

DAVE 2.1 SPEC

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INT. THE BREAKFAST CLUB RADIO SHOW - MORNING

Just finishing his freestyle on *The Breakfast Club* radio show  
DAVE walks out of the studio elated with GATA behind him.

DAVE

I think it's safe to say that I  
KILLED that!

MIKE hugs Dave, you can see how proud he is.

MIKE

Dave, that was incredible! ohmygod!  
I didn't know you were *that* good.

DAVE

I literally feel so good right now  
I don't even care that you didn't  
truly believe in me until this  
moment.

JIM chimes in, very business-y.

JIM

That was pretty fucking special,  
Dave. But don't scare us like that  
again, we almost pulled the plug.

DAVE

I know, but do you see what happens  
when I just do my thing?

JIM

Yes, I do, but we still have to do  
this 50/50.

GATA

But my man killed that shit like Al  
Qaeda's in this bitch.

Jim stops and looks right at GaTa.

JIM

And we need to get you guys some  
media training, ASAP.

DAVE

Does this mean I can release *Prison*  
as the single?

JIM

Oh, god no. Never!  
(he laughs)  
(MORE)

JIM (CONT'D)

But we can talk about it at least  
being on the album.

Mike interrupts.

MIKE

(looking at his phone)  
Dave. It's already blowing up.

Dave checks his phone. It's really blowing up! We zoom into his phone as he scrolls through his apps. Tweets, comments, posts, video reviews, and YouTube personalities - all talking about his freestyle. We stop at ANTHONY FANTANO (music reviewer).

ANTHONY FANTANO

Today we are looking at an  
incredible new freestyle from  
rapper Lil Dicky, whose real name  
is-

CUT TO:

TITLE SEQUENCE: DAVE

INT. STUDIO - DAY

On Screen: Six Months Later

Dave and BENNY BLANCO are sitting at the boards listening to a song while GaTa sits on the couch in the back.

DAVE

So we're done? That's it? That's  
the album?

BENNY BLANCO

I think these are sounding really  
good dude, but you need one more.

DAVE

One more? How? I'm burnt out.

BENNY BLANCO

I just think it needs one more,  
man. I'd say the same to thing to  
Bieber or Ye.

DAVE

Ugh, why do you have to bring them  
into this?

BENNY BLANCO

What?

DAVE

You always bring up the bigger artists that you've worked with like it'll influence my decision.

BENNY BLANCO

Did it?

It goes quiet for a second.

DAVE

...Yeah.

The studio door opens. It's Mike and ELZ.

MIKE

Look who I found-

ELZ

I'm back, baby!

Dave gets up and hugs Elz. Like, really hugs him.

DAVE

Ohmygod I missed you so much, like way too much.

ELZ

Ha! I missed you too man. The albums sounding great. I showed a few songs to Trippie. He said he'd hop on one for you.

DAVE

Amazing! I need him for the hook on *Woke Up Hard*.

BENNY BLANCO

Yo, what's up, Elz?

They dap.

ELZ

Yo. You still think my beats suck?

BENNY BLANCO

No! They're sounding better. Not as sucky.

ELZ

Word!

DAVE

So, is tour like crazy? I'm sure  
it's great but it can't be as crazy  
as Drake makes it seem, right?

ELZ

It's pretty crazy.

BENNY BLANCO

It's fucking wild.

BENNY BLANCO (CONT'D)

And the girls are a whole other  
thing.

MIKE

Do you have groupies?

GATA

(from the couch)  
Groupies are the best!

ELZ

No, I was low key about it all,  
because uh- I-I've been seeing  
EMMA.

DAVE

What?

BENNY BLANCO

Who?

ELZ

Yeah, right before I left we  
started talking and we haven't  
stopped since.

GATA

I told ya'll! I knew he was with  
that chick.

ELZ

Yeah, he knew immediately. It was  
weird.

GATA

I got a sixth sense.

DAVE

So what does this mean for me?

