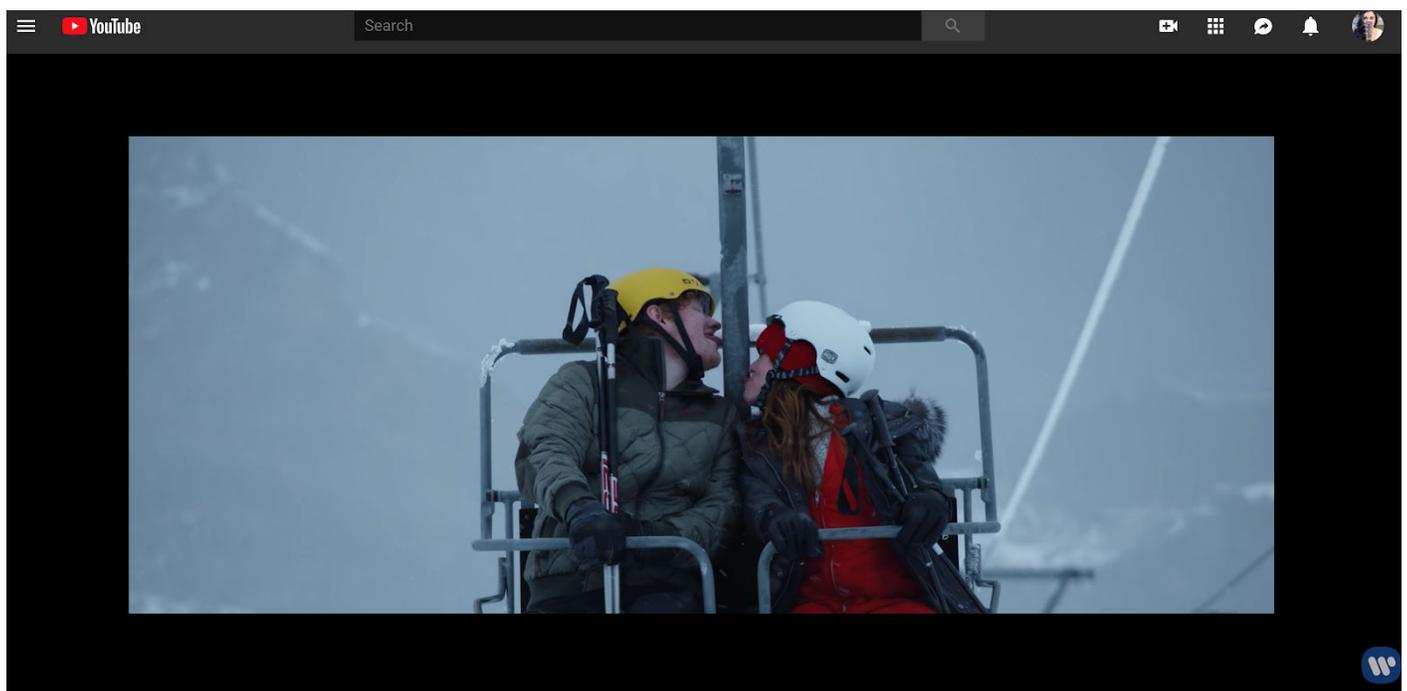


Hello, hello! Fancy meeting you here...

## **HOW IT'S GOING SO FAR**

It is week three and the ball on my new music video is ROLLING my friends. So many exciting things happened this week, and there were some moments where I thought everything might fall apart. So sit back, grab a bowl of popcorn, and let me tell you about everything that went down.

This was a bit of a slower week for the video, but it does not mean that anything less than extraordinary happened. I have been communicating with my videographer/director Addison about the game plan, and we came up with some great ideas for the video. We thought it would be great if we could get a guy counterpart for the video who would play my "love interest" and focus for the story of the video. We want it to have direction and good attention, but to also not be like every other cliché music video featuring a romance. However, this presented obstacles in itself.



Ed Sheeran - Perfect (Official Music Video)

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As you can see from Ed Sheeran's "Perfect" music video, love stories sell! I just didn't want to be another music video love story.

## **BOYS. CAN'T SHOOT WITH 'EM, CAN'T SHOOT WITHOUT 'EM.**

Do you know how hard it is to get men to commit to things? Not to hate on guys, but this week was really rough. We had at least eight or so boys agree to be in this video as models and not a single one replied to the dates we set for shooting. Not. A. Single. One. I'm a big fan of boys, don't get me wrong. Without them I wouldn't have two albums. But I at least need them to follow through being in this video!

My prayers were answered though, when Addison came to the rescue. He rallied up some of his buddies and they were more than happy to help out and multitask to make this video happen. His friend Connor would do sound while acting as an extra, Heath would fly a drone for great landscape shots (a *drone*, you guys!), Carlos would drive his super cool jeep, and Torrey would be the I'm-here-to-tell-jokes-and-make-people-candidly-smile guy -- all while acting as extras in the video. My fiddle player Will rounded out the male majority. I am so excited to get started on this thing, it's crazy. I was nervous for a while because we wanted to have a cool car featured in the video, but everywhere we turned there seemed to be obstacles. One couple took their old VW van out of town and didn't know when they'd be back, a friend of mine offered an old mustang that couldn't make it up the mountain and onto a dirt road, and a super cool bmw just didn't fit the concept of the video we were trying to create. We wanted the theme of the video to be natural yet polished and to really just focus on the music as a whole. Luckily, Carlos stepped in and offered his cool black off-roading jeep for the video and we were sold.



This is Carlos' jeep, picture courtesy of Addison Shinn. Look how *cool* this thing is!

## **OH (S)NO(W).**

The rest of this week was spent reaching out to some of my girlfriends to be in the video. It made sense to bring in people I was comfortable around (and who could make the date we decided on for shooting). Here's the thing though, everything might get put on hold if something doesn't change.

The date we chose to shoot has snow predicted to fall on Mt. Lemmon to the extent that there's no way on God's green earth that we will be able to get our butts up there and film. Finding any other day that works with all of these models and crew members is going to be an uphill battle if it comes to that, so I'm praying that everything works out. Don't get me wrong, I *love* snow. I do. I just would like to be able to shoot my video while being able to feel my fingers.



I love snow as much as the next Tucsonan (if not more). But it can be extremely inconvenient sometimes, you know, when shooting a music video.

That's all from me this week, guys! I'll keep you posted on the release date and how everything goes down. I'm hoping filming happens when we want and that things are smooth sailing from here. I hope to solidify a storyboard and a final concept before we shoot, and hopefully pick out some cute clothes too! I am too excited to even convey it, and I can't wait for you all to see what great things are happening.

All my love,