



MEMORY SURVIVAL

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FADE IN

INT. BAR - NIGHT

Among the crowd is TED, a young handsome man alone with a drink.

His attention shifts to something in the distance.

FLASH on another section of the bar.

BEN, a young handsome man alone with a drink shifts his attention to something in the distance.

Ted with his drink starts to move across the bar.

BEN (V.O.)
How long have we been together?

TED (V.O.)
Thirty years.

BEN (V.O.)
Where did we meet?

TED (V.O.)
In a bar.

Ted continues to move across the bar.

He approaches Ben with an introduction followed by a big smile from Ben.

TED (V.O.) (CONT'D)
Love at first sight.

BEN (V.O.)
Yes.

TED (V.O.)
And the two opposites of fiction
writer and a computer programmer.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

The thirty years older Ted and Ben affectionately lay next each other in bed.

BEN
What day is it?

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TED
Friday.

BEN
What month?

TED
May.

BEN
Thanks, oh by the way, I love you!

TED
And I love you.

They embrace into a kiss.

INT. GROCERY STORE - DAY

A frail Ben moves slowly as Ted guides him with a shopping cart.

They walk around pointing and commenting.

BEN
What day is it?

TED
Tuesday.

BEN
Oh right, sorry to ask you again.

TED
That's OK, don't worry about it. Let's go get those cinnamon buns that you like.

BEN
Yeah, sounds good.

INT. CAR - DAY

Ted drives with Ben in the front seat.

TED
Yeah know, all the time we've been going to that store, I don't remember ever seeing any cute guys.

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BEN

Oh, I have.

TED

You sure?

BEN

Yeah.

TED

OK, well the next time you see one,
let me know so I can enjoy.

BEN

It's a deal, I'm willing to share.

TED

I'll hold you to it.

BEN

And, I'd like to hold something else
to you later.

TED

OK, anything to please my favorite
pervert.

BEN

So, that's what you think I am?

TED

Yes.

BEN

Thanks, that is a compliment.

TED

How about sailor-pervert?

BEN

Oh, my God that's beautiful! That's
me!

TED

I aim to please.

BEN

And your aim in my direction hits the
target most times.

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TED

Well, this all brings me happiness and wish the same for you.

BEN

Yes, indeed.

EXT. OCEAN BEACH - DAY

Ted and Ben Walk slowly together.

Ted looks out.

FLASH on a few years ago when a younger Ted and Ben are passionately making love.

INT. DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Ted with Ben sit quietly with a meal.

BEN

Very good!

TED

Thanks, my pleasure.

BEN

I'm so glad you are here and us together.

TED

We were meant to be together.

BEN

Yes, and now you more burdened with my health and memory problems. But, I still remember who you are.

TED

And that is most important. That we remember each other.

BEN

Even if someday I don't know who you are, please know that I will always want to.

TED

We'll figure that out if we have to, but now is to be cherished.

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BEN

Yes, I'll drink to that.

They click glasses.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Ted and Ben sleep closely together in a loving way.

Ben wakes up to notice Ted sound asleep.

Ben quietly gets out of bed.

INT. BEDROOM - MORNING

Ted wakes up to notice that Ben is gone.

EXT. ROAD - MORNING

Ben walks slowly in a daze as a POLICE CAR pulls up.

EXT. FRONT DOOR - MORNING

Ted opens the front door to find Ben escorted by a police officer.

Ted rushes to embrace Ben.

TED

Why did you leave?

BEN

I went out to find the car.

TED

But, it's right here in the drive way.

BEN

Oh, that's good to know.

INT. GROCERY STORE - DAY

Ted and Ben walk into the store.

Ben wears his NAVY VETERANS CAP.

A surprised Ted notices something in the distance.

Two handsome men shopping together.

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TED
(quietly)
Look over there.

BEN
Where?

TED
The produce section. Two cute guys.

BEN
Oh yeah.

INT. PRODUCE SECTION - DAY

Ted and Ben continue to shop.

A handsome young MAN approaches Ben.

MAN
Thank you, for your service.

BEN
Well, you're welcome.

Ted moves away to let them engage in a conversation with an enthusiastic Ben.

Later in another section Ted spots another cute guy and alerts Ben.

TED
Oh, my God there's another one. I
don't believe it!

BEN
Where, I don't see him.

TED
Oh, never mind.

A MONTAGE of several other discoveries in the store of cute guys by Ted with futile efforts to alert Ben.

A MONTAGE of several other strangers that stop to talk with Ben about his naval service.

INT. CHECKOUT COUNTER - DAY

Ted and Ben are finished checking out their groceries.

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Ben struggles with his card in the machine.

TED
What's the matter?

BEN
I can't see the numbers. They are
blurry.

TED
OK, don't worry. I know the pin code.

Ted punches in the code which works to the relief of them
both.

INT. CAR - DAY

Ted drives with Ben on the passenger side.

BEN
I was really having a hard time
focusing.

TED
Then, you weren't kidding when you
didn't see all the cute guys.

BEN
No.

TED
That's too bad. It was a smorgasbord
of beauties like I've never seen
before in that store. Like a fantasy!

BEN
Well, I'm glad you had your fantasy,
but I couldn't see it.

TED
Sorry about that. I'll get an eye
doctor's appointment when we get home.

BEN
Thanks. I always feel awkward when
somebody congratulates my service.

TED
I think it's great. You deserve
recognition along with all the others.

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BEN

Yes, but I still feel weird because there were so others many others that didn't survive.

TED

Like survivors guilt.

BEN

Something like that.

TED

Well, I celebrate that you are still here, and I can tell you about all the cute guys out there even if you can't see them.

BEN

OK, cheers for your service that helps me see all the important things.

TED

My pleasure!

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Ted and Ben lay in bed.

TED

Good night.

BEN

My time is almost up.

TED

What?

BEN

We all have to go sometime.

TED

Yes.

BEN

My time is near. My memory is shot, I can't perform in bed like I used to, and I might be going blind.

TED

Nobody knows exactly when they are going to die including you and we

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TED (CONT'D)
don't know about your eyes yet.

BEN
Stop trying to put a rosy picture on
it! The end is near!

TED
No, stop talking like that!

BEN
I won't! I'm facing reality.

TED
Well, the reality is that you are
tired and need a good night's sleep.

Ted switches off the night table lamp followed by a pause
between them.

TED (CONT'D)
I still want you here with me.

BEN
And I want the same.

TED
Your memory problem is about now
short-term things. But you remember us
over the years. The many many sexy
times we've had together and all the
fun. Those memories are just as real
as anything happening now and they
can't be taken away.

BEN
And I don't want to be taken away yet.

TED
And I don't either. I hope you
remember the time we met when I
stalked you and then molested you in
the back of a cab going to my place.

BEN
Ah yes. The cab driver got a good
show.

TED
And a good tip. My tip now to you is
stay around so that you can keep
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TED (CONT'D)
molesting me.

BEN
OK, Sounds good.

FADE OUT