

That Film Is So Me

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FADE IN:

INSERT-BLACK SCREEN

A voice over is heard as we stare at the Black Screen.

NAOMI(V.O.)
What if I told you-

There's silence.

NAOMI(V.O.)(CONT'D)
Wh- What if I- DAMMIT! Come on!
Don't start on my now, you can do
this.

The HUMMING of a person can be heard, and then it gets silent again.

NAOMI(V.O.)(CONT'D)
What if I told you...keep
going...that my life- What if I
told you that my life wasn't
normal? HA! GOT IT!

EXT. PARK BENCH-DAY

A 27 year old girl, NAOMI, is sitting along a sidewalk in the middle of the city park. She is tall and beautiful, with brown hair and small, simple pair of reading glasses on. She is looking down at the ground with her hands on her forehead.

NAOMI(V.O.)
Oh, you found me! Hi, I am Naomi,
and you don't know it yet, but
I'm-

There's silence as we get closer to Naomi sitting on the bench.

NAOMI(V.O.)(CONT'D)
Oh hey, Strongbad! What are you-
OH, right...Strongbad.

A GROAN is immediately heard, and then the same HUM as earlier. It then fades to silence.

NAOMI(V.O.)(CONT'D)
Sorry, let's start over. You
wouldn't take me as someone to have

NAOMI (V.O.) (CONT'D)
a problem, but I do. Which is where
this story begins. I mean it is not
everyday that the thing you are
most passionate about ultimately
becomes a "disorder" for you,
right?

INSERT-9 MONTHS EARLIER

EXT. PARK BENCH-DAY

Naomi is sitting on the same park bench as before. She is really happy and upbeat now, grabbing stuff out of her sacked lunch.

As she begins to eat, she sees SAM coming towards her and she waves at him. Sam comes and sits down right next to her.

SAM
So how has it been being a big
named review columnist?

NAOMI
You tell me, you are dating one.

SAM
True, but you are the one!

NAOMI
Thanks Morpheus.

SAM
(Sarcastically)
Hey, no problem. Now if you find
my Red Pill and Blue Pill
somewhere, let me know. I am going
to give you the Blue one this time.

Naomi gives Sam a mean look. He looks at her and tries to make a smug face at her, but ends up looking really stupid, causing Naomi to laugh. Sam laughs with her.

NAOMI
Why do you want to know what it is
like to be a columnist?

SAM
Is it wrong for me to ask?

NAOMI

Are you sure you want me to answer
that question?

SAM

Do you know how much wood could a
woodchuck chuck, if a woodchuck
could chuck wood?

They then stare at each other, like they are having a
staring contest, to which Sam blinks.

NAOMI

HA!

Sam starts to rub his eyes.

SAM

DAMMIT! Every time.

Sam then looks up at Naomi and smiles. He then leans in and
kisses her on the cheek.

SAM (CONT'D)

Are you ok?

NAOMI

Always, why?

SAM

I mean you seem like your typical
self, but it is weird how you won't
answer my question.

NAOMI

Oh, I'm just trying to have some
fun. I love being a columnist. I
enjoy reviewing whatever I can. It
really is a dream come true.

SAM

I told you, you would like it.

NAOMI

I know, I know, I'm glad you
encouraged me to do it.

SAM

Thanks, I'll start taking the
credit for your fame now.

Sam starts check out the park.

SAM (CONT'D)

Why are you out here sitting the park anyways?

NAOMI

I use it as sort of a resource of inspiration for my writing.

SAM

How so?

Naomi looks around the park as if trying to find something. She then spots a little duckling walking close to the bank of the pond.

NAOMI

Ah ha! You see that little duckling over there?

SAM

Yep!

NAOMI

I like to look for something as simple as that duckling, because they I try to connect it to any reference I can, and then I use that to sort of help my creative thinking to come along for my articles.

SAM

That is actually really cool, and funny. So what is that duckling?

