

Funny People

INT. GEORGE'S HOUSE - MORNING 34

George walks into the kitchen where Ira is preparing to cook.

IRA

It took me three hours, but I think
I found your kitchen. Am I in the
bathroom still? Is that it?

GEORGE

No, no. You're good. You're safe.

George places a carrying case of medicines on the counter.

IRA

What do you got there?

GEORGE

This is medicine, Ira. I'm sick.

George preps his medicine by mixing it into water.

IRA

One of the girls have chlamydia? I
thought she smelled funny. Is that
what it is?

GEORGE

I've got a weird blood disease.
AML. It's a form of Leukemia. This
is experimental medicine from
Canada. There's an eight percent
chance of it working. So fuck me.

IRA

Well that's not true, because if it
was, I would have read about it or
heard about that.

GEORGE

You didn't hear about it because I
didn't fucking run out and tell
Entertainment Tonight.

IRA

Why would you tell me?

GEORGE

Because I don't really know you,
Ira. I think you're not going to
get too weird about this. I don't

want to start getting treated like
the guy who's going to die.

George opens a can of Red Bull.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

Anyways, this shit's got a lot of
caffeine in it. They say that's
good for you when you take the
medicine.

IRA

Why are you telling me this,
George?

GEORGE

Because I want you to possibly do
me a favor.

IRA

Okay, yeah. What?

GEORGE

Kill me.

IRA

What?

GEORGE

Nobody knows we know each other.
You're a stranger. You can get away
with this. I've got a gun in the
other room. It's untraceable. I'll
give you fifty thousand dollars.
Don't make me suffer. Please. Kill
me, Ira. I'm begging you.

IRA

Can you at least give me a night to
think about it?

GEORGE

Hah! Think about it? You would do
it!

IRA

Oh, I hate you man. Oh, no!

GEORGE

Ira, I misread you. You're sick.
You're a murder.

IRA

Oh, screw you, man.

GEORGE

What would you have done for a hundred thousand dollars? Chop my head off? You still want to do it! That wasn't even good acting over there. Daniel Day Lewis would have crushed that speech.

IRA

No, I bought that, man. Wow.

GEORGE

Ira, you don't have to kill me. But I am going to die.

IRA

Look George...

Ira approaches George.

George

Don't get close, Ira. Don't do this.

IRA

My friends they trick me all the time. One of my roommates told me he was Joe Pesci's son. I believed him for three years. I still get shit for it. So just please, level with me. Are you serious?

GEORGE

I am serious, Ira. Don't tell anybody about this though, alright? I want it to be our secret. You're going to make me some eggs. Okay, murderer? Just try not to kill any of the staff while I'm gone, okay? They have families.