

"HELIX"

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Note: everything played to camera with artificial cheer otherwise noted.

INT. BENCH

ALICE sits on a park bench looking at her phone. She looks up.

ALICE
I've finally done it! I found my
soulmate.

BOB enters and sits down next to her.

BOB
I love her.

ALICE
And I love him.

BEAT

BOB
So you're probably wondering...
what's our secret? How did we get
so lucky!

ALICE
Well... We met online.

Both stand.

BOB
We live in a society with millions
of competing dating apps... Tinder,
Bumble, Hinge,

ALICE
OkCupid, Grin-dur-

BOB
Grinder.

She sighs heavily at his correction. Then composes herself back into artificial cheer.

ALICE

With so many platforms out there,
how can you trust any of them to
actually work?

A second couple enters and sits on a bench to the left of Bob
& Alice

CAROL

Here's how I see it... if a dating
app wants to make money, they have
to keep a large number of active
users paying for their product.

DAN

But if a dating app works and
actually helps those users find a
match, wouldn't it lose all of them
and run out of money?

CAROL

That's right. Supposedly, you find
your "soulmate", you delete the
app, and you never come back.
Logically, the business model can't
succeed. Therefore, we can conclude
that...

Conspiracy tone:

ALL

All dating apps are crooked.

BOB

None of them work. They're feeding
their users a list of incompatible
people to keep them trapped.

DAN

The users are blindly believing
they'll find the one. Just like a
hamster on a freaking wheel.

ALICE

If a dating app really worked, you
wouldn't keep paying money to USE
the app, you would keep paying
money to... not use the app.

Back to artificial cheer:

CAROL

And that's exactly what we do.
Every month we each pay a ten
dollar premium to Helix.

DAN

Helix is a dating app that strives
to pair people with their true
soulmate. It's simple and it's
free...

CAROL

Until you find that special
someone. Then you start paying the
monthly subscription fee. It's just
like netflix or HBOGO. You pay the
ten dollars a month and instead of
LOOKING for a match, you get to
maintain your already existing
relationship.

DAN

They don't waste your time and
money like every other app, just re-
pairing you with people you hate.

ALICE

Some of our friends are confused
why we keep paying Helix for a
service they're
(air quotes)
no longer providing.

BOB

Do you know what would happen if we
stopped sending them checks?

ALICE

We haven't figured that out yet,
but we're certain it can't be good.
(to Bob)
You already wrote this month's
check, right?

BOB

(thinks for a second)
Yeah
(to Camera)
Please download the app. They need
more users. If Helix shuts down
then we'll probably have to break
up.

ALICE

Even though were soulmates... it'll
really suck.