

## How to break a leg and become famous

A screenlife short series by Alina Battalova

# Logline

A math teacher who is tired of his job breaks his leg and has to spend a month at home. He conducts lessons via Skype and tries to start making money from music in order to stop teaching.

# Format And Structure

The short series: 8 episodes, each of them is 20–25 minutes long.  
The platform: a computer screen.

A period shown in the series lasts for 4 weeks: that's how long recovery takes. Two episodes are equal to a week from the protagonist's life.

All the episodes are linked to Monday or Thursday. By choosing two days from the teacher's schedule we fix a lineup of students who take part in the episodes.

Every episode starts with a lock screen that shows a day of the week and a date.

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Апрель 2018

Пн	Вт	Ср	Чт	Пт	Сб	Вс
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

Май 2018

Пн	Вт	Ср	Чт	Пт	Сб	Вс
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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# Characters

## The Protagonist

**Alexey**, a math teacher and a form-master of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He would like to be a professional musician. Has a specific sense of humor.

## Others

**Margarita**, a literature teacher and Alexey's secret crush.

**Alisa**, a student of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, takes private lessons from Alexey on Mondays.

**Maximilian**, a student of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, takes private lessons on Thursdays.

**Pilach**, a musician who plays the musical saw.

The Fundamentals Of Health And Safety (FHS) teacher.

The school principal.

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# Summary

Alexey conducts his first online lessons after the trauma, they are fun for him. He also has two students for tutoring: Alisa who is going to enter a technical university because of smart boys and Maximilian who gets only bad marks. Alexey secretly loves Margarita and checks her Instagram but leaves no comments or likes.

Alexey shares his songs on YouTube and VK, but they are not popular. He sends a clip to a VK public page, the clip gets negative feedback. Students from Alexey's class joke at it. Margarita supports Alexey's hobby, they start following each other on Instagram.

Alexey keeps teaching Alisa and Maximilian. He advises Alisa to stop wasting time on math and find her true vocation. Maximilian starts understanding topics, gets his first good marks and expensive presents from his parents.

Pilach offers Alexey to create a song together, the song gets likes and shares. Alexey gives a sincere interview to a YouTube channel. He gets thankful messages from viewers and starts a Kickstarter project to record his album.

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The FHS teacher makes Alexey's students pass military standards. Alexey tries to talk to him, but it's in vain. Margarita's class also has problems with this subject. They start a petition, and the school principal cancels passing the standards.

Alisa studies diligently: Alexey's philosophy of doing favorite things inspires her, although she is still searching. She posts info about the album on her popular Instagram, and amount of money on Kickstarter increases. Alexey shares good news with Pilach. Pilach isn't making music anymore but supports Alexey.

For Alexey's birthday his students have collected money required for finishing the Kickstarter project. Alexey confesses to choosing music and ending his teaching career. Maximilian's family gives Alexey opportunity to have his recital in a club. Alexey asks Margarita to come to his recital, she accepts the invitation.

In 3 months Alexey gives an interview to the YouTube channel. He is making headway but misses his students and Margarita. Alexey goes to the school's website, sees a vacant position of a math teacher and applies for the job.

# Casting For The Leading Role



**Alexander Ilyin Jr.**

A comedy actor ("Interns"),  
the founder of the punk rock  
band "Lomonosov's Plan"



