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LIFE ISN'T ALL HA HA HEE HEE

Adapted by Meera Syal from her acclaimed novel, this is a moving and often funny story about friendship, love and betrayal involving three childhood friends who are now in their thirties.

Tania (*Laila Rouass*) is the beautiful, ambitious career girl who has rejected marriage and lives with her non-Asian boyfriend (*Matt Day*), much to the horror of her traditional family.

Sunita (*Meera Syal*) dropped out of university to marry her sweetheart and is now the mother of two and wife of earnest psychotherapist Akaash (*Sanjeev Bhaskar*).

Chila (*Ayesha Dharker*) is the sweet, naïve, traditional one of the three who is marrying the man of her dreams; urbane entrepreneur Deepak (*Ace Bhatti*).

All three women are at a crossroads in life, but friendship has always held them together. That is, until Tania is given the big break she has been waiting for and is asked to make a film about love and marriage in the Asian community. The consequences are explosive.

It emerges that both Chila's and Sunita's marriages are not as happy as they should be, and as neither woman will accept this Tania decides to use her film to make them face the truth. Sunita is captured on film making a devastating confession and Tania creates a sequence that mocks Chila and Deepak's married life.

Chila thought Deepak was the man of her dreams, but is he the man of Tania's dreams too?

Written by:

Meera Syal with Abi Morgan

Directed by:

Andy De Emmony

Produced by:

Jo Willett

Executive Producer:

Mark Redhead

Duration: 3 x 60' or 6 x 30'



