

"Samantha Who?" – Season 1 Episode 1

Warm-up

What if you had the chance to start your life over, to do it all again? What would you change? What would you continue to do the same?

Synopsis

Wretched (feeling horrible) with amnesia after an accident, Samantha attempts to discover her life again. After being the victim of a hit and run accident, Sam awakens to the shock of everyone that she doesn't remember any of them, not even her parents who were standing over her bedside.

Cast



Dena Howard Regina Samantha Todd Andrea Frank

- ⊙ Dena (Sam's childhood school friend)
- ⊙ Howard Newly (Sam's father)
- ⊙ Regina Newly (Sam's mother)
- ⊙ Samantha – Sam – Newly
- ⊙ Todd (Sam's boyfriend)
- ⊙ Andrea (Sam's best friend and coworker)
- ⊙ Frank (doorman)
- ⊙ Renee (Sam's lover) – *not in the picture

Scene summaries

0:00-1:07 (Hospital)

- ⊙ **coma**: unconscious
- ⊙ **they sponge you down**: the hospital staff bathes you with a sponge
- ⊙ **spa**: luxurious resort
- ⊙ **pina colada**: mixed drink
- ⊙ **stuck in my head**: hear it over and over again in your mind
- ⊙ **struck down by a hit and run driver**: got hit by someone in a car who fled the scene of the accident
- ⊙ **hooked to machines like an eight grade science experiment**: lots of medical equipment attached to Sam's body to monitor her condition
- ⊙ **Extreme Makeover – Home Edition**: a TV show that features a race against time on a project that would ordinarily take at least four months to achieve, involving a team of designers, contractors and several hundred workers who all have just seven days to totally rebuild an entire house – every single room, plus the exterior and landscaping.
- ⊙ **Oh my lord!**: expression of surprise like “Oh my god!”

hospital hit and run accident parents Dena mother filming Sam wakes up

1:08-3:04 (Hospital)

- ⊙ **retrograde amnesia**: Sam's general knowledge is intact but she has no stored or personal memories; she can't recall anything about her life
- ⊙ **worked my fingers to the bone**: worked very hard
- ⊙ **(you were) out**: unconscious
- ⊙ **jog your memory**: help you remember
- ⊙ **maybe it'll trigger something**: help you remember

retrograde amnesia boyfriend Todd

3:05-5:14 (Samantha's parent's house)

- ⊙ **give me a little top off**: give me a little more alcohol
- ⊙ **if you had a nose like that for truffles we'd all be rich**: sarcastic comment about Andrea's alcohol problem (her keen sense of smell for alcohol)
- ⊙ **beyond their gravitational pull**: outside of their (Sam's parents) influence
- ⊙ **(you might want to switch drinking arms) you don't want to bulk up on one side**: you don't want to gain any muscle on one arm and distort your figure (another sarcastic comment about Andrea's alcohol problem – always holding a glass/drink)
- ⊙ **I think I left my car running**: I left the car on/motor running

parents' house best friend Andrea/alcohol problem Sam's relationship with her mother

5:15-6:20 (Todd's apartment)

crown molding



awkward: uncomfortable

Todd's apartment awkward situation

6:21-8:24 (Todd's apartment)

- ⊙ **bitch at you:** nag/complain
- ⊙ **What's the deal?:** What's going on?
- ⊙ **put something fabulous on:** wear something very nice
- ⊙ **easy now tiger:** calm/settle down
- ⊙ **regard birthdays as childish ploys for harvesting attention and gifts:** a sarcastic comment about how birthdays are just a way for people to get lots of attention and gifts

answering machine/voicemail Sam and Todd's relationship cell phone/Andrea/Renee's birthday party

8:25-9:16 (Outside the bar – Renee's birthday party)

- ⊙ **(no) reruns:** seeing a TV show more than once
- ⊙ **feel unarmed:** feel vulnerable/exposed
- ⊙ **freaking out:** going crazy
- ⊙ **you love Elvis Costello (and hate opera):** *Elvis Costello is a British musician
- ⊙ **(you take) gummy bear vitamins ('cause you can't swallow pills):** chewable vitamins
- ⊙ **that should hold you 'till I get back:** that should be enough information until I get back from the car with your "memory" notebook

outside the bar Sam's anxiety (freaking out) Todd's reassurance

9:17-10:43 (Bar – Renee’s birthday party)

- ⊙ **I’ll make it up to you:** when you do something that causes a negative result, you can fix it (i.e. make it up) by doing something positive
- ⊙ **You were off your game:** You weren’t your usual self
- ⊙ **Ding, ding, ding:** light bulb moment/realization

Renee

10:44-12:51 (Bar – Renee’s birthday party)

- ⊙ **play date:** an arranged appointment for children to get together for a few hours to play (used sarcastically)
- ⊙ **You’re good/I’m good:** You’re okay/I’m okay
- ⊙ **betrayed:** be disloyal
- ⊙ **your street corner is still going to be there:** sarcastic comment about the woman being a hooker/prostitute
- ⊙ **my baby’s still in there:** that’s the Sam I know and adore/love

Dena (popularity) Todd (affair)

12:52-14:25 (Bar – Renee’s birthday party)

- ⊙ **cheater:** someone who is unfaithful to their partner

Renee (Andrea) vs. Todd (Dena) AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)

14:26-16:38 (Alcoholics Anonymous meeting)

- ⊙ **newcomers**: new people at the meeting
- ⊙ **Popeye** - “**I yam what I yam (I am what I am)**”
- ⊙ **frickin'**: used for emphasis instead of the more profane expletive “f**king”

