

# ANNIE HALL

written by

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(Sound and Woody Allen monologue begin)

FADE IN:

White credits dissolve in and out on black screen. No sound.

FADE OUT: credits

FADE IN:

Abrupt medium close-up of Alvy Singer doing a comedy monologue. He wearing a crumpled sports jacket and tieless shirt; the background is stark.

ALVY

There's an old joke. Uh, two elderly women are at a Catskills mountain resort, and one of 'em says: "Boy, the food at this place is really terrible." The other one says, "Yeah, I know, and such ... small portions." Well, that's essentially how I feel about life. Full of loneliness and misery and suffering and unhappiness, and it's all over much too quickly. The-the other important joke for me is one that's, uh, usually attributed to Groucho Marx, but I think it appears originally in Freud's wit and its relation to the unconscious. And it goes like this-I'm paraphrasing: Uh ... "I would never wanna belong to any club that would have someone like me for a member." That's the key joke of my adult life in terms of my relationships with women. Tsch, you know, lately the strangest things have been going through my mind, 'cause I turned forty, tsch, and I guess I'm going through a life crisis or something, I don't know. I, uh ... and I'm not worried about aging. I'm not one o' those characters, you know. Although I'm balding slightly on top, that's about the worst you can say about me. I, uh, I think I'm gonna get better as I get older, you know? I think I'm gonna be the-

the balding virile type, you know, as opposed to say the, uh, distinguished gray, for instance, you know? 'Less I'm neither o' those two. Unless I'm one o' those guys with saliva dribbling out of his mouth who wanders into a cafeteria with a shopping bag screaming about socialism.

(Sighing)

Annie and I broke up and I-I still can't get my mind around that. You know, I-I keep sifting the pieces of the relationship through my mind and-and examining my life and tryin' to figure out where did the screw-up come, you know, and a year ago we were... tsch, in love. You know, and-and-and ... And it's funny, I'm not-I'm not a morose type. I'm not a depressive character. I-I-I, uh,

(Laughing)

you know, I was a reasonably happy kid, I guess. I was brought up in Brooklyn during World War II.

CUT

TO:

INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE-DAY

Alvy as young boy sits on a sofa with his mother in an old-fashioned, cluttered doctor's office. The doctor stands near the sofa, holding a cigarette and listening.

MOTHER

(To the doctor)

He's been depressed. All off a sudden, he can't do anything.

DOCTOR

(Nodding)

Why are you depressed, Alvy?

MOTHER

(Nudging Alvy)

Tell Dr. Flicker.

(Young Alvy sits, his head down. His mother answers for him)

It's something he read.

DOCTOR

(Puffing on his cigarette and nodding)

Something he read, huh?

ALVY

(His head still down)

The universe is expanding.

DOCTOR

The universe is expanding?

ALVY  
(Looking up at the doctor)  
Well, the universe is everything, and if  
it's expanding, someday it will break apart  
and that would be the end of everything!

Disgusted, his mother looks at him.

MOTHER  
(shouting)  
What is that your business?  
(she turns back to the doctor)  
He stopped doing his homework.

ALVY  
What's the point?

MOTHER  
(Excited, gesturing with her hands)  
What has the universe got to do with it?  
You're here in Brooklyn! Brooklyn is not  
expanding!

DOCTOR  
(Heartily, looking down at Alvy)  
It won't be expanding for billions of years  
yet, Alvy. And we've gotta try to enjoy  
ourselves while we're here. Uh?

He laughs.

CUT

TO:

Fall shot of house with an amusement-park roller-coaster ride built over  
it.  
A line of cars move up and then slides with great speed while out the  
window  
of the house a band shakes a dust mop.

ALVY'S VOICE  
My analyst says I exaggerate my childhood  
memories, but I swear I was brought up  
underneath the roller-

CUT

TO:

INT. HOUSE

Alvy as a child sits at the table eating soup and reading a comic book  
while  
his father sits on the sofa reading the paper. The house shakes with every  
move of the roller coaster.

ALVY'S VOICE

-coaster in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn. Maybe that accounts for my personality, which is a little nervous, I think.

CUT TO:

Young Alvy at the food-stand concession watching three military men representing the Army, the Navy and the Marines arm in arm with a blond woman in a skirted bathing suit. They all turn and run toward the foreground. The girl stops before the camera to lean over and throw a kiss. The sign over the concession reads "Steve's Famous Clam Bar. Ice Cold Beer, "and the roller coaster is moving in full gear in the background.

ALVY'S VOICE

You know, I have a hyperactive imagination. My mind tends to jump around a little, and have some trouble between fantasy and reality.

CUT

TO:

Full shot of people in bumper cars thoroughly enjoying bumping into each other as Alvy father stands in the center of the track directing traffic.

ALVY'S VOICE

My father ran the bumper-car concession.  
(Alvy as a child moves into the frame driving a bumper car. He stops as other cars bombard him. His father continues to direct the traffic)  
There-there he is and there I am. But I-I-I-I used to get my aggression out through those cars all the time.

Alvy backs up his car off screen.

INT. SCHOOLROOM - DAY

The camera pans over three austere-looking teachers standing in front of the blackboard. The chalk writing on the board changes as each teacher lectures. While Alvy speaks, one of the male teachers puts an equation on the blackboard.  
- "2 X 10 = 20 " and other arithmetic formulas.

ALVY'S VOICE

I remember the staff at our public school. You know, we had a saying, uh, that "Those who can't do, teach, and those who can't teach, teach gym." And ...uh, h'h, of course, those who couldn't do anything, I think, were assigned to our school. I must say-

CUT

TO:

A female teacher standing in front of an old-fashioned schoolroom. The blackboard behind her reads "Transportation Administration. The camera pans her point of view: a group of young students sitting behind their desks.

Alvy

as a child sits in a center desk while all around him there is student activity;

there is note-passing, ruler-tapping, nose-picking, gumchewing.