NAOMI

Well? Um-

She looks back at the duckling again and it starts to run off, full speed towards something. Naomi thinks of something almost immediately and laughs.

SAM

What?

NAOMI

I made the duckling William Wallace!

SAM

Mel Gibson or THE William Wallace?

Naomi shakes her head at him and sighs. Sam starts laughing.

SAM(CONT'D)

Sorry, but that is a good idea. I like thinking of that duckling as Braveheart.

Naomi then hears something ominously in the background. She turns around to see what it was and sees the duckling, now seemingly carrying a sword, while wearing a kilt and having half a blue face.

DUCKLING

COME ON

LADS! FREEDOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!!!

The duckling starts running off again.

NAOMI

Huh.

SAM

What?

NAOMI

Did you see that?

SAM

Nope.

NAOMI

The duckling became William Wallace when I just looked back at it.

Sam looks over as the duckling is running off and just see it as he did before, a normal looking duckling.

SAM

I'll have whatever you added to that sandwich!

NAOMI

I'm being serious.

SAM

Okay, okay.

Naomi looks over at the duckling again, it is still William Wallace.

Sam noticing Naomi still staring at the duckling, he checks to see if it is different this time, but just sees a normal duckling.

Sam looks at Naomi and then back at the Duckling, with light concern.

INT. APARTMENT-LIVING ROOM-NIGHT

Naomi is just coming home from a long day at work, she sees Sam is watching the News.

NAOMI
I'm home!

SAM
How is Darkwing Wallace?

Naomi lets out a grunt and starts setting her personal belongings on the table, then walks into the kitchen?

SAM
Naomi?

Sam here's the water turn on and walks into the Kitchen to see what she is doing.

SAM(CONT'D)
Come on babe, you know I am joking.

NAOMI
Sure you were.

SAM
It's funny that you saw that, and I hope it was great inspiration. Will you come sit down and watch the news with me, I made you dinner and keep picking at it.

NAOMI
You started eating without me?

SAM
"Picking at it" was the key phrase there. I didn't know when you were getting home, and the smell of food was killing me.

NAOMI
Well thanks for making dinner. I am still mad about the Darkwing Wallace crack.

SAM
I know. Luckily I can make the couch into a bed after this and be set of the night.

Sam frowns at Naomi, who for a split second feels bad, but then gets a mischievous look about her.

NAOMI
FINALLY! A bed to myself, without
snoring!

SAM
Wait, what?

Naomi smiles at Sam.

SAM(CONT'D)
That's evil missy!

They walk into the Living Room and sit down to eat. As they sit down the news breaks to a story of a vehicle crash.

NEWS REPORTER
Tragedy struck today, when a car slowly drifted into a train and was smashed by the final railcar of the train.

NAOMI
Oh, how sad.

NEWS REPORTER
The driver seemed to have fallen asleep at the train rails and then slowly drove into the train, being struck by literally the caboose of the train.

Naomi's eyes get wide as the news story cuts to a picture of the end of the train having the front of the car smashed by it.

As Naomi looks at the train car, it looks like a Blue HALO SPARTAN HELMET. The VOICE of the reporter seems to fade as she sees the railcar seemingly speak.

RAILCAR
I AM CABOOSE! THE VEHICLE DESTROYER!

Naomi instantly jumps from the couch.

NAOMI
TELL ME YOU HEARD THAT!

Sam looks over at her scared and concerned.

SAM
Hear what?

NAOMI

Hear the voice coming from the train! The one that looked like a HALO Helmet.

Sam looks at the TV and then back at Naomi.

SAM

Tomorrow we have to go to a doctor. This seems to be getting a little out of hand.

NAOMI

I SAW IT! I SWEAR I SAW IT!

INT. OFFICE-DAY

RECEPTIONIST

Ms. Loffgrin, the Doctor will see you now.

Sam and Naomi both stand up and walk to the back of the Psychiatry clinic to another office that reads Dr. Shealby. They walk through the door and see DR. SHEALBY sitting in her office.

