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How to Disappear Completely

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LOGLINE

A year after their friend's death, two people who used to be each other's comic relief — one who can only grieve by joking, one who can no longer receive jokes as love — spend a weekend in the desert with the people they used to be, trying to find out if any version of their friendship survives what life did to it.

THE FILM

How to Disappear Completely is about grief as a language barrier between people who used to speak the same language fluently. Jack and Vanessa were each other's comic relief. Now one can only pebble — send memes, make snide jokes, deflect — and the other can no longer receive deflection as love. The desert location is not backdrop; Joshua Tree is a place where nothing can hide, and the script uses that pressure deliberately.

COMP SET

The Big Chill · Lawrence Kasdan

Mass · Fran Kranz

Rachel Getting Married · Jonathan Demme

The Humans · Stephen Karam

RECOGNITION

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