ALVY'S VOICE

I always felt my schoolmates were idiots.  
Melvyn Greenglass, you know, fat little  
face, and Henrietta Farrell, just Miss  
Perfect all the time. And-and Ivan  
Ackerman, always the wrong answer. Always.

Ivan stands up behind his desk.

IVAN

Seven and three is nine.

Alvy hits his forehead with his hand. Another student glances over at him, reacting.

ALVY'S VOICE

Even then I knew they were just jerks.  
(The camera moves back to the teacher,  
who is glaring out at her students)  
In nineteen forty-two I had already dis-

As Alvy talks, the camera shows him move from his seat and kiss a young girl.

She jumps from her seat in disgust, rubbing her cheek, as Alvy moves back to his seat.

1ST GIRL

(Making noises)

Ugh, he kissed me, he kissed me.

TEACHER

(Off screen)

That's the second time this month! Step  
up here!

As the teacher, really glaring now, speaks, Alvy rises from his seat and moves

over to her. Angry, she points with her hand while the students turn their heads to watch what will happen next.

ALVY

What'd I do?

TEACHER

Step up here!

ALVY

What'd I do?

TEACHER

You should be ashamed of yourself.

The students, their heads still turned, look back at Alvy, now an adult, sitting in the last seat of the second row.

ALVY (AS ADULT)

(First off screen, then onscreen as camera moves over to the back of the classroom)

Why, I was just expressing a healthy sexual curiosity.

TEACHER

(The younger, Alvy standing next to her)

Six-year-old boys don't have girls on their minds.

ALVY (AS ADULT)

(Still sitting in the back of the classroom)

I did.

The girl the young Alvy kissed turns to the older Alvy, she gestures and speaks.

1ST GIRL

For God's sakes, Alvy, even Freud speaks of a latency period.

ALVY (AS ADULT)

(Gesturing)

Well, I never had a latency period. I can't help it.

TEACHER

(With young, Alvy still at her side)

Why couldn't you have been more like Donald?

(The camera pans over to Donald, sitting up tall in his seat, then back to the teacher)

Now, there was a model boy!

ALVY (AS CHILD)

(Still standing next to the teacher)

Tell the folks where you are today, Donald.

DONALD

I run a profitable dress company.

ALVY'S VOICE

Right. Sometimes I wonder where my classmates are today.

The camera shows the full classroom, the students sitting behind their desks, the teacher standing in the front of the room. One at a time, the young students rise u from their desks and speak.

1ST BOY  
I'm president of the Pinkus Plumbing Company.

2ND BOY  
I sell tallises.

3RD BOY  
I used to be a heroin addict. Now I'm a  
methadone addict.

2ND GIRL  
I'm into leather.

INT. ROOM

Close-up of a TV screen showing Alvy as an adult on a talk show. He sits next to the show, host, Dick Cavett, a Navy man sits on his right. Static is heard throughout the dialogue.

ALVY  
I lost track of most of my old schoolmates,  
but I wound up a comedian. They did not take  
me in the Army. I was, uh ... Interestingly  
enough, I was-I was four-P.

Sounds of TV audience laughter and applause are heard.

DICK CAVETT  
Four-P?

ALVY  
Yes. In-in-in-in the event of war, I'm a  
hostage.

More audience laughter joined by Dick Cavett and the naval officer.

INT. THE HOUSE WHERE ALVY GREW UP

Alvy's mother sits at the old-fashioned dining-room table peeling carrots and talking as she looks off screen.

MOTHER  
You always only saw the worst in people.  
You never could get along with anyone at  
school. You were always outta step with the  
world. Even when you got famous, you still  
distrusted the world.'

EXT. MANHATTAN STREET-DAY

A pretty Manhattan street with sidewalk trees, brownstones, a school; people mill about, some strolling and carrying bundles, others buried. The screen shows the whole length of the sidewalk, a street, and part of the sidewalk

beyond. As the following scene ensues, two pedestrians, indistinguishable in the distance, come closer and closer toward the camera, recognizable, finally, as Alvy and his best friend, Rob, deep in conversation. They eventually move past the camera and off screen. Traffic noise is heard in the background.

ALVY  
I distinctly heard it. He muttered under his breath, "Jew."

ROB  
You're crazy!

ALVY  
No, I'm not. We were walking off the tennis court, and you know, he was there and me and his wife, and he looked at her and then they both looked at me, and under his breath he said, "Jew."

ROB  
Alvy, you're a total paranoid.

ALVY  
Wh- How am I a paran-? Well, I pick up on those kind o' things. You know, I was having lunch with some guys from NBC, so I said ... uh, "Did you eat yet or what?" and Tom Christie said, "No, didchoo?" Not, did you, didchoo eat? Jew? No, not did you eat, but Jew eat? Jew. You get it? Jew eat?

ROB  
Ah, Max, you, uh ...

ALVY  
Stop calling me Max.

ROB  
Why, Max? It's a good name for you. Max, you see conspiracies in everything.

ALVY  
No, I don't! You know, I was in a record store. Listen to this -so I know there's this big tall blond crew-cutted guy and he's lookin' at me in a funny way and smiling and he's saying, "Yes, we have a sale this week on Wagner." Wagner, Max, Wagner-so I know what he's really tryin' to tell me very significantly Wagner.

ROB  
Right, Max. California, Max.

ALVY  
Ah.



ROB  
Let's get the hell outta this crazy city.

ALVY  
Forget it, Max.

ROB  
-we move to sunny L.A. All of show business  
is out there, Max.

ALVY  
No, I cannot. You keep bringing it up, but  
I don't wanna live in a city where the only  
cultural advantage is that you can make a  
right turn on a red light.

ROB  
(Checking his watch)  
Right, Max, forget it. Aren't you gonna be  
late for meeting Annie?

ALVY  
I'm gonna meet her in front of the Beekman.  
I think I have a few minutes left. Right?

