

# Between The Lines

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*Second in a comedy trilogy similar to 'There's Something About Mary'*

## **Genre**

Romantic Comedy

## **Taglines**

Who understands the heart?

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## **Logline**

A struggling screenwriter falls in love with what appears to be two women and a man, each trying to help him achieve his dreams. What if they're the same person?

## **Short Synopsis**

On the back lot of a modern Hollywood movie, stage hand TYLER ANDERSON, dreams of breaking in as a screenwriter. But his timid lack of confidence holds him back.

Cursed by budget overruns from an uncontrollable arrogant star, an actress with acting issues, and an unruly script, the movie's future come under jeopardy.

With his own job on the line, screenwriting fraud, BLAINE CRACKER, exploits Tyler's latent talents to save the movie. He of course takes credit for Tyler's brilliance.

Complications arise when the movie's beautiful and brilliant disguise/makeup artist, JASMINE DEMARCO, who also lives in Tyler's apartment complex, takes a liking to Tyler which he finds impossible to resist.

Tyler's live-in no nonsense girlfriend, REBECCA WARNER, photo journalist for Hollywood's smut-king LARRY STEINBERG, has her own troubles. She's assigned the impossible task of gathering scandalous information on DR. BILL, a misogynistic freakish giant of a man and popular TV show guru. Her boss blackmails the movie producer which threatens production.

In personal crisis, Tyler seeks counseling from Dr. Bill, who takes special interest in helping Tyler deal with his women issues. As Tyler's therapy progresses, he's drawn emotionally to this strange Svengali.

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In the middle of everyone's personal chaos, clues come together revealing Rebecca, Jasmine and Dr. Bill to be the SAME PERSON, unaware of each other's existence. Eventually the three personalities coalesce into the one love in Tyler's life.

With this unified help, Tyler's mojo starts working and his talents are acknowledged.

## Outline

**Note:** *The movie being shot 'Between the Lines' is a sequel based on the 'Playing Games' movie (refer to 'Playing Games Script')*

- In a rundown old movie memorabilia shop, owner BLAINE CRACKER (40's) watches and transcribes an old, never before seen, Charlie Chaplin, movie called 'The Final Reel' - **Blaine**
- Opening – TYLER ANDERSON (34) in Laundry, types on laptop and watches 'The Dr. Bill Show', a misogynistic woman hating guru solving men's relationship problems – **Tyler, Dr. Bill**
- REBECCA SMITH (25), Tyler's live-in girlfriend finds his efforts at writing silently pathetic. She hates Dr. Bill – **Rebecca, Tyler, Dr. Bill**
- DR. BILL (40's), a Svengali on men's women problems cures a man of impotence with a novel method – **Dr. Bill**
- Shooting on set a scene from movie. Director ELLIOT DAMON (55) argues about Lemonade Stand Scene with screenwriter BLAINE CLARK (40's) – **Elliot, Blaine**
- Blaine brings Tyler up to speed about the movie they are shooting and the key game 'Perfect Recall'. He also spouts about everything that irritates him – **Blaine, Tyler, Pierce**
- MR. HOLMES (25) asks Tyler for lunch – **Mr. Holmes, Tyler**
- Tyler about to clock out as stage construction worker. SET SUPERVISOR (40's) tells Tyler to modify the table for Blaine – **Tyler, Set Supervisor**
- Tyler on the construction stage works on lemonade stand - **Tyler**
- Shooting Lemonade stand scene AMANDA (21) tricks Joe into pulling out his wallet and then MARTIN (21) handcuffs Joe to table – **Joe, Amanda, Martin**
- Director congratulates Blaine on rewriting the Lemonade stand scene – **Elliot, Blaine, Jasmine, Tyler**
- Jasmine watches Blaine getting Kudos and notices Tyler cleaning up the broken stand – **Blaine, Jasmine**
- Jasmine transforms Amy into Amanda with the skills of Michelangelo – **Jasmine, Amy, Amanda**
- Tyler's Apt – Tyler's in financial trouble. Rebecca's new assignment to take pictures of Dr. Bill. She demonstrates a new camera technology – **Tyler, Rebecca**
- Jasmine notices Blaine gets kudos for changes of Lemonade stand scene – **Blaine, Jasmine, Elliot**
- Jasmine in makeup van transforms Amy (blonde) into Asian (Amanda) – **Amy, Amanda, Jasmine**
- Apartment Manager tells Tyler the rent check bounded and Geoffrey tells Tyler he's about to lose his job. Tyler has financial problems – **Tyler, Apartment Manager, Geoffrey**
- Rebecca comes home sees Tyler watching Dr. Bill Show, tells about her latest assignment to get pictures of Dr. Bill – **Dr. Bill, Rebecca, Tyler**