DR. SHEALBY

Ah! Miss Loffgrin, glad to finally meet you, is this your husband?

Naomi and Dr. Shealby shake hands.

NAOMI

Boyfriend!

Sam shakes the doctor's hand as they both sit down.

DR. SHEALBY

Well great. Let's talk a little and then, there might be a point where I will ask your Boyfriend-

NAOMI

Sam.

DR. SHEALBY

Sam, to leave so that we can figure out what is going on.

NAOMI

Okay.

Naomi looks a little defeated as she sits there listening to Dr. Shealby, but Sam holds and rubs her hand to try and help her relax and feel better.

DR. SHEALBY
So tell me about yourself.

NAOMI
Well, I grew up in a normal household. I am in the middle of five kids. There was never any out of the ordinary situations in my family.

DR. SHEALBY
Well that is good. I wish everyone could have lives like that.

NAOMI
Anyways, ever since I was little, I have loved movies. We watched movies together, and so quotes and references were always on my mind.

DR. SHEALBY
Nothing wrong with that, means you had movies as a sort of hobby.

NAOMI
Exactly! Anyways as of a year ago, Sam here, suggested I get into writing reviews for the local newspaper.

DR. SHEALBY
Sounds encouraging. Why did you suggest that Sam?

SAM
Mostly because I figured it would be fun and she could make something of her hobby that she enjoys so much.

DR. SHEALBY
What do you watch?

NAOMI
ALL THINGS!

SAM
ALL THINGS!

Sam and Naomi both look at each other and smile.

DR. SHEALBY
Can you be more specific?

NAOMI
I watch many TV Shows and Movies. I go onto YouTube and watch Webseries and things like that.

DR. SHEALBY
Ok, that makes more sense. How has your job been?

NAOMI
There has been some stressful times, but not more so than any other job with deadlines.

DR. SHEALBY
Well stress, as you know can be a factor in a lot of different things, from anxiety to stomach ulcers. I think that is all the basic information I need right now. Sam, would you please go outside and wait while Naomi and I talk more personally?

SAM
Are you sure?

DR. SHEALBY
I don't think it would be helpful or constructive to listen to this part. It could hurt things between you two.

SAM
How so?

DR. SHEALBY
Mistrust, insecurity, anxiety, dogs and cats living together...MASS HYSTERIA!

NAOMI
(Smiling)
GHOSTBUSTERS!

Right then, Naomi sees the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man walk by the window. He turns to Naomi, smiles at her, giving her a wink as well. Naomi freezes and then starts to hum.

DR. SHEALBY
What's wrong?

SAM
I think that Ghostbusters statement
started something.

Dr. Shealby immediately walks Sam out of the room and closes the door behind him. Sam hears Dr. Shealby walk back towards Naomi, talking to her, but her voice is muffled and inaudible.

INT. OFFICE-HALLWAY-DAY

Sam is sitting in the chair next to Dr. Shealby's office. He keeps looking down at his watch to check the time. It has been 3 HOURS since Dr. Shealby pushed him out the door.

SAM
How much longer?

Just then, Sam hears the DOOR KNOB turn and the DOOR swing open. Naomi walks out slightly sad, with Dr. Shealby walking out behind her.

DR. SHEALBY
You'll feel better, I promise.

NAOMI
I feel better right now, but it's going to be weird having to do all this stuff to get over this.

DR. SHEALBY
Well remember, you have to choose to do it.

NAOMI
Thanks Doctor.

DR. SHEALBY
Anytime. You can call me if you need me. Oh and don't forget to go pick up those pills from the front desk.

NAOMI
Right, and did we need to make another appointment?

DR. SHEALBY

Not necessarily, but if nothing has changed, come back and see me in Seven Days!

Sam immediately looks at Naomi, Naomi starts to hear the phrase "Seven Days" seemingly being repeated all over the office in a creepy manor.

She starts to put her hands to her ears and then notices a TV at the end of the hall turn on. It goes from the static channel to picture of a white ring in the middle of a black background.