EXT. BEEKMAN THEATER-DAY

Alvy stands in front of glass doors of theater, the ticket taker behind him just inside the glass doors. The sounds of city traffic, car horns honking, can be heard while he looks around waiting for, Annie. A man in a black leather jacket, walking past the theater, stops in front of, Alvy. He looks at him, then moves away. He stops a few steps farther and turns around to look at Alvy again. Alvy looks away, then back at the man. The man continues to stare. Alvy scratches his head, looking for Annie and trying not to notice the man. The man, still staring, walks back to Alvy.

1ST MAN  
Hey, you on television?

ALVY  
(Nodding his head)  
No. Yeah, once in a while. You know,  
like occasionally.

1ST MAN  
What's your name?

ALVY  
(Clearing his throat)  
You wouldn't know it. It doesn't matter.  
What's the difference?

1ST MAN  
You were on ... uh, the ... uh, the Johnny

Carson, right?

ALVY  
Once in a while, you know. I mean, you  
know, every now-

1ST MAN  
What's your name?

Alvy is getting more and more uneasy as the man talks; more and more  
people  
move through the doors of the theater.

ALVY  
(Nervously)  
I'm ... I'm, uh, I'm Robert Redford.

1ST MAN  
(Laughing)  
Come on.

ALVY  
Alvy Singer. It was nice nice ... Thanks  
very much ... for everything.

They shake hands and Alvy pats the man's arm. The man in turn looks over  
his  
shoulder and motions to another man. All excited now, he points to Alvy and  
calls out. Alvy looks impatient.

1ST MAN  
Hey!

2ND MAN  
(Off screen)  
What?

1ST MAN  
This is Alvy Singer!

ALVY  
Fellas ... you know-Jesus! Come on!

1ST MAN  
(Overlapping, ignoring Alvy)  
This guy's on television! Alvy  
Singer, right? Am I right?

ALVY  
(Overlapping 1st man)  
Gimme a break, will yuh, gimme a break.  
Jesus Christ!

1ST MAN  
(Still ignoring Alvy's protestations)  
This guy's on television.

ALVY  
I need a large polo mallet!

2ND MAN

(Moving into the screen)  
Who's on television?

1ST MAN  
This guy, on the Johnny Carson show.

ALVY  
(Annoyed)  
Fellas, what is this-a meeting o' the  
teamsters? You know... .

2ND MAN  
(Also ignoring Alvy)  
What program?

1ST MAN  
(Holding out a matchbook)  
Can I have your autograph?

ALVY  
You don't want my autograph.

1ST MAN  
(Overlapping, Alvy's speech)  
Yeah, I do. It's for my girl friend.  
Make it out to Ralph.

ALVY  
(Taking the matchbook and pen and  
writing)  
Your girl friend's name is Ralph?

1ST MAN  
It's for my brudder.  
(To passersby)  
Alvy Singer! Hey! This is Alvy-

2ND MAN  
(To Alvy, overlapping 1st man's speech)  
You really Alvy Singer, the ... the  
TV star?

Nodding his head yes, Alvy shoves 2nd man aside and moves to the curb of  
the  
sidewalk. The two men follow, still talking over the traffic noise.

1ST MAN  
-Singer!

2ND MAN  
Alvy Singer over here!

A cab moves into the frame and stops by the curb. Alvy moves over to it  
about  
to get in.

ALVY  
(Overlapping the two men and  
stuttering)  
I-i-i-i-it's all right, fellas.  
(As Alvy opens the cab door, the

two men still behind him, Annie  
gets out)  
Jesus, what'd you do, come by way of  
the Panama Canal?

ANNIE  
(Overlapping Alvy)  
Alright, alright, I'm in a bad mood, okay?

Annie closes the cab door and she and Alvy move over to the ticket booth of  
the theater as they continue to talk.

ALVY  
Bad mood? I'm standing with the cast of  
"The Godfather."

ANNIE  
You're gonna hafta learn to deal with it.

ALVY  
Deal! I'm dealing with two guys named  
Cheech!

ANNIE  
Okay.  
(They move into the ticket line,  
still talking. A billboard next to  
them reads "INGMAR BERGMAN'S 'FACE  
TO FACE', 'LIV ULLMANN'")  
Please, I have a headache, all right?

ALVY  
Hey, you are in a bad mood. You-you-  
you must be getting your period.

ANNIE  
I'm not getting my period. Jesus, every  
time anything out of the ordinary happens,  
you think that I'm getting my period!

They move over to the ticket counter, people in front of them buying  
tickets  
and walking off screen.

ALVY  
(Gesturing)  
A li-little louder. I think one of them  
may have missed it!  
(To the ticket clerk)  
H'm, has the picture started yet?

TICKET CLERK  
It started two minutes ago.

ALVY  
(Hitting his hand on the counter)  
That's it! Forget it! I-I can't go in.

ANNIE  
Two minutes, Alvy.

ALVY  
(Overlapping Annie)  
No, I'm sorry, I can't do it. We-we've  
blown it already. I-you know, uh, I-I  
can't go in in the middle.

ANNIE  
In the middle?  
(Alvy nods his head yes and let's  
out an exasperated sigh)  
We'll only miss the titles. They're in  
Swedish.

ALVY  
You wanna get coffee for two hours or  
something? We'll go next-

ANNIE  
Two hours? No, u-uh, I'm going in.  
I'm going in.

She moves past the ticket clerk.

ALVY  
(Waving to Annie)  
Go ahead. Good-bye.

Annie moves back to Alvy and takes his arm.

ANNIE  
Look, while we're talking we could be  
inside, you know that?

ALVY  
(Watching people with tickets move  
past them)  
Hey, can we not stand here and argue in  
front of everybody, 'cause I get embarrassed.

ANNIE  
Alright. All right, all right, so whatta  
you wanna do?

ALVY  
I don't know now. You-you wanna go to  
another movie?  
(Annie nods her head and shrugs  
her shoulders disgustedly as Alvy,  
gesturing with his hand, looks at  
her)  
So let's go see The Sorrow and the Pity.

ANNIE  
Oh, come on, we've seen it. I'm not in  
the mood to see a four-hour documentary  
on Nazis.

ALVY  
Well, I'm sorry, I-I can't ... I-I-I've  
gotta see a picture exactly from the start

to the finish, 'cause-'cause I'm anal.

