

Sein Ben | Being Ben

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Fade In:

INT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN, an emotional wreck of a teenage boy is standing wrapped in an orange blanket.

BEN
(German screaming)

EXT. PUBLIC PARK. DAY

BEN, currently a happy teenage boy in a relationship, is sitting on a swing set with his girlfriend DAPHNE, a happy teenage girl.

BEN V.O
(in German)Hello

EXT. BEN'S ROOF. DAY

BEN and DAPHNE are sitting on the roof wrapped in blankets.

BEN V.O
(in German) My name is Ben

EXT. WELLINGTON HARBOUR. DAY

BEN and his DAPHNE are sitting looking out over the harbour.

BEN V.O
(in German) And this is my
story

INT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN and his DAPHNE are sitting in an empty bathtub in blankets.

BEN V.O
(in German) Of emotional
tragedy

INT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN and his DAPHNE are sitting in his room in a blanket.

BEN V.O
(in German)It starts with my
girlfriend

EXT. PUBLIC PARK. DAY

BEN and his DAPHNE are sitting on a blanket in a park
talking.

BEN V.O
(in German)She is wonderful

INT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN and his DAPHNE are in blankets dancing around the house.

BEN V.O
(in German)Always laughing.
Always dancing. Always
happy. Wonderful!

CUT TO BLACK

BEN V.O
(Angrily in German)She is a
real piece of shit!

EXT. CITY. DAY

BEN and his DAPHNE are standing facing each other with
DAPHNE'S new boyfriend TYLER, a stereotypical douchebag, off
screen.

DAPHNE
It's not me (beat)It's you. Yeah,
um,it's not me. It's you.

DAPHNE is standing holding TYLER'S hand. TYLER laughs and
pulls finger guns at BEN and the camera

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BEN, an emotional wreck of a teenage boy is standing wrapped
in an orange blanket.

BEN
(German screaming)

INT. BEN'S BATHROOM

BEN is sitting half submerged in a bath tub.

BEN V.O
(Apprehensively in
German)It's not great.

EXT. CITY. DAY

BEN is talking to an anonymous FRIEND.

BEN
(In denial and in German)
Yeah, nah, nah, I'm great.
It's great.

EXT. CITY. NIGHT

BEN is yelling at an anonymous STRANGER.

BEN
(Drunkenly in German)
Why!? She's such a bitch.

(Drunkenly crying in
German)I hate her!

EXT. CITY. DAY

BEN is standing outside, pulling the finger at DAPHNE who is staring back.

BEN V.O
(Overly happy in German) I
think I handled it really
well!
(Brooding in German)Really
well.

INT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN is standing in front of a mirror screaming.

BEN
(German screaming)

INT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN is sitting in a blanket against a wall, having flashbacks to TYLER

TYLER V.O
(Douchy)Hah! Nerd! Mumma
ain't raise you right! Might
wanna get your weight up
boy!

INT. BEN'S HOUSE. NIGHT

BEN is sitting in the dark wrapped in a blanket with his laptop out on Google translate.

GOOGLE TRANSLATE
It's not even that small.

BEN V.O
(in German)I needed some
affection.

GOOGLE TRANSLATE
I love you (beat) I love you.

EXT. CITY. NIGHT

BEN is standing outside a DreamGirls (a sleazy strip club) by himself.

BEN V.O
(in German)I found true love.

EXT. CITY. NIGHT

BEN is sitting on the ground alone in a sleazy alleyway hugging his knees.

BEN V.O
(in German)True love feels
cheap and disgusting.

EXT. SCHOOL. DAY

BEN is standing reading a book on break ups.

EXT. SCHOOL. DAY

TYLER is standing in the school courtyard.

BEN runs through the courtyard and punches TYLER.

INT. BEN'S HOUSE. NIGHT

BEN is walking around the house wrapped in a blanket.

BEN V.O
(in denial and German) I
wasn't lonely.
(Angrily in German)No! I was
feeling fantastic!

EXT. PUBLIC PARK. DAY

BEN is angrily chasing birds around the park.

BEN
(Wild German screaming)

EXT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN is sitting down wrapped in a blanket staring at a knome
while having flashbacks of TYLER.

BEN V.O
(in German)I was a little
bit of a mess.

TYLER V.O
(Douchy)Hah! Nerd! Mumma ain't
raise you right! Might wanna get
your weight up boy!