ELZ

(confused)  
Nothing, we're just dating now.

DAVE

Interesting, ok.

Dave ponders.

MIKE  
 (enthusiastically)  
 I love it!

BENNY BLANCO  
 I still don't know who this is.

ELZ  
 Oh! She also wants to throw a  
 welcome back party at her place  
 tonight.

DAVE  
 Is Ally going to be there?

Benny realizes what this is all about.

ELZ  
 I mean, they live together, Dave-

DAVE  
 So, what's the protocol here? Like,  
 if I wanna go she just stays in her  
 room the whole night with the door  
 closed?

ELZ  
 C'mon, man-

MIKE  
 Dave, I think you can both be  
 adults about it.

BENNY BLANCO  
 I mean, it's a valid question...

Benny and Dave stand together looking at Mike and Elz not  
 knowing who's right. The four of them turn to GaTa who's  
 still on the couch watching this all unfold.

GATA  
 Man, you got to go in there and act  
 like you don't care.

DAVE  
 Fine, whatever.

GATA  
 You white people are crazy.

ELZ  
 (puzzled)  
 I'm not white...  
 (to Dave)  
 (MORE)

ELZ (CONT'D)

I fuck with him but I don't get him.

GATA

That means you do get me.

They're all equally as confused.

MIKE

Guys, are we ready? I don't want to keep the label waiting.

They all leave the studio.

FADE OUT.

INT. LABEL MEETING - DAY

Jim and his team sit opposite Dave, Mike, Benny, GaTa, and Elz. They're all bopping their heads along to the last song on the album as it comes to an end.

JIM

I think we can all agree that this is amazing, Dave.

PAM

It's truly like nothing we've ever heard.

TERRANCE

It's extremely marketable.

DAVE

Thank you! I want to show people that I'm the best rapper alive but also have girls quote my songs in the captions of their thirst traps.

PAM

"Don't look at me sideways, I know you want to ride on these highways" It's genius.

DAVE

Thanks!

JIM

So, *I'm so Jewish* and *Come Together* are the singles?

DAVE

Yes.

JIM

Maybe we change the name of *Come Together*, because there's already a pretty popular song a with that name.

DAVE

Well this is spelled Cum, C. U. M. It's about how during sex everyone should cum-

Dave climactically holds his hands up waiting for everyone to join in. No one does, they aren't sure what's going on.

DAVE (CONT'D)

(looking around)

Together... I thought everyone was going to join in. It's about mutual orgasms.

JIM

Oh! Great, yeah, we're fine with that. But, I think you need one more song.

BENNY BLANCO

That's what I said-

PAM

Maybe something that's not so in your face.

TERRANCE

Show us who you are, Dave.

DAVE

That's what I'm doing. This is who I am! I put everything into this. It's not that easy to just come up with one more song.

JIM

We understand, but you have a great team behind you so just think it over.

Dave looks at Mike. Mike gives him a look that says "just do the right thing".

DAVE

(to Jim)

Ok.



JIM

In the meantime, we have some exciting news.

Jim looks at his team.

JIM (CONT'D)

Friday night you'll be premiering one of your singles on Kimmel.

DAVE

No way!

Oh my god!

MIKE

GATA

Hell yeah, GaTa going national!

ELZ

Woah!

JIM

We got the censors to agree to let you say these words.

(he slides a paper over)

This is big, just be ready.

MIKE

We won't fuck this up.

JIM

I know you won't. You guys have to go talk to the Kimmel stage designer I set up an appointment for later.

CUT TO:

INT. DAVE'S PARENTS HOUSE/STAGE DESIGN STUDIO - DAY

Dave is on the phone with his mom, while his dad makes a sandwich.

CAROL

Which Jimmy?

DAVE

Kimmel.

CAROL

Oh, OH! I love those lip sync battles he does.

DAVE

That's Fallon.

CAROL

What?

DAVE  
That's Jimmy Fallon.