ANNIE  
(Laughing now)  
H'h, that's a polite word for what you are.

INT. THEATER LOBBY.

A lined-up crowd of ticket holders waiting to get into the theater, Alvy and Annie among them. A hum of indistinct chatter can be heard through the ensuing scene.

MAN IN LINE  
(Loudly to his companion right behind Alvy and Annie)  
We saw the Fellini film last Tuesday.  
It is not one of his best. It lacks a cohesive structure. You know, you get the feeling that he's not absolutely sure what it is he wants to say. 'Course, I've always felt he was essentially a-a technical film maker. Granted, La Strada was a great film. Great in its use of negative energy more than anything else. But that simple cohesive core ...

Alvy, reacting to the man's loud monologue, starts to get annoyed, while Annie begins to read her newspaper.

ALVY  
(Overlapping the man's speech)  
I'm-I'm-I'm gonna have a stroke.

ANNIE  
(Reading)  
Well, stop listening to him.

MAN IN LINE  
(Overlapping Alvy and Annie)  
You know, it must need to have had its leading from one thought to another. You know what I'm talking about?

ALVY  
(Sighing)  
He's screaming his opinions in my ear.

MAN IN LINE  
Like all that Juliet of the Spirits or Satyricon, I found it incredibly ... indulgent. You know, he really is. He's one of the most indulgent film makers. He really is-

ALVY  
(Overlapping)  
Key word here is "indulgent."

MAN IN LINE  
(Overlapping)  
-without getting ... well, let's put it  
this way ...

ALVY  
(To Annie, who is still reading,  
overlapping the man in line who is  
still talking)  
What are you depressed about?

ANNIE  
I missed my therapy. I overslept.

ALVY  
How can you possibly oversleep?

ANNIE  
The alarm clock.

ALVY  
(Gasping)  
You know what a hostile gesture that is  
to me?

ANNIE  
I know-because of our sexual problem,  
right?

ALVY  
Hey, you ... everybody in line at the  
New Yorker has to know our rate of  
intercourse?

MAN IN LINE  
- It's like Samuel Beckett, you know-  
I admire the technique but he doesn't ...  
he doesn't hit me on a gut level.

ALVY  
(To Annie)  
I'd like to hit this guy on a gut level.

The man in line continues his speech all the while Alvy and Annie talk.

ANNIE  
Stop it, Alvy!

ALVY  
(Wringing his hands)  
Well, he's spitting on my neck! You know,  
he's spitting on my neck when he talks.

MAN IN LINE  
And then, the most important thing of all  
is a comedian's vision.

ANNIE  
And you know something else? You know,

you're so egocentric that if I miss my therapy you can think of it in terms of how it affects you!

MAN IN LINE

(Lighting a cigarette while he talks)  
Gal gun-shy is what it is.

ALVY

(Reacting again to the man in line)  
Probably on their first date, right?

MAN IN LINE

(Still going on)  
It's a narrow view.

ALVY

Probably met by answering an ad in the New York Review of Books. "Thirtyish academic wishes to meet woman who's interested in Mozart, James Joyce and sodomy."

(He sighs; then to Annie)  
Whatta you mean, our sexual problem?

ANNIE

Oh!

ALVY

I-I-I mean, I'm comparatively normal for a guy raised in Brooklyn.

ANNIE

Okay, I'm very sorry. My sexual problem!  
Okay, my sexual problem! Huh?

The man in front of them turns to look at them, then looks away.

ALVY

I never read that. That was-that was Henry James, right? Novel, uh, the sequel to Turn of the Screw? My Sexual ...

MAN IN LINE

(Even louder now)  
It's the influence of television. Yeah, now Marshall McLuhan deals with it in terms of it being a-a high, uh, high intensity, you understand? A hot medium ... as opposed to a ...

ALVY

(More and more aggravated)  
What I wouldn't give for a large sock o' horse manure.

MAN IN LINE

... as opposed to a print ...



Alvy steps forward, waving his hands in frustration, and stands facing the camera.

ALVY

(Sighing and addressing the audience)

What do you do when you get stuck in a movie line with a guy like this behind you? I mean, it's just maddening!

The man in line moves toward Alvy. Both address the audience now.

MAN IN LINE

Wait a minute, why can't I give my opinion? It's a free country!

ALVY

I mean, d- He can give you- Do you hafta give it so loud? I mean, aren't you ashamed to pontificate like that? And-and the funny part of it is, M-Marshall McLuhan, you don't know anything about Marshall McLuhan's...work!

MAN IN LINE

(Overlapping)

Wait a minute! Really? Really? I happen to teach a class at Columbia called "TV Media and Culture"! So I think that my insights into Mr. McLuhan-well, have a great deal of validity.

ALVY

Oh, do yuh?

MAN IN LINE

Yes.

ALVY

Well, that's funny, because I happen to have Mr. McLuhan right here. So ... so, here, just let me-I mean, all right. Come over here ... a second.

Alvy gestures to the camera which follows him and the man in line to the back of the crowded lobby. He moves over to a large stand-up movie poster and pulls Marshall McLuhan from behind the poster.

MAN IN LINE

Oh.

ALVY

(To McLuhan)

Tell him.

MCLUHAN

(To the man in line)

I hear-I heard what you were saying. You-you know nothing of my work. You mean my whole fallacy is wrong. How you ever got to teach a course in anything is totally amazing.

ALVY  
(To the camera)  
Boy, if life were only like this!

INT. THEATER. A CLOSE-UP OF THE SCREEN SHOWING FACES OF GERMAN SOLDIERS.

Credits appear over the faces of the soldiers.

THE SORROW AND THE PITY  
CINEMA 5 LTD., 1972  
MARCEL OPHULS, ANDRE HARRIS, 1969  
Chronicle of a French town during the Occupation

NARRATOR'S VOICE  
(Over credits and soldiers)  
June fourteenth, nineteen forty, the  
German army occupies Paris. All over  
the country, people are desperate for  
every available scrap of news.