- Rebecca tests a new surveillance camera on Tyler – **Tyler, Rebecca**
- In garage with Rebecca on her scooter - **Rebecca**
- Tyler getting ready while Rebecca sleeps and takes her surveillance camera with intention of getting photos of Dr. Bill. – **Tyler, Rebecca**
- Tyler in line at CBS Studio. Angry women search for Dr. Bill coming onto the CBS lot - **Tyler**
- Dr. Bill show's audience are only men. Tyler and midget brought onstage. Tyler can't use the camera to capture Dr. Bill – **Tyler, Dr. Bill, Little Man**
- Trash Publications Office, Rebecca talks about assignment with Larry Steinberg. She's propositioned and threatened with never having another assignment if she doesn't get smut on Dr. Bill – **Rebecca, Larry**
- On movie set Elliot argues with Blaine about dance scene at party.- **Elliot, Blaine**
- Lunch room on set Tyler is brown bagging it and watching Dr. Bill Show – Blaine has him look at the dance scene. Jasmine off in a corner notices this. Mr. Holmes hints there is some kind of connection between Jasmine and Dr. Bill. – **Doc, Tyler, Mr. Holmes, Blaine, Jasmine**
- Tyler watches Martin and Jasmine dance on stilts. Jasmine teaches master dancer Martin how to dance on stilts. – **Martin, Jasmine, Tyler**
- Movie dance scene Martin as robot on stilts – **Martin, Amanda, Elliot, Blaine, Kids**
- After dance, an excited Elliot congratulates Blaine – **Elliot, Blaine**
- Outside Apartment Laundry Room Tyler carrying load of laundry notices Out of Order sign - **Tyler**
- Hallway by another elevator notices NO PET IN RECYCLE sign - **Tyler**
- Apt Elevator – Tyler carries a laundry load into it
- Apt Laundry Room (another floor) Tyler does pushups as his Laundry washes, he meets Jasmine for first time – **Tyler, Jasmine**
- Tyler follows Jasmine into elevator – **Tyler, Jasmine**
- Jasmine's Apt. Tyler meets the cats – **Tyler, Jasmine, Scooter**
- Jasmine visits Los Angeles skid row - **Jasmine**
- Jasmine in Skid Row hands laundry cash bag to Food Server – **Jasmine, Food Server**
- Tyler has lunch with Doc under tree on set and finds that most of the actors in movie aren't actors – **Tyler, Doc**
- Silver Spoon Café – Rebecca eats a sandwich with best friend Samantha, tells about her father. Samantha complains about Tyler (a loser) – **Rebecca, Samantha**

- Tyler's Apt – Tyler watches a slide show in a picture frame and recognizes Jasmine's gray cat. A shiver goes through him – **Tyler**
- Tyler's Apt – Tyler folds laundry and Rebecca comments about the strange cat hairs in the laundry – **Tyler, Rebecca**
- Dr. Bill Show – angry woman dressed as a man attacks Dr. Bill – **Dr. Bill, Angry Person, Security Guards, Show's Producer**
- Movie set. Jasmine teases Doc – **Jasmine, Doc, Tyler, Handler**
- Lemonade scene with Pierce late Elliot is getting irritated. Tyler suggests a scene they can shoot – **Pierce, Elliot, Tyler, Blaine**
- Movie scene introducing Martin at Lemonade stand – **Tim, Mike, Amy, Amanda, Martin, Minon, Mr. Holmes**
- Maggiano's Restaurant with Elliot and Geoffrey talk about budget and rude English Waiter, Jasmine watches hidden – **Elliot, Geoffrey, Jasmine, English Waiter**
- Director's Trailer – Amy waits for Elliot, Elliot and Set Supervisor enter trailer, Amy overhears that she is getting the ax, she leaves unnoticed – **Amy, Elliot, Set Supervisor**
- Director Trailer – Set Supervisor is told to wait to fire Amy/Amanda – **Elliot, Set Supervisor**
- Makeup Trailer – Amy knocks on the Trailer door to try to find Jasmine, no answer – **Amy**
- Makeup Room – Jasmine as Amanda is putting finishing touches to her makeup - **Jasmine**
- Makeup Trailer – Tyler knocks on the door and Amanda comes out, she spots Amy, she drags Tyler off to lunch. She is really Jasmine – **Tyler, Amanda, Amy**
- Maggiano's Restaurant - Elliot and Geoffrey are having their weekly meeting, Jasmine as Amanda is with Tyler and will give English Waiter hell, a gossip columnist is also there Tori Turnabout – **Jasmine, Tyler, Elliot, Geoffrey, Tori Turnabout, English Waiter**
- Amy's Trailer – Wardrobe Assistant tells Amy how she gave that waiter a new asshole, Amy denies eating there – **Wardrobe Assistant, Amy**
- Amy rehearsing scene, Elliot walks up to tell her they are reshooting Rose scene. He congratulates a confused Amy. – **Amy, Elliot**
- Makeup Trailer – Amy confronts Jasmine about Maggiano's but doesn't get a straight answer. – **Amy, Jasmine**
- Maggiano's Restaurant – Elliot and Geoffrey have lunch, Geoffrey shows Elliot a great write-up in Variety – **Elliot, Geoffrey**
- Tyler's Apt – Rebecca discovers tickets to 'Playing Games' Premier – **Tyler, Rebecca**
- Salon Parlor with Pierce getting his hair done – **Pierce, Stylist**
- Playing Games set. Pierce shows up finally. - **Pierce**

