

Graphic Designer Arthur and his high school English teacher/drama coach/playwright wife, Anna rent a duplex in Mount Vernon, New York. Sadly, their passionate marriage is turning tepid and clouds are appearing fast over the languid, scenic neighborhood they were once so happy in. Enter Sylvia, a light-hearted, cumulous nimbus who brings a happy backdrop (with a bit of sorrow in smaller doses). Sylvia is a ditsy, talented artist who once lived at the duplex, from the window of which she began a prized pastoral that she'd like to complete. So she returns to Mount Vernon, rings the bell (to ensure no one is home), lets herself in and executes her plan to do so. Unfortunately, Anna discovers Sylvia. Fortunately, her choice is to befriend the trespasser. Then comes Ariel, staying with Arthur and Anna a while due to marital difficulties; and Julio, a less than scrupulous philanderer; and Cat, an itinerant actress/kleptomaniac. All together, they (and their slap-happy chaos and circumstances) shock, rock and explode together in a non-stop plot that takes twists and turns through love, lust, death and debauchery.

*4 women/1 man*

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