AA meeting amnesia

16:39-17:12 (Frank the doorman)

Frank

17:13-18:34 (Todd's apartment)

- ⊙ **I knew something was up**: I knew something wasn't right
- ⊙ **You're going with the insanity defense**: You're going to claim that you didn't know what you were doing
- ⊙ **break up with**: end a relationship with someone

Sam's confession broke up coffee house

18:35-19:41 (Coffee house/Todd's apartment)

- ⊙ **mugshot:** (jail/prison) picture
- ⊙ **(I'll add it to) the pile:** pile of pictures (sarcastic comment about having many mugshot pictures)
- ⊙ **(What a) nut!:** crazy person

coffee house mugshot/pictures on his wall

19:42-21:04 (Frank the doorman)

Tom Waits song

21:05-End (Sam's parents' house)

- ⊙ **adopted:** not biological child

parent's home Sam's hope

Full Recap

0:00-1:07 (Hospital)

Lying in the hospital in a coma for eight days after a hit and run accident, Samantha Newly is surrounded by her parents, Regina and Howard, and her friend Dena. Sam decides to wake up just while her mother is filming the last moment of a video she's going to send to Extreme Makeover – Home Edition about the tragedy she's been going through.

1:08-3:04 (Hospital)

Samantha doesn't remember her parents or friends and is later diagnosed with retrograde amnesia by the doctor. She remembers nothing of her past and no one including her boyfriend Todd, who she refuses to go back to live with, because he's a complete stranger to her right now.

3:05-5:14 (Samantha's parent's house)

Arriving at her parents' house, which triggers no memories at all, Sam meets Andrea, her best friend and co-worker which, according to Regina, has an obvious alcohol problem. Via Andrea, Sam finds out that she and her mother haven't spoken in two years and her mother claims she forgot the reason.

5:15-6:20 (Todd's apartment)

Realizing that staying at her parents' won't help her remember a thing, Sam goes back to Todd's apartment. While showing her around the apartment, Todd and Sam realize that they're in a very awkward situation.

6:21-8:24 (Todd's apartment)

Via Todd's voicemail Sam finds out that none of his friends, and probably he too, actually liked her, and tries to get more information about the way their relationship used to be, writing everything in her notebook. Her phone rings and it turns out to be Andrea asking why she's late to Renee's birthday party. Assuming that Renee is another friend of hers, Sam decides to go and convinces Todd to accompany her and even invites Dena, which are things old-Sam never used to do because she always hated birthday parties and even forgot Todd's on one occasion.

8:25-9:16 (Outside the bar – Renee's birthday party)

Outside the bar, Sam is clearly anxious about going to Renee's birthday party. In fact, she's freaking out. She compares her emotional state to that of a student taking a big test at school she has never studied for. Sam apologizes to Todd for being so needy – as people know things about her, but she knows nothing. Todd tries to reassure Sam by arming her with facts about her life before going back to the car to get her memory notebook.

9:17-10:43 (Bar – Renee's birthday party)

After entering the bar, Renee takes Sam aside, expresses his concern for her recent disappearance, and kisses her. A shocked and confused Sam, quickly leaves Renee and runs back into Andrea. Andrea reveals that Renee is Sam's lover. At that moment, Sam realizes how naughty she is (i.e. by cheating on Todd with a married man) – something Andrea clearly adores and enjoys.

10:44-12:51 (Bar – Renee's birthday party)

While at the party, Sam finds out that Dena is not actually one of her current buddies, but rather a childhood school friend who she hasn't spoken to since 7th grade, because Sam's popularity around the school rose. Apparently, Dena just visited Sam in the hospital once after her accident and kept coming back when she saw how happy Sam's parents were to see that their daughter has a real friend. Another shocking detail of her past is revealed when Sam finds out that Renee is actually a guy and is her lover too, despite being married himself. Sam rushes to Todd and sends him home fearing that he'll find out about her affair.

12:52-14:25 (Bar – Renee's birthday party)

Andrea, not believing that Sam invited Dena to the party, tries to convince Sam that Renee is the guy for her, while Dena disagrees. Between turning Renee's many vacations offers and Andrea and Dena's disagreement, Sam finds out, through digging in her purse, that she also attends AA meetings and rushes out of the club.

14:26-16:38 (Alcoholics Anonymous meeting)

Arriving late at the AA meeting Sam tries to explain her amnesia situation in a very bad way to the rest of the members but ends up being asked to leave by the organizer.

16:39-17:12 (Frank the doorman)

In the entrance to Todd's building she meets Frank, the doorman she figures has never even spoken to before in her life despite the fact that he probably opened the door for her everyday.

17:13-18:34 (Todd's apartment)

Later that night, Sam confesses the whole Renee story to Todd, surprisingly, he tells her that he's actually relieved because he broke up with her right before the accident. While Todd is trying to explain to her exactly where and when he broke-up with her, Sam's memory flashes at the word "coffee house" realizing that that's also the place where she and Todd first met.

18:35-19:41 (Coffee house/Todd's apartment)

We're back with old Sam at the coffee house waiting in a very long line for her coffee order. Eventually she ends up "stealing" Todd's coffee and doesn't even bother to return it to him when he catches her. Todd, being a photographer, takes a few pictures of Sam joking that they're for her mugshot. Those same photos are still hung on his wall.

19:42-21:04 (Frank the doorman)

Realizing that she and Todd can't live together after all these revelations, Sam, with a couple of bags, is advised by the doorman Frank to go home.

21:05-End (Sam's parents' house)

Which she does, but when she arrives she wonders if she's going to regret the decision of moving back with her somewhat abnormal parents.