

THE CHAMPIONS  
(Promo)

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FADE IN

INT. MAGGIE AND ANDREW'S APARTMENT - DAY

A hand from the half-empty bed grabs the ringing cell phone with frustration. It is quickly SILENCED before being thrown back down on the nightstand.

MAGGIE  
(V.O.)  
Life isn't easy.

SHE groggily pulls herself out of bed -- MAGGIE, 46.

INT. BENNETT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - DAY

KEVIN, 51, very sickly in appearance, lays on an MRI scanner as it moves into the circular machine.

KEVIN  
(V.O.)  
It's no bed of roses.

TEARS fill his eyes under the bright lights.

INT. THE MARTIN'S PUB - DAY

WILL, 24, lies sleeping on the hard wood floor.

WILL  
(V.O.)  
Every. Single. Day is a struggle.

A half empty bottle of Whiskey is just inches from his face.

EXT. SPECIAL K'S - DAY

ROD, 21, stands behind the corner of a brick wall.

ROD  
(V.O.)  
Just to keep moving forward.

He checks to make sure the pistol in his hand is loaded -- fully ready to shoot.

INT. BENNETT MANSION - DAY

TOM BENNETT, 86, stands at the fireplace overlooking the many photographs of Bennett family members.

TOM  
(V.O.)  
To bear with the losses.

He sips an early morning brandy.

INT. SPECIAL K'S - NIGHT

A drugged up KASSIUS, 31, gets a lap dance from a STRIPPER.

KASSIUS  
(V.O.)  
To find something meaningful.

Despite how awesome the moment should be, his face reads of deep thought and conflict.

INT. MONTY'S ADDICTION - DAY

CAROLYN, 15, breaks down into tears, her head falling into the shoulder of her best friend, JOSIE, 15.

CAROLYN  
(V.O.)  
To learn how to trust.

INT. HOSPITAL PARKING LOT - NIGHT

DR. CLAIRE, 43, in her white coat and scrubs receives a kiss from her reporter girlfriend, DAPHNE, 34.

CLAIRE  
(V.O.)  
To find true love.

INT. MAGGIE AND ANDREW'S APARTMENT - BATHROOM - DAY

ANDREW, 48, and Maggie passionately make out on the sink in the bathroom. Toothpaste everywhere.

ANDREW  
(V.O.)  
And to keep the fires burning.

INT. BENNETT & BROTHERS - NIKKI'S OFFICE - DAY

NIKKI, 35, the youngest CEO of the company, fury in her expression, she slaps her boyfriend, KYLE, 43, and then shoves him, screaming inaudibly.

KYLE  
(V.O.)  
Or watch everything crash...

INT. STREET - NIGHT

A dolled-up SHAVON, 27, is surrounded by a GANG of men who grope her and antagonize her as she tries to walk down the street.

SHAVON  
(V.O.)  
All around you...

FLASH CUT TO:

A SERIES OF FAST-MOVING SHOTS:

CUE SONG: "WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS" by QUEEN

-- Will, FIONA, 26, and Shavon, all appearing drunk, laugh hysterically, holding each other up.

-- The nerdy and quiet, DELIA, 19, races to catch the bus, only to take an embarrassing dive onto the crowded city sidewalk.

-- A SHOT of the CITY SKYLINE.

-- A SNIPER looks through the SCOPE of the gun.

-- Sweet UNCLE CHARLIE, 80, smiles with the few teeth in his mouth.

-- A SHOT of the popular VARRICK SQUARE.

-- OFFICERS JOSE, 28 and BARRY, 33, draw their guns as they enter an abandoned, grafitti-filled, old tenement building.

-- COMMISSIONER BRIAN sits with the MAYOR and DISTRICT ATTORNEY BENSON, deep in discussion.

-- Protesters stands outside CITY HALL with signs reading: "ENFORCE GUN CONTROL," "END THE KILLING, BRING THE PEACE!" etc.

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-- Reporters crowd around Nikki as she tries to make it to her car, CAMERA FLASHES EVERYWHERE.

-- A party full of the cast swarm a BALLROOM.

-- Andrew and Maggie dance with each other, leaning in for a kiss--

FADING TO:

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COMING SOON