**Boris Dergachev**

A comedy actor ("Take A Hike,  
Vasya!"), a stand-up comedian



**Evgeniy Kulik**

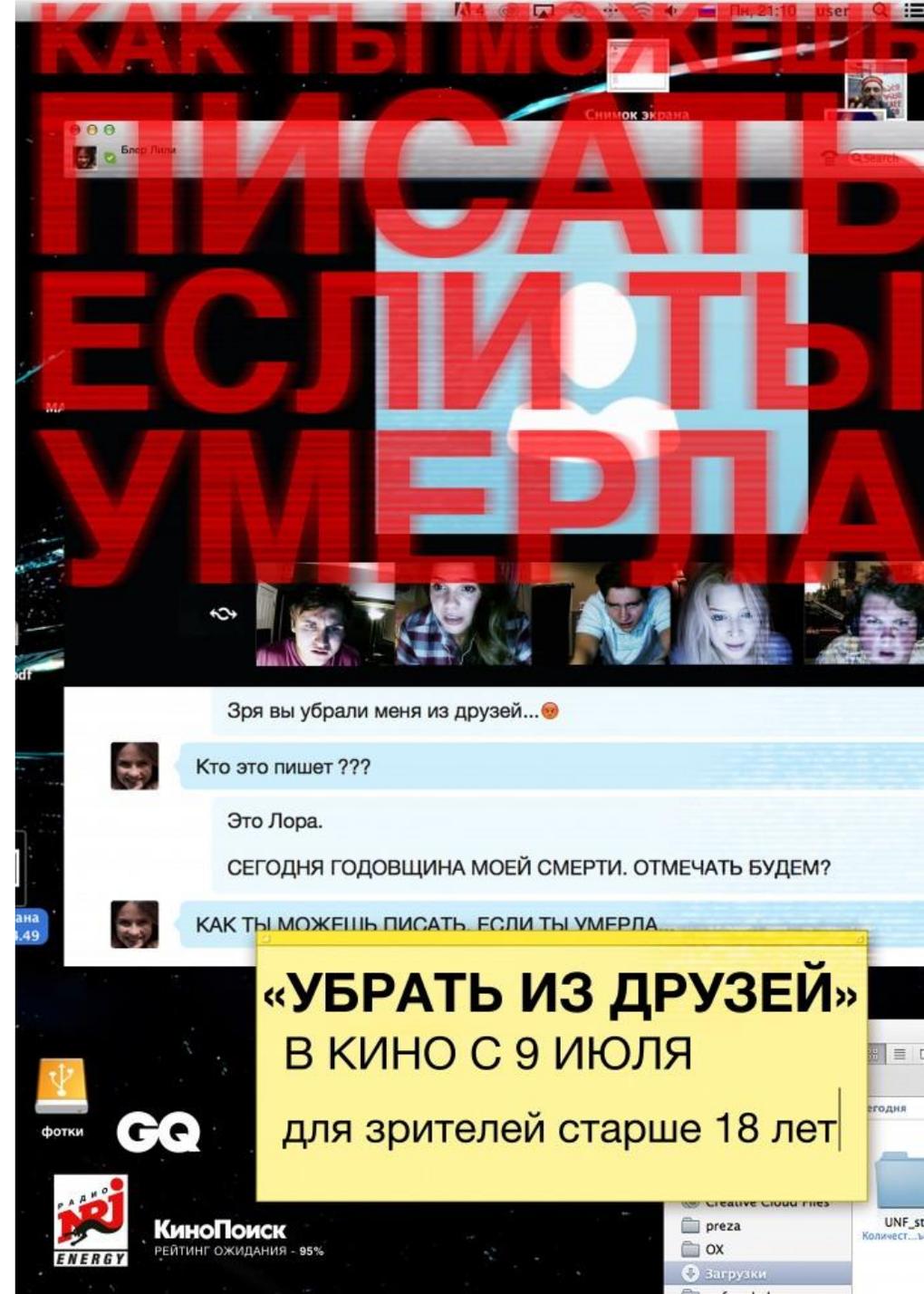
A comedy actor ("I'm Getting  
Thin"), an Instagram viner

# Approximate Budget

Production of "Logarhyme" is comparable to "Unfriended". There are several locations that are used throughout the series and several characters. No complex decorations and special effects are needed.

Approximate budget is \$1,000,000: according to Kinopoisk.ru, that's the budget of "Unfriended".

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# Writer

My name is Alina Battalova, I'm a copywriter. I used to work in global ATL and digital ad agencies, and now I'm responsible for brand communication at Svyaznoy. I write video ads for TV and Internet, create names and slogans, invent campaign ideas and mechanics. I live in Moscow.

I have a bachelor's degree in sociology, and this fact influences my creative approach to some extent. "Logarhyme" is a fictional story, but intentions, hopes and fears of the characters are based on my observations about people and my own background.

I'm not experienced in screenwriting, but I know how to write honestly and avoid clichés. I believe in new formats. I'd love to share stories that lift spirits and inspire. And that's why I participate in the Screenlife Contest.

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**Thanks for reading!**

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