Naomi starts to hum again while Sam grabs her and holds her tight.

SAM

It's Okay. You are not in The Ring.

Naomi still has her hands to her ears but Sam's VOICE slowly becomes more and more audible. She starts to look up at Sam's face, still humming to herself.

SAM(CONT'D)

Hi! Are you back?

NAOMI

I am now. Thanks.

DR. SHEALBY

I am so sorry. This is definitely a different disorder than I have ever encountered

They both stand up.

SAM

It's okay, I really hope these pills work. It seems like any reference seems to cause these random episodes.

NAOMI

Thanks for talking to me Doctor. I'll go get this perscription and we'll work from there.

DR. SHEALBY

Good luck.

EXT. PARK BENCH-DAY

Naomi is sitting on the bench again, as we saw her at the beginning of the movie. She has her hands on her forehead as before and is looking down at the ground.

NAOMI(V.O.)(CONT'D)

Well, now we are back to present day. As you can probably guess, because it is common with stories such as this-from A Beautiful Mind to Awakenings-the Prescription didn't go well.

Naomi sits up and looks around, letting out a really long sigh.

NAOMI(V.O.)(CONT'D)

Taking the pills caused me to feel like life was grey and dull, I couldn't function like I wanted and needed to, but trying to go through a day without the pills was just as hard too.

Sam is seen walking up behind Naomi from a distance, he looks exhausted as he gets closer to Naomi.

NAOMI(V.O.)(CONT'D)

The one thing that seemed to help me get through all this has been Sam though, yet I can tell it's taking a toll on him. Causing me to have to make a decision of what to do, though as the stress mounted trying to decide this, the episodes became bigger and longer.

Sam comes up behind Naomi and puts his hands on her shoulders. Naomi smiles, Sam then slides his hands from her shoulders to her chest and hugs her from behind, kissing her on the cheek.

NAOMI

(Crying)

You know I still love you right, no matter what?

SAM

Yes, I do.

NAOMI
You are the greatest thing to
happen to me.

Sam swings around from behind her and sits down next to her. She rests her head on his shoulder.

SAM
(Sarcastically)
I know, I keep telling myself that
all the time.

Naomi slaps him in the stomach and he lets out a grunt of pain.

SAM(CONT'D)
Sorry, but it is true.

NAOMI
Thanks for loving me back.

SAM
You are welcome. I promise we are
going to make this all work.

Naomi sits up and looks at him, tears still lightly going down her face. She smiles at him.

NAOMI
You promise that?

SAM
Hell Yeah! Sure things have been
weird since you said Scooby Doo and
the Gang moved into the house, and
then all the other episodes you
have had. We'll overcome this
somehow, and it'll keep you all the
same.

NAOMI
What about you though, you look
like a wreck.

Sam looks at her and gives her a mean look. She smiles and laughs, which makes her feel better.

SAM
Well thanks! Obviously this is
hard on me too, but love is
stronger than almost anything-

NAOMI
It's not stronger than death.

SAM
True, but you know what they all
say...you can still love beyond the
grave.

Naomi starts to snuggle up against Sam even more. Sam wraps his arm around her as she does. They start to look happier as they hold each other more.

NAOMI
Thank you so much. I am glad you
aren't going to leave me.

SAM
The thought never crossed my
mind. So...did you take the pill
today?

NAOMI
No, the only thing that helps me is
you and the humming.

SAM
Well, who do you see today?

NAOMI
Right now? Nobody, but before you
showed up, I saw Godzilla attacking
the city and before that, Jack
Sparrow was sailing in the pond.

SAM
The Black Pearl has to be way to
big for that pond.

NAOMI
Oh it is, but for some reason he
and the ship were RC size.

SAM
Let me know when Morpheus comes
around again, I really need to get
that Blue Pill from him and see if
that will completely heal you.

Naomi laughs and Sam joins in with her.

NAOMI
No Sam, you are my Blue Pill.

FADE OUT