

TOGETHER ALONE

PILOT

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Pilot - Cold Open

EXT. PATTY'S CAKES - DAY

Gay best friends, TJ and Mark exit a european-style bakery named "Patty's Cakes". Mark is carrying a hilarious amount of empty cardboard boxes in both arms. TJ is holding a wobbling tower of nested, empty boxes in one arm and furiously texting with his free hand.

MARK

Thanks, Patty! (To TJ) You're going to tell me if I'm about to run into something, right?

TJ

Yeah, now that you've asked.

Mark trips on the ground in front of the bakery. He loses a box from the top of his load. TJ, without looking up from his phone, walks past the stumbling Mark.

TJ (CONT'D)

Careful.

MARK

You didn't want to warn me?

TJ

About the flat ground in front of you?

MARK

(Motions to box) Can you grab that?

TJ

I cannot.

Mark kicks the fallen box at TJ. It misses, and lands in front of,

EXT. APARTMENT FRONT DOORS - CONTINUOUS

TJ

When did you get so sporty?

Beside the bakery is a low-rise Apartment building with a dozen bay windows on its face.

TJ (CONT'D)
Home sweet home! What a commute,
ammiright?

TJ and Mark stop on the sidewalk in front of their apartment.

MARK
Okay, you open the door.

TJ
My hands are full.

MARK
My keys are in my pocket.

TJ
My keys are in the apartment. Put
the boxes down. You must be tired
after carrying them all this way.

MARK
I'm not waiting another ten minutes
while you stack these boxes back
into my arms. You're going to have
to get my keys out of my pocket.

TJ
Mark-Anthony! You're going to have
to try a lot harder than that to
get me into those panties.

MARK
Don't say panties.

TJ
Fine. Enough foreplay. Front or
back?

MARK
Front. Left. No, my left.

TJ sheaths his phone and plunges his hand into Mark's pocket.
Mark looks up and down the sidewalk.

MARK (CONT'D)
I haven't showered yet today.

TJ
Ew. It's warm. Ew.

Behind them, out of their sight, a GLAMOROUS WOMAN exits
their apartment building through the front doors. The doors
shut silently behind her.

MARK

Can you hurry up?

TJ

Can you wear pants that fit you?

The GLAMOROUS WOMAN exits unnoticed down the alley that separates the apartment building and Patty's Cakes.

TJ (CONT'D)

Got it!

TJ pulls out a keychain with fob. Both turn around to start for the doors. TJ kicks the stray box through the doors as they enter

INT. APARTMENT BUILDING LOBBY - CONTINUOUS

The elevator door chimes. A woman on crutches exits. She has a permanent scowl. Her name is Joy.

TJ

Joy.

TJ gives Joy a polite smile and pivots to let her pass. He stumbles over the stray box he kicked into the lobby. His tower of wobbling boxes collides with Mark. Mark loses his grip on his boxes. Cardboard tumbles over Joy and the lobby.

JOY

How rude!

TJ

Sorry! Sorry. Sorry.

MARK

I am so sorry, Joy.

JOY

Of course...

Mark is shoveling armfuls of fallen boxes into the elevator. Joy pokes the handicap button on the lobby doors. The elevator doors push against TJ.

TJ

Hurry up, girl!

Joy turns to scowl at TJ. TJ gestures to Mark.

TJ (CONT'D)

Not you, her.

Mark is scurrying around the lobby, tossing the rest of his boxes into the elevator as TJ forces the nudging elevator doors back. Joy knocks a stray box out of her way with a crutch. A box is heard skidding across the lobby. TJ and Mark freeze.

JOY

These had better be picked up
before I get back.

Joy snaps her fingers and points at the boxes in the lobby. Joy exits.

MARK

(mockingly) How rude!

TJ laughs. The elevator doors then nudge TJ harder and an alarm begins to buzz.

TJ

H'ohmygod! Hurry up! Common.

Mark kicks the remaining boxes into the elevator and pushes past them, they seem to have doubled in amount. Both are knee deep in boxes. A box is crushed between the doors. The buzzing stops and the crushed box slides up the crack of the elevator.

INT. APARTMENT HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Elevator chimes and the doors part to release boxes spilling out into the hallway. TJ has returned to texting.

MARK

This isn't our floor.

MAIN TITLE