

MY FORGOTTEN LIFE

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INT. NURSING HOME / HENRY'S BEDROOM - DAY

HENRY's (80s) hand shakes as he places a piece of a puzzle on a puzzle that covers a full table in front of him.

The puzzle depicts MAUDE (20s) smiling. Henry's hand shakes as he grabs another piece. Maude's head moves, looks at Henry and gives him a warm smile.

He smiles back and slowly reaches towards the puzzle. Henry is on the verge of touching it.

NURSE (O.S.)

Henry!

HENRY

(startled)

Ah! Argh!

Henry puts his hand on his belly, turns around and NURSE (20s) is standing behind him. Henry looks back at the puzzle that now depicts a setting sun.

NURSE

Sorry, did I scare you?

HENRY

No. No. It's alright dear.

Nurse notices Henry holding his belly in pain. Henry lets it go.

NURSE

The doctor wants to see you.

HENRY

There's no need. I'm fine.

NURSE

An appointment has already been made Henry. It won't take too long.

Henry sighs and prepares to get up.

NURSE (CONT'D)

Wait!

Nurse brandishes a clipboard.

NURSE (CONT'D)

Before we go, I'll need to ask you a few questions. Is that okay with you?

Henry glances at his puzzle then turns back to Nurse.

HENRY

Sure.

NURSE

Do you take all of your medication  
on time?

Henry looks up, he seems to be thinking.

HENRY

Euhm. I think so.

NURSE

Including those for your  
Alzheimer's?

HENRY

Alzheimer? Euhm, yes. I do!

Nurse puts a pill bottle on the table.

HENRY (CONT'D)

Oh.

Henry opens the pill bottle. His attention is turned to a picture frame that is sitting on a nightstand, but the photo isn't shown.

NURSE

Everything okay?

Henry points at the picture and is staring at it in awe.

The photo depicts YOUNG HENRY (20s) and Maude on their wedding night.

Henry turns his glaze to Nurse.

HENRY

Can the appointment wait for a bit?

NURSE

Euhm...not-

HENRY

I would like to go say hello to my  
wife.

Nurse stares at Henry who is starting to get off the chair.

NURSE

Euhm...Henry...

HENRY

What?

Nurse stays quiet.

HENRY (CONT'D)

Oh.

Henry looks back at the picture with sadness. Henry looks confused. He abruptly gets off the chair and takes the picture.

NURSE

(concerned)

Easy.

Henry opens the frame, the back of the photo is blank.

NURSE (CONT'D)

What're you doing?

HENRY

What's her name?

NURSE

Euh...I...I don't...

Henry sits back.

HENRY

Why did I forget that?

Henry turns his glaze and sees Maude standing in a corner smiling.

INT. NURSING HOME / DR. WAGNER'S OFFICE - DAY

Henry holds the picture of his wedding night. He is looking down. Maude's hand rests on Henry's. Henry looks up smiling.

DR. WAGNER (40s), looking serious, is sitting across him. Maude is nowhere to be seen.

DR. WAGNER

Do you understand what I said?

Henry puts his hand on his head.

HENRY

I...I'm sorry, it's just...my mind...

DR. WAGNER  
It's okay. Would you like a few minutes?

Henry shakes his head.

DR. WAGNER (CONT'D)  
Alright...euhm...the pain that you feel here-

Dr. Wagner points his belly.

DR. WAGNER (CONT'D)  
...is pancreatic cancer in stage four. I'm sorry.

Henry looks down at the picture of his wedding night.

HENRY  
How long do I have left?

DR. WAGNER  
It varies for everyone...

INT. NURSING HOME / LIVING ROOM - DAY

A calendar shows that today is October second.

DR. WAGNER (V.O.)  
...but I would say that at best.  
You probably got 'til the twenty-sixth.

Henry is sitting on a couch next to JOHN (70s), they are both watching the television. Henry rubs his hands, he seems tense.

HENRY  
Oh, don't mind me.

John breathes out of frustration.

HENRY (CONT'D)  
(proudly)  
I asked permission to leave this place on my own.

John takes a remote and increases the VOLUME OF THE TELEVISION.

HENRY (CONT'D)  
I'll be going to my old house. It's been...so...long.

Henry stares into the void.

HENRY (CONT'D)  
But I have to go so I can-

JOHN  
Would you just shut up?

HENRY  
Excuse me?

JOHN  
Just stop.

Henry looks confused at John.

JOHN (CONT'D)  
Don't act like you don't know what  
I'm talking about!

HENRY  
I don't...do you need a nurse?

JOHN  
Stop telling me the same story over  
and over! I have heard it enough  
already.  
(mocking Henry)  
Oh, I need to go to my house to  
remember the name of my wife.  
Boohoo.

John pokes at Henry.

JOHN (CONT'D)  
Stop telling me that and go do it  
already!

HENRY  
I never told you that!

JOHN  
Yes. You. Did.

HENRY  
Stop acting like a buffoon!

John smiles.

JOHN  
(mocking)  
Do you even know what day today is?

HENRY  
Of course, it's October second.

John laughs. Henry turns around and sees the calendar. It shows that today is October twenty-six.

INT. NURSING HOME / ENTRANCE - CONTINUOUS

Henry walks frantically towards the exit door. Nurse steps in front of him.

HENRY  
Get out of the way!

Henry tries to push her away, but Nurse grabs his arm.

NURSE  
We can't let you leave Henry.

HENRY  
Yes, you can!

NURSE  
Not with your condition. We legally  
can't!

Henry struggles to free himself from Nurse's grip.

HENRY  
Let me go!

Henry escapes the grip. He puts his hand on his belly, visibly in pain.

HENRY (CONT'D)  
Argh.

Henry falls on the floor despite Nurse trying to hold him up.

NURSE  
I need help!

Henry looks defeated at the exit door.

INT. NURSING HOME / HENRY'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

A show is playing on a television. Nurse installs an intravenous tube into Henry's arm. Henry looks lifeless at the television. Nurse puts a nasal tube into Henry's nose. Henry doesn't react.

Nurse walks to the exit door. She turns around and is about to say something, but she doesn't and walks out.

HEART MONITOR is heard. Young Henry walks in. Henry looks at him confused. Young Henry walks toward Henry. He stops when Maude walks toward him.

The picture of Henry's wedding night is visible.

Young Henry tends his hand towards Maude.

YOUNG HENRY

May I have the honor of this dance?

MAUDE

Just a dance, right?

Young Henry nods and hums positively. Maude grabs Young Henry's hand, and they start to dance.

YOUNG HENRY

May I ask your name?

MAUDE

I thought you only wanted a dance.

YOUNG HENRY

I...euh...

Maude chuckles.

MAUDE

My name is...

Henry drops a tear.

HENRY

...Maude...

Henry lets out his LAST BREATH and a FLAT LINE is heard. Young Henry and Maude keep dancing.

FADE TO BLACK.

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