CUT

TO:

INT. BEDROOM-NIGHT

Annie is sitting up in bed reading.

ALVY  
(Off screen)  
Boy, those guys in the French Resistance  
were really brave, you know? Got to listen  
to Maurice Chevalier sing so much.

ANNIE  
M'm, I don't know, sometimes I ask myself  
how I'd stand up under torture.

ALVY  
(Off screen)  
You? You kiddin'?  
(He moves into the frame, lying across  
the bed to touch, Annie, who makes a  
face)  
If the Gestapo would take away your  
Bloomingdale's charge card, you'd tell 'em  
everything.

ANNIE  
That movie makes me feel guilty.

ALVY  
Yeah, 'cause it's supposed to.

He starts kissing Annie's arm. She gets annoyed and continues to read.

ANNIE  
Alvy, I ...

ALVY  
What-what-what-what's the matter?

ANNIE  
I-you know, I don't wanna.

ALVY  
(Overlapping Annie, reacting)  
What-what-I don't ... It's not natural!  
We're sleeping in a bed together. You  
know, it's been a long time.

ANNIE  
I know, well, it's just that-you know, I  
mean, I-I-I-I gotta sing tomorrow night,  
so I have to rest my voice.

ALVY  
(Overlapping Annie again)  
It's always some kind of an excuse. It's-  
You know, you used to think that I was  
very sexy. What ... When we first started  
going out, we had sex constantly ... We're-  
we're probably listed in the Guinness Book  
of World Records.

ANNIE  
(Patting Alvy's band solicitously)  
I know. Well, Alvy, it'll pass, it'll  
pass, it's just that I'm going through a  
phase, that's all.

ALVY  
M'm.

ANNIE  
I mean, you've been married before, you  
know how things can get. You were very  
hot for Allison at first.

CUT

TO:

INT. BACK STAGE OF AUDITORIUM - NIGHT.

Allison, clipboard in hand, walks about the wings, stopping to talk to various people. Musicians, performers and technicians mill about, busy with activity. Allison wears a large "ADLAI" button, as do the people around her. The sounds of a comedian on the stage of the auditorium can be heard, occasionally, interrupted by chatter and applause from the off screen audience. Allison stops to talk to two women; they, too, wear "ADLAI" buttons.

ALLISON  
(Looking down at the clipboard)  
Ma'am, you're on right after this man ...  
about twenty minutes, something like that.

WOMAN

Oh, thank you.

Alvy moves into the frame behind Allison. He taps her on the shoulder; she turns to face him.

ALVY

(Coughing)

Excuse ... excuse me, when do I go on?

ALLISON

(Looking down at the clipboard)

Who are you?

ALVY

Alvy ... Alvy Singer. I'm a comedian.

ALLISON

Oh, comedian. Yes. Oh, uh ... you're on next.

ALVY

(Rubbing his hands together  
nervously)

What do you mean, next?

ALLISON

(Laughing)

Uh ... I mean you're on right after  
this act.

ALVY

(Gesturing)

No, it can't be, because he's a comic.

ALLISON

Yes.

ALVY

So what are you telling me, you're  
putting on two comics in a row?

ALLISON

Why not?

ALVY

No, I'm sorry, I'm not goin'- I can't  
... I don't wanna go on after that comedian.

ALLISON

It's okay.

ALVY

No, because they're-they're laughing, so

(He starts laughing nervously)

I-I-I'd rather not. If you don't mind,  
I prefer-

ALLISON

(Overlapping)

Will you relax, please? They're gonna love you, I know.

ALVY  
(Overlapping)  
I prefer not to, because ... look, they're laughing at him. See, so what are yuh telling me-

They move closer to the stage, looking out from the wings.

ALLISON  
(Overlapping)  
Yes.

ALVY  
(Overlapping)  
-that I've got to ... ah ... ah ...  
They're gonna laugh at him for a couple minutes, then I gotta go out there, I gotta ... get laughs, too. How much can they laugh?  
(Off screen)  
They-they they're laughed out.

ALLISON  
(Off screen)  
Do you feel all right?

As Allison and Alvy look out at the stage, the camera cuts to their point of view: a comedian standing at a podium in front of huge waving pictures of Adlai Stevenson. The audience, laughing and clapping, sits at round tables in clusters around the room.

The camera moves back to Allison and Alvy watching the stage. Alvy is swinging his hands nervously.

COMEDIAN  
(Off screen, onstage)  
You know ...

Alvy starts looking Allison up and down; people in the background mill about.

ALVY  
(Above the chatter around him)  
Look, what's your-what's your name?

COMEDIAN  
(Off screen)  
... General Eisenhower is not ...

ALLISON  
(Looking out at the stage)  
Allison.

ALVY  
Yeah? Allison what?

ALLISON  
(Still looking off screen)  
Portchnik.

COMEDIAN  
... a group from the ...

ALVY  
(Coughing)  
Thank you. I-I don't know why they would  
have me at this kind of rally 'cause ...  
(He clears his throat)  
Excuse me, I'm not essentially a political  
comedian at all.

The audience starts to laugh.

ALVY  
I ... interestingly had, uh, dated ...  
a woman in the Eisenhower Administration  
... briefly ... and, uh, it was ironic to  
me 'cause, uh . . . tsch . . . 'cause I  
was trying to, u-u-uh, do to her what  
Eisenhower has been doing to the country  
for the last eight years.

The audience is with him, laughing, as Allison continues to watch offstage.

INT. APARTMENT BEDROOM.

Allison and, Alvy are on the bed, kissing. There are books all over the  
room;  
a fireplace, unlit, along one of the walls. Alvy suddenly breaks away and  
sits  
on the edge of the bed. Allison looks at him.

ALVY  
H'm, I'm sorry, I can't go through with  
this, because it-I can't get it off my  
mind, Allison ... it's obsessing me!

ALLISON  
Well, I'm getting tired of it. I need  
your attention.

Alvy gets up from the bed and starts walking restlessly around the room,  
gesturing with his hands.