EXT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN is throwing the knome away.

BEN V.O
(in German)It was time to
change.

INT. BEN'S BATHROOM

BEN is sitting on the toilet reading a book on breakups.

BEN V.O
(in German)But change is
hard.

EXT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN is throwing away the book on break ups.

BEN V.O
(Upbeat in German) So I just
didn't.

EXT. CITY. DAY

BEN is standing in an alleyway yelling into his phone.

BEN V.O
(Upbeat in German)Instead I
flipped my shit at my ex.

INT. BEN'S BEDROOM. NIGHT

BEN is in bed covering himself in blankets.

BEN
(German screaming)

EXT. PUBLIC PARK. DAY

BEN is sitting on a swingset by himself wrapped in a
blanket.

BEN V.O
(Exasperated in German)But
it's okay.

INT. BEN'S BATHROOM

BEN is sitting on the toilet eating chips.

EXT. CITY. DAY

BEN sees his DAPHNE in town and tries to avoid her before
having an awkward conversation with her.

BEN V.O
(in German)I saw my ex in
town. She said she was
great.
(Angrily in progressively
more bitter German) So I
said I was great. (beat)
Always great. (beat) So
great. (beat) The greatest!

EXT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN is screaming while punching a boxing bag.

BEN is crying and hugging the boxing bag.

EXT. BEN'S ROOF. DAY

BEN is sitting on the roof in a blanket by himself.

BEN V.O
(in German) Purely out of spite

EXT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN is throwing the blanket away.

BEN V.O
(in German)I was going to get my
life together.

EXT. PUBLIC PARK. DAY

BEN is running laps around the park.

BEN V.O
(in German)I exercised.

INT. BEN'S BATHROOM

BEN is shaving his face.

BEN V.O
(in German)I de-pubed my face.

BEN is putting on a cowboy outfit,

INT. PARTY. NIGHT

BEN is dancing dressed as a cowboy.

BEN V.O
(in German)I was ready to party.

BEN is dancing wildy.

BEN V.O (CONT'D)
(Sad in German)I was not ready to
party.

BEN is rolling around on the floor crying.

INT. PARTY BATHROOM. NIGHT

BEN is throwing up in the toilet.

EMILY, a friendly teenage girl, is draping a blanket over
BEN as he throws up.

BEN V.O
(Upbeat in German)But there was a
girl! She was nice!

BEN and EMILY are sitting in a bath with blankets.

BEN V.O (CONT'D)
(in German)And I was alright.

INT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

EMILY is standing at the door with takeaways for a hungover
BEN.

BEN V.O
(in German)She pitied me.

EXT. BEN'S ROOF. DAY

BEN and EMILY are sitting on the roof in blankets.

BEN V.O
(in German)But that is normal.

INT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN and EMILY are sitting in BEN'S room wrapped in blankets.

BEN V.O
(Upbeat in German)It was just like
old times, but better!

EXT. PUBLIC PARK. DAY

BEN and EMILY are sitting on a swingset in blankets.

BEN V.O
(in German)She wasn't a shit!

INT. BEN'S BATHROOM

BEN and EMILY are sitting in a bathtub wrapped in blankets.

BEN V.O
(Upbeat in German)Not a care in
the world!

EXT. PUBLIC PARK. DAY

BEN and Emily are sitting on a blanket in the park.

BEN V.O
(Upbeat in German)I was so happy,
and not a mess!

EXT. WELLINGTON HARBOUR. DAY

BEN and EMILY are sitting looking out over the harbour
wrapped in blankets.

BEN V.O
(Upbeat in German)She is
wonderful!

INT. BEN'S HOUSE. DAY

BEN and EMILY are dancing around the house in blankets.

BEN V.O
(in German)Always laughing. Always
dancing. Always happy. Wonderful!

CUT TO BLACK

BEN V.O
(Angrily in German)She is a
real piece of shit!

EXT. CITY. DAY

BEN and EMILY are facing each other with TYLER off screen.

EMILY
So I've been thinking
(beat)that(beat) you're a real
piece of shit.

BEN
Oh.

EMILY
Sorry that came out wrong.I've
found someone else, and we've been
(MORE)

EMILY (CONT'D)
thinking (beat) that (beat) you're
a piece of shit.

The camera pans to TYLER standing pulling finger guns at BEN
and then the camera.

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in an orange blanket.

BEN
(German screaming)

FADE TO BLACK.

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