One man uses MS to his delightfully devious advantage...

Quote of the Month

"Do not take the world too seriously, or let too many social conventions oppress you."
- Randolph Bourne

Media of the Month

The Dismantled Pre-Pilot
Watch the episode here.
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When life gives you lemons, what do you do? Jason's DaSilva's answer would probably be make lemonade - and spike it. In this preview of his new webseries, The Dismantled, DaSilva introduces us to Billy, a hot shot young real estate agent who turns drug smuggler after multiple sclerosis throws his life into a chaos of disability and disempowerment. DaSilva, whose 2013 documentary When I Walk explores his own journey with MS, writes, directs, and stars in the series, which is still in development. You can see some great behind-the-scenes footage here - you'll even see our very own Alice Elliott, who served as directing consultant on the pre-pilot.

Learn more about the series and follow its progress at thedismantled.com.

Three Reasons Why This is Worth Watching

1. Jason DaSilva and Roxanne Schiebergen (who plays Tess, Billy's friend and a wheelchair user) both have the disabilities they're portraying on screen - something you see too rarely in film and television.

2. DaSilva balances comedy, sarcasm, despondency, and cynicism very well. The episode is able to pull out the absurdity inherent in the situation without belittling it.

3. This story is ultimately about empowerment - losing it, finding it, and taking it into your own hands. And that's something all of us have to deal with.
We hope you find this Media and Disability information useful. If you know of media that you think should be featured in our newsletter, feel free to let us know!

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