

MUNKEY IN THE CITY Tagline/Logline/Synopsis

Tagline

See Munkey Dream. Love. Try. Fall. Rise.

Logline

A delusional young novelist strives to become a writer in the big City, despite his misadventures in life, love, and everything in between.

Short Synopsis

A delusional young novelist comes to The City in search of a dream--of fame, of fortune, and the pursuit of happiness. But he also brings the one thing standing in his way: himself. His name is MUNKEY, and he's learning that The City is one big jungle he needs to survive.

Munkey dreams of writing the great American novel. The problem is, it's already been written. He's also looking for love in all the right places, but he's just the wrong person. And just what is that thing that's following him? Determined yet confused, hopeful yet awkward, he comes to The City, one of the most vast and wildest places on Earth, in order to "make it." On his journey, he struggles to connect with the people around him, escaping instead through alcohol, drugs, and his own writing. Through much trial-and-error, and with the help of an eclectic band of friends, Munkey must come to realize his own purpose in life, before The City swallows him whole. Though he soon realizes that the singular Evet is the key to unlocking his full potential and future.

Detailed Synopsis

MUNKEY accidentally breaks his computer by spilling wine and pounding it with his fist. A fitting start to his journey as he enters the exciting metropolis called The City to start his new life as a "famous" writer. Brash and naïve, he tries to bond with his new roommate, ALLISON, but she quickly gets put off. He then approaches the beautiful EVET at a party, hoping to get lucky. Instead, in his rejection, he is left with advice that propels his new personal voyage.

Another roommate, SUANNE, helps Munkey gets settled into his new room, while suggesting a new personal look as well. High on cocaine, THOMPSON, Munkey's other roommate, visits him while he's sleeping to talk about paying rent. Broke with no choice, Munkey walks into the biggest publishing house in The City to hand them his original novel. The problem is: his novel isn't that original. But a disappointed Munkey eventually lands a restaurant job and steals a few swigs from his flask while he takes out the trash.

At a local bar, Munkey meets Evet again and continues his pursuit of her. But Evet has other plans as she reveals that she's actually a lesbian. While shopping though, Munkey finds he doesn't have enough cash for the toothbrush, deodorant, AND the wine? So, decision made, Munkey painfully scrapes his teeth with his hands at home. Finished, he sits down to a glass of wine to write in his notebook. Finally, Munkey's alter ego, the Munkey King, appears. And he isn't pretty.

Munkey and SUE the bartender discuss creativity while bonding of sorts. Munkey then comes across a homeless man asking for change, but he selfishly decides to keep a found quarter for himself. Later, Suanne gives Munkey a new coat to replace his old one, which he hesitates to accept. Feeling lost, Munkey escapes through writing poetry. Finally, Munkey decides on a new direction and gives his old coat to the homeless man, who is actually the Munkey King in disguise.

A revamped Munkey tries to impress the well-dressed GLORIA, but his paycheck isn't big enough for her, to Munkey's chagrin. Then, Munkey's boss, ALVY, catches him drinking on the job, but gives him another chance through his passion for erotic literature. Later, Munkey and Suanne are hitting it off when Munkey confesses that he was adopted, which prompts Suanne to invite him traveling with her. But a naïve Munkey is still too blind to read between the lines.

Munkey is in a rut. Thompson and him sit in a park at 8 am, high on cocaine and drinking beers, discussing Munkey's purpose as a writer. Then, Alvy reads an erotic piece by Munkey and gives him a new job writing for his erotic website. That night, sparks are flying between Thompson and Gloria at the bar, and Munkey must hide from the embarrassing fact. Suddenly, Evet appears with more advice for Munkey. But she quickly vanishes, forcing Munkey to question who she really is.

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