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dating and exhaustion

*follows the lives and loves of a group of loosely, yet
intimately connected dating app users in Berlin as well as the
friends and family members that either support or loathe them.*

List of *Dating and Exhaustion* Characters

This list of *Dating and Exhaustion* characters includes both major and minor characters from *Dating and Exhaustion*.

- * Soraya (she/her), 28, 5km away
- * Armin (he/him), 78, 16km away
- * Rachel (she/her), 25, 2km away
- * Mauve (they/them), ?, 1km away
- * Heike (she/her), 38, 10km away
- * Sibel (she/her), 41, 10km away
- * Storm (he/him), 31, 8km away
- * Jonna (they/them), 19, 6km away

S04E01

"Tired"

Three months have passed. After the events at Kottbusser Tor, the characters almost reunite at Nordblock, the protest on March 8th, in semi-work-related contexts. Three months have passed? The housing crisis intensifies. Soon, mixing with Doro's and Amira's circle of mutuals, a tired Mauve learns that the latest heterosexuality may not have prepared them for what they will learn about lazy transitioning, lofts with extremely thin walls, and also love ... in Berlin.

S04E02

"Excited"

Three months have still passed. At Nordblock, Ana finally learns that bordering on a reunion – like sex or cancelling a date with love – is sometimes close enough. Meanwhile, Sibel can't host. When Sibel's house is sold to an investment fund, that is actually evil, she encounters a smell in her flat that is revealed to be an email love letter. In the aftermath of nothing really that could count as event, Flo weeps and swipes in the kitchen. Swiping right, swiping right and despite the circumstances, millions, billions of gays ... swipe right back. Hey qt.

S04E03

"Sun-soaked"

It's the season of sun-soaked anxiety and crushes, but this is an episode of sun-soaked anxiety and crushes, too.

Quotes from "Sun-soaked"

- "We agreed that this was our fourth season of living in Berlin, though we couldn't quite figure out what our specific connections were in this series of events. We didn't meet in the same bar every night. We didn't go to or through the same high school, time machines, family-like structure. Anything close to an institution was too subtle a horror to be felt as coherence. And the times we fucked and/or stayed friends certainly changed our lives, but not in the sense that would pass as an arc in the writer's room. However, some of us shared fantasies, partly of a different way to inhabit buildings."

S04E04

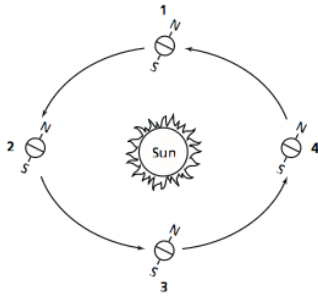
"Exhausted"

Lavender's laptop crashes forever, and when her hot 19-year-old roommate Aidan tries to help, she pushes him away (lovingly). Heike continues to date Sibel and finds herself tired, horny, and in the mood for infatuated self-reflection. Everything takes place over the course of one night that spans over a couple of nights. Meanwhile, Ciel is too lazy to go to the voice feminization training group this week. Lu is PMS-ing hard. Sonja is too depressed to ever go anywhere again, any week. Lu is PMS-ing so hard. It's revealed that it's raining. Meanwhile, after parenting for a couple of days, Maxi is too tired to bike all the way to southern Neukölln where their new friend Doro – a sourdough butch – is celebrating an important 32nd birthday. Rachel is still working too much. An overworked Rachel is also way too much in love to be bothered by the flirtatious ghosts of her past, conjured by this one perfume (trauma). Flo is too fucking heartbroken to hook up with someone. Luna is too worn out by an actual job with less than actual pay. Sibel is too drunk to fuck, but fucks anyways. Which causes both delight and distress. A (problematic) Samantha "loses" her orgasm. Meanwhile, Jenny is too sad to write a memoir called Sex and Okayness, A Memoir. Jenny, a 28-year-old writer, feels too insecure to wear the spectacular knee-high leather boots that help her feel less insecure. A sad Jenny is too angry to write a memoir called Food and Friendship, A Memoir. Meanwhile, Willow calls Armin, a white gay barkeeper in his late 70s whom she visits sometimes. She tells him she is too hungover to visit today, maybe the following Friday, will let him know. Storm is out of T. When Storm goes online to update his bio with his new pronouns, dating apps are such a boring nightmare. However, he is too exhausted to stop swiping through profiles. Storm matches with people he finds cute, wise, and/or hot, but is too exhausted to actually meet in whatever is supposed to be a bar in Friedrichshain. In the aftermath of having sex, Ana and Lena have wrinkled fingertips.

