Time Out

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Tim and Kat Holland are a happily married, early thirties British/American couple who are separated by their transatlantic careers. They are scheduled to meet for a sailing holiday in Greece with another couple. At the last minute however a critical deal keeps Timothy at the office.

Kat begins the vacation with their friends, Joyce and Stephen Frank. They are a troubled American/German couple living and working near Timothy in London. Kat lives in America so has spent little time with them prior to this vacation. Stephen is constantly fixated on his work and resents Joyce who seems to have a successful life/work balance. Joyce is completely frustrated by her husband’s work obsession and apparent jealousy. She copes with her situation by drinking and flirting with the two-man crew. This consists of Evan, the English boat’s captain, and Tommy, their young Scottish cook. Joyce tries to encourage Kat to join in the fun.

As Timothy struggles to break free of his professional commitments in London, Kat finds herself caught in the middle of the Frank’s problems. Kat becomes more lonely and discouraged with every passing day of Timothy’s absence. In the meantime Evan, who has been divorced at least twice, tries to seduce her.

By the time Timothy is able to leave the office, it’s the last day of the holiday. He is however able to get a week off to join Kat back in the US. Kat has held off Evan’s advances and encouraged Joyce and Stephen to have a heart-to-heart about their future. Kat and Timothy are looking forward to their reunion but Father Time has something else in store.