :

Casanova. Alcoholic. Music buff.
Dan's father.

Rinks Patel:

Caring. Loving. Self loathing.

Dan's mother.

Mani Patel:

Ambitious. Caring. Quirky

Dan's Older sister.

Zoe Verbeck: New Age waif. Free spirited, Belligerent ,carefree, loud, Down to earth, Crazy. Had to work for everything she has. A barback for a chich uptown bar and plays guitar on the subway. with a love for substances.

In the back of her mind living In the concrete jungle is an absolute nightmare because all she wants to do is go surfing.

Zoe's goofy demeanour and penchant for hilariously finding trouble makes her over all a very lovable character.

Roomates to Dan

Ross Goolash

Stoner. Laid back. Quirky.Manchild. Wry observer of life.
Zoe's boyfriend.

Zack Verbeck
Muscian. Loud. Alcoholic. Crazy
Zoe's ex drug addicted father.

Hailey Verbeck:
Pot head. Introvert. Odd

Zoe's youngest sister.

Jane Verbeck:
VSCO girl. Classic valley. Lovable.Real

Zoe's younger sister.

Morine Tisdale
Tall.Pretty. Vague. Hippie like.
Zoe's colleague and friend.

Kevin Lee:
Raging Alcoholic. Slacker. Lovable. Alcoholic. Literature buff. A disaster waiting to happen.Alcoholic.
Kevin finds him self frequently embroiled in bizarre, and in some cases, scandalous situations.

Wealthy parents.

Alex Lee :

Gamer. Stoner.
Kevin's younger brother and roommate.

Joe Lee and Alice Lee:
Caring.Kind. Spiritual
Parents to Alex and Kevin.

Jessica Cho:
Spoiled. Amusing.
Alex's girlfriend and roomate.

Gary Stogenheimervadersladenkish.

Annoying Lcbo employee.

Roxanna Fierce
Cute. Funny. Caring. Mother Teresa but with a flare of hip.
Dan and Zoe's condo concierge.

Season One Plot :

Epi One - Dan, has just ended a 3 month long relationship for the 4th time in the last year is convince he won't ever find someone.

Midway: Dan has a great one night stand and meets who he feels like is the love of his life.

End of S1:
Dan and Zoe get a job for a big production company and Dan hits up with the PA.

Epi 1 : Zoe is dying to quit her job and get Dan and her into the film industry.

Midway: Zoe meets a producer at the bar.

End of S1 : Dan and Zoe work at a production company.

Epi one Kevin has pissed off Alex for the last time and get's kicked out the house. He crashes on Dan and Zoe's couch.

Mid: Alex let's Kevin back in, but Jessica gets mad at Kevin and kicks him out.

End : Alex and Jessica break up, Kevin moves back in.

Simply put, Season one entails Dan's battle to remain celibate after a recent heart break, Kevin's couch surfing journey until he finds a place to call home and Zoe's attempts to escalate career wise.

Episode Ideas :

S01 E01 : Writers block, Kool aid Cock, and where the fuck is my sock?

Dan's facing writers block, in attempts to seek out inspiration he heads to a coffee shop where he ends meeting a barista, talks her into quitting and then spends the entire night listening to records and talking about life with. Dan later finds out that she's a married woman and starts feeling as if the world is against him. The episode concludes with Dan writing a short about it and updating his blog.

Zoe's facing the tough life of being a barback in a big city, after a collogue starts discussing her last sexual adventure with Zoe she decides that it's time for her to spice up things in the bedroom. Zoe mentions this to Nick, her boyfriend, and he decides that pouring Kool aid all over him is the best way to seduce her. The episode concludes with Zoe laughing and eating cookies while watching Nick vigorously scrub away the Kool aid.

Kevin's brother, Ben, and his girlfriend Stacy are fighting intensely over a missing sock.Kevin is fed up with Ben fighting with Stacy, so Kevin decides to sit the both of them down for an old fashioned intervention, Kevin made sock puppets for this….using Stacy's sock. The tables turn when Ben and Stacy decide to gang up and get mad at Kevin for being such an idiot. Kevin not knowing what to do ends up doing a sock puppet show on their relationship on the streets. The episode concludes with the Kevin getting the the money and getting them drinks from the sock puppet fund.

S01 EP02: The misconception

Dan and Zoe manage to get the opportunity to drink with a producer they want work from, they plan and prep all week to impress her, but when time comes for the drinks the producer ends up being an absolute creep and tries to sleep with Dan. The two take a sidebar and Zoe and Dan debate on weather or not he should sleep with her for work, the producer gets scared and just sneaks out.

Kevin is facing trouble after an LCBO employee is being an oddball to him and troubling him. He find's himself in a feud with the employee and decides to strike outside with a 6 pack and signs and causes up an accidental rally. The employee and him end their feud and they buy each other drinks In the end..

S01E03 Farmhouse havoc

Zoe's father decides to have a farmhouse party and the three end up making their way up. Zoe invites her friend Morinne to join.

The night begins with a little zip lock of mushrooms and ends with everyone waking up in a carrot field.