ALVY  
It-but it-it ... doesn't make any sense.  
He drove past the book depository and the  
police said conclusively that it was an  
exit wound. So-how is it possible for  
Oswald to have fired from two angles at  
once? It doesn't make sense.

ALLISON  
Alvy.

Alvy, stopping for a moment at the fireplace mantel, sighs. He then snaps his fingers and starts walking again.

ALVY  
I'll tell you this! He was not marksman enough to hit a moving target at that range. But ...  
(Clears his throat)  
if there was a second assassin ... it-  
That's it!

Alvy stops at the music stand with open sheet music on it as Allison gets up from the bed and retrieves a pack of cigarettes from a bookshelf.

ALLISON  
We've been through this.

ALVY  
If they-they recovered the shells from that rifle.

ALLISON  
(Moving back to the bed and lighting a cigarette)  
Okay. All right, so whatta yuh saying, now? That e-e-everybody o-o-on the Warren Commission is in on this conspiracy, right?

ALVY  
Well, why not?

ALLISON  
Yeah, Earl Warren?

ALVY  
(Moving toward the bed)  
Hey ... honey, I don't know Earl Warren.

ALLISON  
Lyndon Johnson?

ALVY  
(Propping one knee on the bed and gesturing)  
L-L-Lyndon Johns Lyndon Johnson is a politician. You know the ethics those guys have? It's like-uh, a notch underneath child molester.

ALLISON  
Then everybody's in in the conspiracy?

ALVY  
(Nodding his head)  
Tsch.

ALLISON  
The FBI, and the CIA, and J. Edgar

Hoover and oil companies and the  
Pentagon and the men's-room attendant  
at the White House?

Alvy touches Allison's shoulder, then gets up from the bed and starts  
walking  
again.

ALVY  
I-I-I-I would leave out the men's-room  
attendant.

ALLISON  
You're using this conspiracy theory as  
an excuse to avoid sex with me.

ALVY  
Oh, my God!  
(Then, to the camera)  
She's right! Why did I turn off Allison  
Portchnik? She was-she was beautiful. She  
was willing. She was real ... intelligent.  
(Sighing)  
Is it the old Groucho Marx joke? That-that  
I-I just don't wanna belong to any club that  
would have someone like me for a member?

EXT. BEACH HOUSE - DAY

Alvy's and Annie's voices are heard over the wind-browened exterior of a  
beach  
house in the Hamptons. As they continue to talk, the camera moves inside  
the  
house. Alvy is picking up chairs, trying to get at the group of lobsters  
crawling on the floor. Dishes are stacked up in a drying rack, and bags of  
groceries sit on the counter. There's a table and chairs near the  
refrigerator.

ANNIE  
Alvy, now don't panic. Please.

ALVY  
Look, I told you it was a ... mistake  
to ever bring a live thing in the house.

ANNIE  
Stop it! Don't ... don't do that! There.

The lobsters continue to crawl on the floor. Annie, bolding out a wooden  
paddle, tries to shove them onto it.

ALVY  
Well, maybe we should just call the police.  
Dial nine-one-one, it's the lobster squad.

ANNIE  
Come on, Alvy, they're only baby ones, for  
God's sake.

ALVY



If they're only babies, then you pick 'em up.

ANNIE  
Oh, all right. All right! It's all right. Here.

She drops the paddle and picks up one of the lobsters by the tail. Laughing, she shoves it at Alvy who jerks backward, squeamishly.

ALVY  
Don't give it to me. Don't!

ANNIE  
(Hysterically)  
Oooh! Here! Here!

ALVY  
(Pointing)  
Look! Look, one crawled behind the refrigerator. It'll turn up in our bed at night.  
(They move over to the refrigerator; Alvy moves as close to the wall as possible as Annie, covering her mouth and laughing hysterically, teasingly dangles a lobster in front of him)  
Will you get outta here with that thing? Jesus!

ANNIE  
(Laughing, to the lobster)  
Get him!

ALVY  
(Laughing)  
Talk to him. You speak shellfish!  
(He moves over to the stove and takes the lid of a large steamer filled with boiling water)  
Hey, look ... put it in the pot.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
I can't! I can't put him in the pot. I can't put a live thing in hot water.

ALVY  
(Overlapping)  
Gimme! Gimme! Let me do it! What-what's he think we're gonna do, take him to the movies?

Annie hands the lobster to Alvy as he takes it very carefully and drops it gingerly into the pot and puts the cover back on.

ANNIE  
(Overlapping Alvy and making sounds)  
Oh, God! Here yuh go! Oh, good, now

he'll think-  
                  (She screams)  
Aaaah! Okay.

                  ALVY  
                  (Overlapping Annie)  
Okay, it's in. It's definitely in the pot!

                  ANNIE  
All right. All right. All right.

She moves hurriedly across the kitchen and picks up another lobster.  
Smiling,  
she places it on the counter as Alvy stands beside the refrigerator trying  
to  
push it from the wall.

                  ALVY  
Annie, there's a big lobster behind  
the refrigerator. I can't get it out.  
This thing's heavy. Maybe if I put a  
little dish of butter sauce here with a  
nutcracker, it will run out the other  
side, you know what I mean?

                  ANNIE  
                  (Overlapping)  
Yeah. I'm gonna get my ... I'm gonna  
get my camera.

                  ALVY  
You know, I-I think ... if I could pry  
this door off ... We shoulda gotten steaks  
'cause they don't have legs. They don't  
run around.

Annie rushes out of the room to get her camera as Alvy picks up the paddle.  
Trying to get at the lobsters, he ends up knocking over dishes and hitting  
the  
chandelier. Holding the paddle, he finally leans back against the sink.  
Annie, standing in the doorway, starts taking pictures of him.

                  ANNIE  
Great! Great!  
                  (Screaming)  
Goddammit!  
                  (Screaming)  
Ooooh! These are ... p-p-p-pick this  
lobster up. Hold it, please!

                  ALVY  
All right! All right! All right! All  
right! Whatta yuh mean? Are yuh gonna  
take pictures now?