- Tyler borrows Pierce's script (the wrong script) and Pierce gets angry – **Elliot, Blaine, Tyler, Pierce**
- Blaine notices commotion between Pierce and Tyler and reprimands Tyler – **Blaine, Tyler, Pierce, Elliot, Set Supervisor**
- Playing Games scene - In front of Pierce's House – Pierce does scene with wrong hair color – **Elliot, Pierce**
- Mr. Holmes points out to the director the hair color change on Pierce – Pierce refuses to change hair color – **Elliot, Mr. Holmes, Pierce, Continuity Coordinator, Set Supervisor**
- Elliot walks over to where Tyler works on Pierce Front Porch – Elliot finds out Tyler has been helping Blaine and the script Pierce had was from another movie – **Elliot, Tyler**
- **Jasmine transforms Tyler into Pierce**
- **Director's Trailer Tyler learns that Elliot wants him take film of Pierce and what's happening on the set – gives him a hat camera – Tyler, Elliot**
- Tyler notices Rebecca's scooter in the garage – **Tyler**
- Tyler's Apt – Rebecca is not home, he discovers Dr. Bill's business cards, about to do laundry – **Tyler**
- Geoffrey's House – family watching TV show, **JT, Geoffrey, Cheryl, Kids**
- Entertainment Tonight show – Larry is exposed showing a video of Dr. Bill having what appears to be an affair with Larry – **Host, Larry, Dr. Bill**
- Entertainment Tonight elevator – Larry is fired by Trash Publications CEO over phone – **Larry**
- Amy's dressing room – Amy asks Jasmine to teach her how to be Amanda – **Amy, Amanda, Jasmine**
- Rodeo drives – Jasmine, Amanda, Kat is walking down sideway confronts Bruno. Jasmine takes charge – **Jasmine, Amanda, Kat, Asian Man, Bruno**
- Bruno's restaurant – Jasmine takes control then Amanda takes over as Kat and Bruno reunite - **Bruno, Jasmine, Amanda, Asian Man, Tori Turnabout**
- Parking Lot scam turns against the perpetrators. Amanda takes charge – **Jasmine, Amanda, Parking Attendant, Driver, Woman Patron**
- Jasmine and Amanda give away money to a family on Wilshire. – **Jasmine, Amanda**
- Tori Turnabout from Variety shows up on set to talk to Amanda and encounters Pierce – **Tori, Pierce**
- Tori talks to Amanda on the set – **Amanda, Tori, Jasmine**
- Tyler in his Apt sets up appointment with Dr. Bill – **Tyler, Dr. Bill**
- Dr. Bill's office/apt – Tyler has a confidence session and ends up delirious and kissing Dr. Bill – **Tyler, Dr. Bill**