S04E05

"Dissociated"

Also for two weeks, Amira is too dissociated to do anything or to stop doing any of the things she is doing.



List of Dating and Exhaustion Seasons (Seasons 1-4)

S04E06

"Fucked"

At Olfe, Mauve learns that the art of cruising in Dating and Exhaustion involves staring at each other from a medium distance for 8 hours straight. Or liking each other's posts overnight, but for years. In the aftermath of not having sexted in forever, Mena and Trinity agree to have sex on Monday. Trinity cancels. Mena cancels. Meanwhile, Houses are cleared of tenants, renovated, and filled with new tenants. In a mild flash-forward, an aged Mena and an ageless Trinity tonguefuck. They fuck. They fingerfuck. They feel each other out for a season.

S04E7

"Organized"

In the aftermath of a mood they call organizing, some of the characters gather to demand wages for dating. Wages for refusing to date, too.

Quotes from "Organized"

- "It's a curious thing that heterosexuality, in a show that purports to be taking it into the twenty-first century, doesn't actually work without 24/7 technical support. It is a curiouser thing that, thanks in part to Sex and the City itself, teams of women across America are convinced to provide this technical support for free. Maybe there's some kind of feedback loop at work here: heterosexuality forbids you from being a dyke, then makes you gay for your girlfriends. I'm hardly convinced that any of our protagonists actually like men; what they do seem to like is liking men, because empirically speaking, liking men translates, almost all of the time, into being with women: touching their hair, rubbing their shoulders, sharing their feelings. One would be forgiven for assuming that, in a world such as this, the easiest way to be gay is just to be straight, with the confidence that Mr. Right, like Christ, or Godot, is always coming but never comes." - Andrea Long Chu (it is her who tweeted "wages for dating" as well)

<http://post45.research.yale.edu/2018/07/sex-and-the-city-andrea-july-24/>

S04E08

"Dysphoric"

Devon wrestles with their shame. Before going out to meet Laura, Sibel takes the longest shower, which is where her body begins. When Juliana tries to catch up on her latest journalism assignment, she accidentally runs into her ex-lover Eden and is more surprised to find out that Eden is now dating Carla's ex-lover Storm. Tine continues to date a boo, who is not only a lover but also a ghost. Boo, who is not only a lover but also a ghost, is stunned when Tine requests a bold sexual favour from him. Devon wrestles with their shame.

S04E09

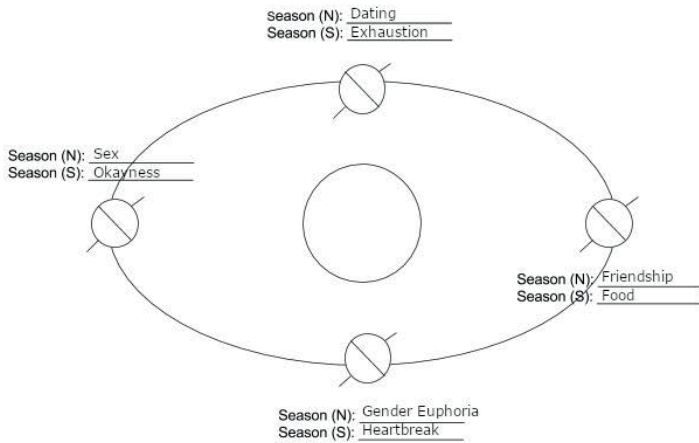
"Moved"

In a moving finale, someone makes food for someone else. Someone dies, too. My season wraps up. Like a blanket, a wrap, like something that doesn't. In an overwhelming turn of events – that is underwhelming at the same time! – one of the queens actually comes. Meanwhile, Jonna tries to have a fun sexy summer. Later they finds out this must include dry sobbing into a handful of armpits. The best that Kit, Soraya and Low can hope for is that their arcs don't, in fact, stick the landing.

S04E10

Quotes from "Haunted":

- "What's the opposite of ghosting? Consensual haunting?"



List of Dating and Exhaustion Seasons (Seasons 5–9)



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