                  ANNIE  
It'll make great- Alvy, be- Alvy, it'll  
be wonderful ... Ooooh, lovely!

                  ALVY  
                  (Picking up the lobster Annie

placed on the counter earlier)  
All right, here! Oh, God, it's disgusting!

Alvy drops the lobster back down on the counter, sticking out his tongue and making a face.

ANNIE  
Don't be a jerk. One more, Alvy, please,  
one more picture.  
(Reluctantly Alvy picks up the  
lobster again as Annie takes  
another picture)  
Oh, oh, good, good!

EXT. OCEAN FRONT-DUSK.

The camera pans Annie and Alvy as they walk along the shore.

ALVY  
So, so-well, here's what I wanna know.  
W-what ...  
(He clears his throat)  
Am I your first big romance?

ANNIE  
Oh ... no, no, no, no, uh, uh. No.

ALVY  
Well, then, w-who was?

ANNIE  
Oh, well, let's see, there was Dennis,  
from Chippewa Falls High School.

CUT TO:

FLASHBACK OF DENNIS LEANING AGAINST A CAR - NIGHT

Behind him is a movie theater with "MARILYN MONROE, 'MISFITS' " on the marquee.  
He looks at his watch as the younger Annie, in a beehive hairdo, moves into the frame. They kiss quickly and look at each other, smiling.

ALVY'S VOICE  
(Off screen)  
Dennis-right, uh, uh ... local kid  
probably, would meetcha in front of the  
movie house on Saturday night.

ANNIE'S VOICE  
Oh, God, you should've seen what I looked  
like then.

ALVY'S VOICE  
(Off screen, laughing)  
Oh, I can imagine. P-p-probably the

wife of an astronaut.

ANNIE'S VOICE  
Then there was Jerry, the actor.

CUT

TO:

FLASHBACK OF BRICK-WALLED APARTMENT - NIGHT

The younger, Annie and Jerry lean against the wall. Jerry is running his band down Annie's bare arm. Annie and Alvy walk into the room, observing the younger Annie, in jeans and T-shirt, with Jerry.

ALVY'S VOICE  
(Laughing)  
Look at you, you-you,-re such a clown.

ANNIE'S VOICE  
I look pretty.

ALVY'S VOICE  
Well, yeah, you always look pretty, but that guy with you ...

JERRY  
Acting is like an exploration of the soul. I-it's very religious. Uh, like, uh, a kind of liberating consciousness. It's like a visual poem.

ALVY  
(Laughing)  
Is he kidding with that crap?

YOUNGER ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Oh, right. Right, yeah, I think I know exactly what you mean, when you say "religious."

ALVY  
(Incredulous, to Annie)  
You do?

ANNIE  
(Still watching)  
Oh, come on-I mean, I was still younger.

ALVY  
Hey, that was last year.

JERRY  
It's like when I think of dying. You know how I would like to die?

YOUNGER ANNIE  
No, how?

JERRY  
I'd like to get torn apart by wild animals.

ALVY'S VOICE  
Heavy! Eaten by some squirrels.

ANNIE'S VOICE  
Hey, listen-I mean, he was a terrific actor,  
and look at him, he's neat-looking and he  
was emotional ... Y-hey, I don't think you  
like emotion too much.

Jerry stops rubbing the younger Annie's arm and slides down to the floor as she raises her foot toward his chest.

JERRY  
Touch my heart ... with your foot.

ALVY'S VOICE  
I-I may throw up!

CUT

BACK TO:

EXTERIOR. BEACH-DUSK

It's now sunset, the water reflecting the last light. The camera moves over the scene. The off screen voices of Alvy and Annie are heard as they walk, the camera always one step ahead of them.

ANNIE  
He was creepy.

ALVY  
Yeah, I-I think you're pretty lucky I came along.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Oh, really? Well, la-de-da!

ALVY  
La-de-da. If I-if anyone had ever told me that I would be taking out a girl who used expressions like "la-de-da" . . .

ANNIE  
Oh, that's right. That you really like those New York girls.

ALVY  
Well, no ... not just, not only.

ANNIE  
Oh, I'd say so. You married-

CUT

TO:

INT. NEW YORK CITY APARTMENT-NIGHT

A cocktail party is in progress, the rooms crowded with guests as Alvy and Robin make their way through the people. A waiter, carrying a tray, walks past them. Alvy reaches out to pick up a glass; Robin reaches over and picks it of the tray first. There is much low-key chatter in the background.

ANNIE

(Off screen)

-two of them.

ROBIN

There's Henry Drucker. He has a chair in history at Princeton. Oh, the short man is Hershel Kaminsky. He has a chair in philosophy at Cornell.

ALVY

Yeah, two more chairs and they got a dining-room set.

ROBIN

Why are you so hostile?

ALVY

(Sighing)

'Cause I wanna watch the Knicks on television.

ROBIN

(Squinting)

Is that Paul Goodman? No. And be nice to the host because he's publishing my book. Hi, Doug! Douglas Wyatt.  
"A Foul-Rag-and-Bone Shop-of-the-Heart."

They move through the rooms, Robin holding a drink in one hand, her arm draped in Alvy's; the crowd mills around them.

ALVY

(Taking Robin's hand)

I'm so tired of spending evenings making fake insights with people who work for Dysentery.

ROBIN

Commentary.

ALVY

Oh, really, I heard that Commentary and Dissent had merged and formed Dysentery.

ROBIN

No jokes-these are friends, okay?

INT. BEDROOM

Alvy sits on the foot of the bed watching the Knicks game on television.

TV ANNOUNCER

(Off screen)

Cleveland Cavaliers losing to the New  
York Knicks.

Robin enters the room, slamming the door.

ROBIN

Here you are. There's people out there.

ALVY

Hey, you wouldn't believe this. Two  
minutes ago, the Knicks are ahead fourteen  
points, and now ...

(Clears his throat)

they're ahead two points.

ROBIN

Alvy, what is so fascinating about a group  
of pituitary cases trying to stuff the  
ball through a hoop?