DON  
This is the jewish Jimmy, honey.

DAVE  
No, he's not jewish.

CAROL  
Really?! Oh, that changes my  
opinion of him, hm.

Don walks up to the phone and takes it.

DON  
Davey, do we get that channel?

DAVE  
Yeah dad, it's ABC, I think it's  
Channel 7.

Carol makes her way back over and screams into the phone,  
like any mom would.

CAROL  
We're very proud of you Davey!

DON  
God, would you not scream. He can  
hear you just fine.

CAROL  
If I'm louder he knows that I mean  
it.

DAVE  
Alright, I love you guys. I have to  
go.

Dave hangs up and walks over to Mike and Emma.

MIKE  
So, they can't do ejaculating  
balloons but can do birds and bees  
humping.

DAVE  
I'll take it.

EMMA

And I sent him the LD logo, he's gonna make it like 15 feet tall and Elz logo will go on his DJ platform.

DAVE

Elz has his own logo?

EMMA

Yeah, I made it for him.

DAVE

You guys are already exhausting.

EMMA

We're still your friends Dave, calm down. Are you coming tonight?

DAVE

I will reluctantly be there.

MIKE

It's been six months, I think you can be in the same room together.

EMMA

You don't even have to talk.

DAVE

But if we don't talk then it seems like something's up and one of us isn't over it.

Mike and Emma share a look.

MIKE

I mean, you're not over it.

DAVE

I know but I have to act like I am.

MIKE

We'll be there for you, Dave.

Mike puts his hand on Dave's back and rubs it. Dave shakes it off.

DAVE

Get your hand off of me. I hate being touched when I'm angry.

EMMA

I got to turn these in, I'll see  
you guys later.

CUT TO:

INT. CLOTHING STORE - AFTERNOON

Later, GaTa, Mike, and Dave are at a high-end clothing store.

GATA

Man, I dig the orange. It'll match  
mine.

Reveal Dave wearing one of the ugliest orange sequined  
tracksuits ever.

DAVE

I like it, but would the green be  
better? Like, imagine me on stage.  
Do I give off an orange or a green  
energy?

Mike puts his head in his hands. At that, an EMPLOYEE, think  
any Rodeo sales person, walks over.

EMPLOYEE

I was just informed by our manager  
that we have some special items in  
the back for you to try on.

DAVE

Are you serious?

EMPLOYEE

Quite serious, I don't make jokes.

DAVE

Is this what being famous is like?

EMPLOYEE

I wouldn't know, but Jay-Z was here  
last week.

She turns and starts to head to the back of the store. GaTa  
gets up and follows her.

GATA

Oh damn! That's my Uncle.

Mike and Dave are SHOCKED.



MIKE

Ok,  
(to employee)  
We'll take it.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. DAVE AND MIKE'S HOUSE- NIGHT

Dave and Mike are in the bathtub together, Mike is clipping Dave's nails.

DAVE

My mom would always do it, then I went to school and met Ally, then I tried but-

MIKE

Sh, sh, sh, you don't have to explain it to me.

DAVE

It's going to be weird looking at her knowing I can't give her a little smooch on the neck or rub her back during a boring conversation, or run up and tell her my mom fell down the stairs again so we have an excuse to leave.

Mike stops for a second.

MIKE

How often is your mom falling down the stairs?!

DAVE

Oh, all the time. It's just never when I need her to.

Mike accepts that answer and goes back to clipping.

MIKE

This is just the process, Dave. It's the first time you're seeing each other in public since the break up. It's going to be weird, and that's ok.

Dave knows Mike is right.

DAVE

Alright. But if I want to leave, we leave.

MIKE

No problem.

Mike gets out of the tub and dries off.

MIKE (CONT'D)

I have to pre-decant the wine.

DAVE

Sorry?

MIKE

I bought a bottle of wine for them and I'm pre-decanting it before I decant it and drink it at the party.