- Dr. Bill drives off in his pink Cadillac with Rebecca's scooter parked behind it.
- Dr. Bill has his last show. He reveals he is a woman. – **Dr. Bill**
- Tyler's Apt – Tyler is getting ready for Premier, Rebecca tells him she can't go – **Tyler, Rebecca**
- Dr. Bill drives off in his pink Cadillac with Rebecca's scooter parked behind it – **Dr. Bill**
- PLAYING GAMES PREMIER – Elliot, Geoffrey and Blaine walk quickly to the lounge - **Elliot, Geoffrey, Blaine**
- PLAYING GAMES PREMIER – the movie receives praise and Hollywood Producer wants to know about sequel, Blaine can't respond – **Elliot, Geoffrey, Blaine, Hollywood Producer, Young Noisy Man and Girl**
- Auditorium of Playing Games Premier Tyler is surrounded by Nikki and Jasmine and is feeling uncomfortable – **Tyler, Jasmine, Amanda**
- Tyler and Jasmine and Nikki come out of the theater and Elliot grabs him – Tyler explains the new movie idea revealing the movies secret that Rebecca, Jasmine and Dr. Bill are one and the same person – **Hollywood Producer, Tyler, Elliot, Blaine, Geoffrey, Nikki, Jasmine**
- At Premier Party - Pierce, Jasmine, Nikki, Tyler change into more comfortable clothes and put Premier clothes in lockers – **Pierce, Jasmine, Nikki, Tyler**
- At Premier Party – Several dozen tables – Elliot thanks everyone, Pierce is drunk annoying everyone – **Elliot, Pierce, Tyler, Jasmine, Nikki, Martin**
- At Premier Party in green room Jasmine, Nikki, Tyler and Martin record a scandal on Pierce – **Martin, Jasmine, Nikki, Tyler**
- At Premier Party Geoffrey introduces a new advice program REBECCA IN WONDERLAND (Rebecca) who shows a candid camera of Pierce making him the laughing stock of Hollywood – **Geoffrey, Pierce, Rebecca**
- Premier Night of Between the Lines – a review of what has happened to the major character's lives – **Tyler, Rebecca, Blaine, Geoffrey, Elliot**

### Clues that link Rebecca/Jasmine/Dr. Bill Together

- Dr. Bill wears motorcycle goggles, same as Rebecca's motorcycle goggles when he confronts angry audience member
- Dr. Bill moves from the waist up as a woman. He kind of sashays about.
- Dr. Bill wears black leather gloves just as does Jasmine in final scene and Rebecca when she is riding her motorcycle.
- No one can observe Dr. Bill going into the CBS studio (He rides in as Rebecca/Jasmine on a scooter – Dr. Bill's personal assistant)
- Jasmine transforms Amy into Amanda with the skills of a Michelangelo.
- Jasmine seemly without practice teaches the master dancer Martin how to dance on stilts.

- Cat hairs found in Tyler's laundry he does for Rebecca
- A reference that Rebecca isn't a normal woman
- In lunch room Mr. Holmes (with fantastic observational skills) notices Dr. Bill on the TV show and looks at Jasmine and tells Doc 'The Games Afoot'.
- No one can seem to know anything about Dr. Bill or catch him in any affairs – He's mysterious to the world.
- Rebecca, Dr. Bill, Jasmine all live in the same building.
- Rebecca can never get a photo of Dr. Bill – because of course she can't be in two places at the same time.
- Out of all the people in the audience Dr. Bill picks out Tyler to come up onstage.
- Several times we see Dr. Bill's pink Cadillac with Rebecca's scooter parked behind it.
- The stilts on the Dr. Bill show making the Little Man taller – Dr. Bill is freakishly tall. – he supplied the stilts to the Little Man – the pants the midget wore was allot like Dr. Bill's.
- Dr. Bill says he'll personally will show the Little Man how to use the stilts.
- Jasmine's fantastic ability to change the appearance of the people on the set – expert in makeup and disguise.
- Everybody's use of ChapStick.
- Jasmine hints at her skill of changing Amy to Amanda which surprises Tyler.
- Tyler recognizes Jasmine's Serval cat Scooter in Rebecca's picture frame slide show. Does Jasmine and Rebecca know each other?
- Dr. Bill's show is time delayed that's why we can see him on the air when we see Rebecca or Jasmine.
- Tyler is never seen with both Rebecca and Jasmine and/or Dr. Bill together in person – can't because the they are the same person.
- Dr. Bill has almost psychic insight into Tyler. – because he lives with Tyler as Rebecca and interacts with him as Jasmine.
- Tyler see's Rebecca's motorcycle in the garage but she's not home.
- Jasmine wears Rebecca's cracked watch.
- Jasmine's insight into how Amy can transform emotionally and physically into Amanda.
- All our characters are ultimately trying to help Tyler on a conscious or unconscious level – they like him.
- Tyler discovers Dr. Bill's card in Rebecca's shirt pocket and uses that to set up an appointment.

- Jasmine disguised as Amanda is noticed by Elliot in parking lot.
- Both Jasmine and Rebecca carry black athletic bags.
- Jasmine in Beverly Hills can act like two completely different people.

