

The Prodigal Dad
Feature Film
Written and Directed by Robert Wenzek

Logline

George arrives uninvited at his daughter Lily's house. He becomes the life of the party and provides a solution for everyone's problems, except his own. It's never too late for a coming-of-age story.

Short Synopsis

After losing his wife, George arrives uninvited at his daughter Lily's shared college house, but she's less than thrilled. Surprisingly, Lily's roommates embrace George and he soon becomes the life of the party and the instigator of mayhem.

When Lily's plan to shame George publicly backfires, it sends Lily off into mayhem of her own. Only by learning to be the father Lily needs, does George manage to heal their relationship in writer-director Robert Wenzek's delicate tapestry of comedy and drama.

Long Synopsis

George and his wife Mary go hiking to celebrate their anniversary, but – when she accidentally falls to her death – it derails his life. After the funeral, George's daughter Lily, can't bear to stay at home and swiftly leaves town to go back to her own life in university. George tries desperately to continue life as usual but being engulfed in Mary's absence takes its emotional toll.

Unable to focus at work or find solace at home, George arrives uninvited on the doorstep of the only person he feels connected to: Lily's. George's arrival immediately throws Lily's life into chaos, and his constant presence is a sad reminder of her mother's passing. Lily reluctantly lets George stay with her, but only through the encouragement of her roommates.

George decides that maybe by bonding with Lily's roommates he might be able to form a better connection with her and soon becomes the instigator of mayhem and the life of every party. He fills the fridge, keeps the house stocked with alcohol and other stimulants, and is always ready for the beach, go-carts or any other fun activity. The more George connects with the roommates, the deeper the wedge between him and Lily. Desperate for the guidance her father seems unable to provide, Lily elicits advice from her creative writing professor Jasper.

George begins to form very real friendships with the roommates, particularly with Rory, Lily's long time friend. Jealousy eventually gets the better of Lily and she concocts a plan and calls for her grandmother Emma to intervene with George at a surprise dinner party. The plan backfires resulting in a group of angry roommates, a family battle, one person in the hospital and Lily into the manipulative arms of her professor Jasper.

Only by learning to be the father Lily needs does George manage to heal their relationship. Together, they mend the damaged relationships between Lily and her roommates and eventually, get revenge on Jasper.

Through writer-director Robert Wenzek's delicate tapestry of comedy and drama, *The Prodigal Dad* tells the story of a father and daughter rediscovering how much they need each other, through the most unlikely circumstances.

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