

the LIE

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When they first met, Lonnie and Clover were young idealists, but an unplanned baby forced them to flip the script. Lonnie put his music on hold and got a crappy job, and now Clover is abandoning her activism for an opportunity in the corporate world. Drowning in disappointments, Lonnie decides he needs some time off work to reexamine his life, but when he tells a shocking lie to his abusive boss, it's only a matter of time before the grenade he's thrown onto his life explodes, and suddenly he's pushed to figure out who he is, what he wants, and maybe... just maybe...what it means to be a father.

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Based on the acclaimed New Yorker short story by T.C. Boyle, **THE LIE** is a candid, yet charming look at how a seemingly harmless and momentary lapse of judgment can lead to life-altering calamity. Lonnie (HUMPDAY'S Joshua Leonard) and Clover (TEETH'S Jess Weixler) were once young idealists -- destined to change the world, until an unanticipated pregnancy derailed their plans. Clover is in her final year of law school, while Lonnie, stuck in a nine-to-five routine, remains in a daze about the artistic lifestyle they were forced to abandon.

Deciding he needs some time away from his soul-sucking job to renew his stalled aspirations, Lonnie calls in sick and creates a shocking lie to justify his absence. Swept away in a series of misadventures beyond his control, he attempts to close the Pandora's Box, but finds that it is too late. As Lonnie's crudely constructed lie begins to unravel, **THE LIE** takes us on a journey of self-discovery as it astutely examines what it means to be an adult, and the steps we all take to get there...eventually.

The Lie is Joshua Leonard's first solo feature after co-directing the documentary, **BEAUTIFUL LOSERS**. **THE LIE** also stars Mark Webber from **SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD** and features appearances by Jane Adams (HAPPINESS), Kelli Garner (THE AVIATOR), Alia Shawkat (ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT) and Gerry Bednob (THE 40 YEAR-OLD VIRGIN).



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