DAVE

What if no one there wants it.

MIKE

HA! It's a 95 Dave. They'll want it.

DAVE

I truly can't tell if you're 30 or 80.

MIKE

I take that as a compliment.

CUT TO:

INT. EMMA AND ALLY'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

As the party is going on Elz and Emma are whisper fighting near the door. It's not a huge party but about 20-25 people are talking, drinking, and laughing.

ELZ

I'm not telling him.

EMMA

You're his best friend.

ELZ

I just got back. I can't just drop that on him.

EMMA

Well someone's got to tell him-

Dave and Mike, with wine in hand, walk in the apartment.

EMMA (CONT'D)

HEyyyyyyy!

Emma and Elz's tone completely switches as they welcome them.

ELZ

What's up!

Dave stares them down.

DAVE

You guys are super weird together.

ELZ

Just a couple of weirdos.

Elz goes to give Emma a noogie. She stops it and slaps him.

MIKE

Guys, I brought you my favorite 95  
Bordeaux.

EMMA

I hate wine.

MIKE

Oh.

ELZ

Yeah, same.

MIKE

Someone here will appreciate it.

Mike storms off into the party.

DAVE

Is she here?

ELZ

Dude she lives here, yes. But, uh-

He looks at Emma. She looks back at him and gives him a nod.

ELZ (CONT'D)

Before you see her you should know  
that-



A TALL GUY holding a drink, who looks like a contestant on *The Bachelor*, busts into the conversation.

TALL GUY  
HOLY SHIT! You're Lil Dicky!

DAVE  
Yes, yes I am.

TALL GUY  
(to Emma and Elz)  
You guys didn't tell me you knew  
Lil Dicky!

Emma and Elz immediately become on edge.

EMMA  
Yup.

ELZ  
His names Dave.

TALL GUY  
Oh right! Sorry. Is it weird if I  
ask for a picture? Is that bad?

Emma and Elz share a concerned look.

DAVE  
Not at all. Get in here big guy.

Tall Guy hands Elz his phone and they take a picture.

TALL GUY  
Thanks so much Di-- Dave! Dave! UGH  
sorry.

DAVE  
It's alright.

SNAP! Elz takes the picture and hands the phone back to Tall  
guy.

Tall Guy takes his phone but doesn't leave. He's just looking  
at the picture on his phone. Elz leans into Dave's ear to  
whisper something.

ELZ  
Dude, listen that's-

Dave isn't listening at all. He's looking past Elz, because  
Ally is walking up to him.

ALLY

Hey!

She hugs him.

DAVE

(nervous)

Hi.

ALLY

I see you met John.

DAVE

Who?

ALLY

John!

She points to Tall Guy, who is still there, still looking at the picture.

TALL GUY

My friends are *not* going to believe this!

DAVE

Him?

ALLY

Yeah!

She nudges Tall Guy.

JOHN

(oblivious)

Oh yeah, my name's John.

(to Ally)

Ally, that's Lil Dicky!

ALLY

Yeah I know, we uh- used to date.

JOHN

No way! My girl's ex is Lil Dicky?

DAVE! SHIT!

John's really beating himself up over that one.

Dave looks at Elz and Emma. They shrug, Elz mouths "I'm sorry."

ALLY

(sensing the awkwardness  
but moving past it.)

(MORE)

ALLY (CONT'D)

We've been seeing each other for a few months now.

JOHN

This is kind of awkward. I bet you want this picture back, HAHA!

John holds out the phone and waves it in Dave's face.

DAVE

(fake laughing)

HAHA!

(stone cold)

Yes.

Ally tries to break the tension.

ALLY

So, Dave, they told me about Kimmel. That's incredible! I'm so happy for you. It's really happening!

Dave tries to smile through the pain.

DAVE

Yeah, thanks.

ALLY

Well, I'm going to make my rounds.

She grabs John and leaves.

JOHN

Bye Lil Dave!