**Reasons we might think Rebecca/Jasmine/Dr. Bill are different people**

- Dr. Bill is 7 feet tall.
- Dr. Bill appears to be a man and identifies as a man.
- Dr. Bill appears to be in his 40's.
- Rebecca is White with short blond hair and Jasmine is Asian with long black/red hair.
- Dr. Bill is seen on TV often we see Jasmine/Rebecca and Tyler in the same scene when Dr. Bill is on TV.
- Rebecca and Jasmine behavior is opposite to each other.
- Dr. Bill hates women.
- Rebecca and Jasmine hate Dr. Bill.

## Characters

- **Tyler Anderson** – 34, male protagonist, set hand and screenwriter.
- **Rebecca Warner** – 25, female, short Scandinavian blonde, live-in girlfriend
- **Jasmine DeMarco** – 25, female, hot exotic Asian dark haired, makeover/makeup artist
- **Dr. Bill** – 40's, male, 7 foot freakish man, famous male guru advisor, hates women
- **Elliot Damon** – 55, male, PLAYING GAMES director
- **Geoffrey Levin** – 59, male, PLAYING GAMES producer
- **Larry Steinberg** – 50's, male, short, balding, Editor in Chief *Trash*
- **Blaine Cracker** – 30's, male, screenwriter for PLAYING GAMES
- **Samantha** – 28, female, Rebecca's friend
- **Pierce Buttholder** – 29, male, star PLAYING GAMES
- **Mary Hudson** – 38, female, landlord in 'Final Reel'
- **Amy** – 20's, female, brunette actress plays conservative special needs person in PLAYING GAMES (plays Amanda)
- **Amanda** – 20's, female, dark haired, wild woman, Amy's alter ego personality in PLAYING GAMES.
- **Martin** – 20's, male, fantastic dancer in PLAYING GAMES
- **Set Supervisor** – 40's, male, Right hand man for Elliot on PLAYING GAMES
- **Script Supervisor** – 40's, male, Hands out script changes on PLAYING GAMES
- **English Waiter** – 30's, male, Obnoxious English waiter at Maggiano's and later at Bruno's
- **Scooter** – Jasmine's wild African golden Serval cat
- **Bruno** – Dog of Asian Owner of Bruno's restaurant
- **Hollywood Girl** – female reporter for Variety magazine
- **Wardrobe Assistant** – 40's, female, wardrobe assistant
- **Mr. Holmes** – 25, male, actor in PLAYING GAMES that plays a Mr. Sherlock Holmes character
- **Mike** – 36, male, actor playing guard on PLAYING GAMES
- **Tim** – 26, male, actor playing guard on PLAYING GAMES
- **Asian Man** – 20's, male, owner of Bruno's restaurant
- **Minon** – 20's, female, mute woman of Hollis House
- **Jose** – 30's, male, actor playing gardener on PLAYING GAMES
- **Attendant** – 20's, male, scamming parking lot attendant on Rodeo D
- **Parking Attendant** – 20's, parking attendant
- **Personal Secretary** – 30's, female, personal secretary
- **Driver** – 20's, male, scamming driver in parking lot
- **Sister Girlfriend** – woman, sexy, replaces 'The Dr. Bill Show'
- **Doc** – a very sarcastic parrot who is Mr. Holmes sidekick
- **Hollywood Producer** – 60's, famous producer interested in sequel to PLAYING GAMES
- **Trash Publications CEO** – owner of Trash Publications
- **Stylist** – 20's, female, hairdresser
- **Continuity Coordinator** – 40's, male, makes sure actors and scene are same from one scene to next
- **Wardrobe Assistant** – heavy set African American, 20's who's the wardrobe assistant on PLAYING GAMES
- **Apartment Manager** – Tyler's/Rebecca's apartment manager
- **Noisy Young Girl** – Girl at PLAYING GAMES Premier
- **Noisy Young Man** – Young man with Noisy Girl at PLAYING GAMES Premier
- **Woman Patron** – Lady waiting for valet at Rodeo Dr parking lot
- **Tori Turnabout** – 50's, female, Variety reporter
- **Guest** – 40's, male, guest on Dr. Bill Show

- **Apartment Manager** – 60's, male, Tyler's apartment manager
- **Guest #1** – 30's, male, guest of Dr. Bill Show
- **Guest #2** – 30's, male, guest of Dr. Bill Show
- **Announcer** – 20's, male, Announcer on Dr. Bill Show