

Living the Dream

**A SITCOM PILOT
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A naive European actress
moves to Hollywood to make
all her dreams come true,
and stumbles into every
possible pitfall.

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SYNOPSIS

The naive quirky actress Elli leaves her life in Europe behind to make all her dreams come true in Los Angeles. Her best friends are a hopeless procrastinator and a high-functioning alcoholic. Her immigration lawyer is a paranoid conspiracy theorist, and her agent has no clue what he's doing. So what could go wrong?

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CHARACTERS



ELLI RAUSCH (28)

A German actress from Finland, who just came to Hollywood to make all her dreams come true. She is quirky and naive, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed ("unicorn"), good-hearted, and often too good for this world. She is high energy and dreams big. Driven and creative, Elli always has her head full of ideas. She is a cute girl next door with big eyes, who doesn't drink and never tried hard drugs in her life. She has an almost childlike innocence to her. Elli had her own primetime show in Finland, the drama series 'Lentokonesuihku-turbiinimoottoriapumekaanikkoaliupseerioppilas', that was canceled after just one season. Elli just started dating her former best friend Mike, who lives in Europe and hates L.A. Elli and Mike have an on-and-off long-distance relationship, constantly considering going back to just being friends. Elli loves to wear pink and her favorite music is melodic speed metal (power metal). She meditates while listening to metal, and her favorite band is the fictitious band 'Freedom Dash'. (Comedy character: In Their Own Universe)

LAUREN WATSON (52)

Elli's immigration lawyer, and a die-hard conspiracy theorist. Lauren believes the earth is hollow and that everyone is after her. She is paranoid, yet motherly and warm. Lauren regards Elli as the daughter she never had, because she never married because she doesn't trust anyone. She wants to look out for Elli and help her to be safe in this dangerous and unjust world. Lauren is originally from the Midwest. She is a strong woman. She is petite and short (about 5'1") and dresses in elegant and professional business outfits. She looks like a kind, but very strict Midwestern mom. Lauren doesn't like Elli's agent, Pete Baxter, because she thinks he's stupid. (Comedy character: The Neurotic)



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GEORGIA FROM OHIO (GEORGIA SMITH) (36)

Elli's second friend in L.A. An actress from Ohio, who moved to Los Angeles eight years ago, but didn't really get anything done. Not even the podcast she has been wanting to start for six years. Georgia is a hopeless procrastinator. She likes Elli because she is so driven. Inspired by Elli, Georgia always makes plans, and then doesn't follow through with them ("I will make it my highest priority for next week"). Georgia is a gorgeous small town beauty. Georgia is not the brightest bulb in the chandelier, but she is a good soul and a true friend to Elli. Georgia likes everyone, and everything is "so much fun" to her.

(Comedy character: The Dumb One)

JENNABELLE JONES (31)

Elli's first friend in L.A. A valley girl with platinum blonde hair, artificial fingernails, fake lips and a fake nose. She had multiple beauty surgeries done, some of which were a little botched. She looks like a model who saw her best days long ago. Jennabelle is a notorious party girl and a high-functioning alcoholic ("Girls just wanna have fun"). They met, because Elli found Jennabelle one night on Sunset Strip, when she was super drunk and brought her home safely. Jennabelle is superficial and a clout chaser. She uses people. She is 31 years old and already divorced three times. She lives in a big mansion in the Hills that she got from her last husband and throws wild house parties every other night. Jennabelle is usually so drunk that she doesn't know what day of the week it is. She also has a habit of driving under the influence.

(Comedy character: The Materialistic One with a tendency to The Manizer)



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PETE BAXTER (46)

Elli's wannabe agent. Pete is a chaotic, unorganized and unsuccessful loveable loser. He fell in love with Elli at first sight. He only became an agent to be able to spend time with her. He has no previous experience as a talent agent. Pete is very tall and lanky. He has messy hair and puppy dog eyes. He is a little bit unkempt, but very charismatic. His sneakers make a slight, but pesky squeaking noise. Pete is lonely. He lives alone and talks to the ashes of his dead mother as if she were still alive. He adores Elli and calls her "Unicorn". Pete is constantly planning to propose to Elli, but never dares to do it. Pete is simple-minded and always tries to say what he thinks Elli wants to hear because he desperately wants her to like him. He is scared of her immigration lawyer, Lauren Watson, but pretends to like her because Elli does. Pete calls her "Lauren the lawyer". (Comedy character: The Loveable Loser)

MIKE LUNDGREN (29)

Elli's former best friend and now on-off-boyfriend. He deeply cares about her, but has a strong fear of commitment. He is funny, honest and loveable, but can be very sarcastic at times. Mike is a published sci-fi author with a small but very loyal International fan base. He writes under the pen name 'Johnny Sunburst'. He hates L.A. because he thinks everybody there is totally fake and superficial. Beside their views about L.A., he and Elli have a lot in common. Mike is a metal-head with long hair. He always wears a worn-out denim jacket and heavy metal band T-shirts. He collects vintage guitars from flea markets. He and Elli met at the Tuska Open Air (Finland's biggest metal festival) in Helsinki six years ago, and developed a deep friendship. But they only started dating after Elli moved to a different continent. Mike is either Swedish, Finnish or German, and has a slight European accent. He lives in Europe. (Comedy character: The Bitch/Bastard with a tendency to In Their Own Universe)



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WRITER & LEAD

Kati Rausch is an award-winning actress and screenwriter with movie and TV credits in five countries. Her first US short film OUR SONG, which she wrote, produced and starred in, was screened at 52 international film festivals and won 18 awards so far. Her second comedy short, TIGERLILLY, just entered the festival circuit and already won 5 awards. In the leading role Camille James Harman, who starred alongside Christian Bale and Steve Carell in Adam McKay's Oscar-winning movie 'Vice'. Kati also wrote a viral comedy web series, that reached over two million views on YouTube. She just co-authored a music video concept for a major European metal band. LIVING THE DREAM is her first sitcom.



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