Dave is crushed. He looks like he's about to cry.

ELZ

I tried to tell you man.

EMMA

We're so sorry. I didn't know she would bring him.

ELZ

They've only been dating for like 3 months if that makes it better?

DAVE

(still watching Ally leave)

It's- fine. I'm getting Mike.

Dave leaves to look for Mike. He finds him in the kitchen.

DAVE (CONT'D)  
Mike, let's go.

MIKE  
(pouring wine)  
But I just decanted it.

Dave leaves the kitchen. He walks back past Elz and Emma. they try to stop him.

ELZ  
Dave!

Dave slams the door and is gone. Elz sighs as Emma puts her arm around him.

CUT TO:

EXT. SIDEWALK - NIGHT

Dave is outside sitting on the sidewalk. It's quiet, no one's around. Just him and his thoughts, we stay with him until he takes out his phone and opens a note, titling it 'Ally'.

As he begins to type his Uber pulls up.

UBER DRIVER  
Dave?!

DAVE  
Yeah-

Dave gets in the car, but we stay outside.

UBER DRIVER  
Woah! You're the funny dick song guy!

DAVE  
Yup.

They drive away.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. GREEN ROOM AT JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE - NIGHT

Dave is pacing backstage.

ELZ  
You ready?

Dave doesn't look ready.

DAVE  
Yeah.

GATA  
We are going to kill this shit, D.

Mike walks in.

MIKE  
They're ready for you.

DAVE  
Can I just get a second?

MIKE  
Uh- sure.

Everyone leaves.

Dave is alone again. He closes his eyes.

START DAYDREAM SEQUENCE:

In Ally's room, Dave and Ally are laughing, kissing, cuddling, and having sex in her bed. But- then John joins in? He pushes Dave off the bed and starts having sex with Ally. She's loving it! Moaning and screaming! Dave is pissed! He looks around the room while Ally is still LOVING what John is doing to her.

Dave finds a jewelry box and starts BEATING John over the head with it. After he beats the shit out of him he pushes him off of Ally and starts kissing her again.

END DREAM SEQUENCE.

His eyes open. He's ready.

CUT TO:

INT. BACKSTAGE AT JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE - NIGHT

Dave walks up to his crew. We hear Jimmy Kimmel announce him.

JIMMY KIMMEL  
And now performing his new single  
*Cum Together*, LIL DICKY!

Lights go up and Dave is HYPED running out on stage with his ugly yellow wing suit!

MONTAGE: Dicky is killing it! Everyone's standing up, dancing (including Jimmy and Guillermo), the balloons are everywhere, the crowds singing along "Cum Together, you and me. Let's cum together, mutually!"

The performance ends. Dicky takes a bow and he, Elz, and GaTa run offstage. Mike hugs them all.

MIKE

OhmyGOD you guys, that was SICK!

Dave starts getting text messages. One from his parents, one from Jim, one from Ally. He opens Ally's.

ALLY TEXT

Just watched Kimmel! SO good! Proud of you.

Attached is a picture of her and John watching. Dave looks up.

GATA

We HAVE to go celebrate! I got a hook up at a club downtown.

Elz turns to Dave.

ELZ

You good?

DAVE

Do you still have that sad beat you sent me a few weeks back?

ELZ

Yeah, why?

DAVE

I think I got something. Can we go to the studio?

MIKE

Are you serious?

DAVE

Yeah.

GATA

This dude's crazy.

CUT TO:

INT. STUDIO - NIGHT

Elz is at the boards, Mike is standing arms crossed, and GaTa is on a couch as usual. They're all listening to what Dave just recorded. We hear some of it and it's clearly a love song about Ally.

ELZ

Are you sure you want this on there?

DAVE

I think so.

MIKE

It's really good Dave.

GATA

That's some real shit in there.

DAVE

It should be the last song.

ELZ

Okay, I'll send it to Benny to finish it. What should I call it?

DAVE

Ally.

THE END.