

FADE IN:

INT: CAR - EVENING

SANDY KOMINSKY drives. NORMAN NEWLANDER is in the passenger seat.

SANDY

You still up for finding a place to spend the night and then head home in the morning?

NORMAN

Sure. Why stop the fun now?

SANDY

Wanna listen to some music?

NORMAN

No, I like the quiet. Helps me think.

SANDY

What are you thinking about?

NORMAN

Ah... as it happens, suicide.

SANDY

Whose?

NORMAN

My own.

SANDY

Oh, please. You're not killing yourself.

NORMAN

Are you offering to murder me? Because that would be very thoughtful.

SANDY

You're kidding, right?

NORMAN

Not at all. If you look at it objectively, my continued existence is... pointless.

SANDY

Come on, Norman. You're just depressed, okay? It'll pass.

NORMAN

It'll pass. My wife, the woman who gave my life meaning, is dead, my job doesn't fulfill me anymore, and I just put my 45-year-old dope-fiend daughter in rehab for the eighth time.

SANDY

You've got a grandson.

NORMAN

Who's in Scientology and won't speak to me because I'm a "suppressive".

SANDY

"Suppressive"? Oh, that's not fair. Oppressive, maybe. I'm sorry, I still think you have a lot to live for.

NORMAN

You do, huh? Let's hear it, Pollyanna. Why should I live?

SANDY takes a moment and exhales.

NORMAN (CONT'D)

You've answered the question.

SANDY

No, no, no! Just give me a minute.  
(beat)  
You're beloved. A lot of people would be very sad.

NORMAN

I'm not Tom Hanks. They'll get over it.

SANDY

All right, how about this? I need you.

NORMAN

You?

SANDY

Yes. You're my best friend, and your guidance and support is crucial to my continued well-being.

NORMAN

Your agent is your best friend. That's very sad.

SANDY

I'm serious! I mean, do you think I would've come on this trip if I didn't care about you?

NORMAN

Thank you. Forget I said anything.

SANDY

Good. Good. So then, you're not going to...

(mimes slitting his own throat)

NORMAN

No, I'm not gonna do that. Maybe this:

(mimes slitting his wrist)

SANDY

Norman!

NORMAN

I'm kidding. I'd fill up my pockets with smoked salmon, go out in the woods and look for a hungry bear.