ALVY

(Looking at Robin)

What's fascinating is that it's physical.  
You know, it's one thing about intellectuals,  
they prove that you can be absolutely brilliant  
and have no idea what's going on. But on the  
other hand ...

(Clears his throat)

the body doesn't lie, as-as we now know.

Alvy reaches over, pulls Robin down onto the bed. He kisses her and moves  
farther up on the bed.

ROBIN

Stop acting out.

She sits on the edge of the bed, looking down at the sprawled-out Alvy.

ALVY

No, it'll be great! It'll be great,  
be-because all those Ph.D.'s are in  
there, you know, like ... discussing  
models of alienation and we'll be in  
here quietly humping.

He pulls Robin toward him, caressing her as she pulls herself away.

ROBIN

Alvy, don't! You're using sex to  
express hostility.

ALVY

"'Why-why do you always r-reduce my  
animal urges to psychoanalytic categories?'

(Clears his throat)  
he said as he removed her brassiere..."

ROBIN  
(Pulling away again)  
There are people out there from The New  
Yorker magazine. My God! What would they  
think?

She gets up and fixes the zipper on her dress. She turns and moves toward  
the  
door.

INT. APARTMENT-NIGHT

Robin and Alvy are in bed. The room is in darkness. Outside, a siren  
starts  
blaring.

ROBIN  
Oh, I'm sorry!

ALVY  
Don't get upset!

ROBIN  
Dammit! I was so close.

She flips on the overhead lamp and turns on her side. Alvy turns to her.

ALVY  
(Gesturing)  
Jesus, last night it was some guy honking  
his car horn. I mean, the city can't  
close down. You know, what-whatta yuh  
gonna do, h-have 'em shut down the  
airport, too? No more flights so we can  
have sex?

ROBIN  
(Reaching over for her eyeglasses  
on the night table)  
I'm too tense. I need a Valium. My  
analyst says I should live in the country  
and not in New York.

ALVY  
Well, I can't li- We can't have this  
discussion all the time. The country  
makes me nervous. There's ... You got  
crickets and it-it's quiet ... there's  
no place to walk after dinner, and... uh,  
there's the screens with the dead moths  
behind them, and... uh, yuh got the-the  
Manson family possibly, yuh got Dick and  
Terry-

ROBIN  
(Interrupting)  
Okay, okay, my analyst just thinks I'm



too tense. Where's the goddamn Valium?

She fumbles about the floor for the Valium, then back on the bed.

ALVY  
Hey, come on, it's quiet now. We can-we  
can start again.

ROBIN  
I can't.

ALVY  
What-

ROBIN  
My head is throbbing.

ALVY  
Oh, you got a headache!

ROBIN  
I have a headache.

ALVY  
Bad?

ROBIN  
Oswald and ghosts.

ALVY  
Jesus!

He begins to get out of bed.

ROBIN  
Where are you going?

ALVY  
Well, I'm-I'm gonna take another in a  
series of cold showers.

EXT. MEN'S LOCKER ROOM OF THE TENNIS CLUB.

Rob and Alvy, carrying tennis rackets, come through the door of the locker room to the lobby. They are dressed in tennis whites. They walk toward the indoor court.

ROB  
Max, my serve is gonna send yuh to  
the showers-

ALVY  
Right, right, so g-get back to what we  
were discussing, the failure of the  
country to get behind New York City is-is  
anti-Semitism.

ROB  
Max, the city is terribly worried.

ALVY

But the- I'm not discussing politics or economics. This is foreskin.

ROB

No, no, no, Max, that's a very convenient out. Every time some group disagrees with you it's because of anti-Semitism.

ALVY

Don't you see? The rest of the country looks upon New York like we're-we're left-wing Communist, Jewish, homosexual, pornographers. I think of us that way, sometimes, and I-I live here.

ROB

Max, if we lived in California, we could play outdoors every day, in the sun.

ALVY

Sun is bad for yuh. Everything our parents said was good is bad. Sun, milk, red meat, college ...

INT. TENNIS COURT

Annie and Janet, in tennis whites, stand on the court holding tennis rackets and balls. They are chattering and giggling.

ANNIE

(Laughing)

I know, but ooh- here he comes. Okay.

Rob and Alvy enter the court and walk over to the two women. Rob kisses Janet and makes introduction.

ROB

You know Alvy?

JANET

Oh, hi, Alvy.

ANNIE

(To Rob)

How are yuh?

ROB

(To Alvy)

You know Annie?

JANET

I'm sorry. This is Annie Hall.

ALVY

Hi.

ANNIE

Hi.

Annie and Alvy shake hands.

JANET

(Laughing)

Alvy.

ROB

(Eager to begin)

Who's playing who here? Alvy Well, uh ...  
you and me against them?

ANNIE

(Overlapping Alvy)

Well ... so ... I can't play too good,  
you know.

JANET

(Laughing)

I've had four lessons!

The group, laughing and chatting, divide up-Rob and Annie moving to the other side of the net, Alvy and Janet standing where they are. They start to play mixed doubles, each taking turns and playing well. At one point in the game, Annie starts to talk to Rob, then turns and sees a ball heading toward her.

ALVY

(Hitting the ball back)

Holy gods!

INT. LOBBY

Alvy, dressed, puts things into a gym bag. One knee is on the bench and his back is turned from the entrance. Annie walks toward the entrance door dressed in street clothes and carrying her tennis bag over her shoulder. Seeing Alvy, she stops and turns.

ANNIE

Hi. Hi, hi.

ALVY

(Looking over his shoulder)

Hi. Oh, hi. Hi.

ANNIE

(Hands clasped in front of her,  
smiling)

Well, bye. She laughs and backs up slowly  
toward the door.

ALVY

(Clearing his throat)

You-you play ... very well.

ANNIE

Oh, yeah? So do you. Oh, God, whatta-  
(Making sounds and laughing)  
whatta dumb thing to say, right? I mean,  
you say it, "You play well," and right  
away ... I have to say well. Oh, oh ...  
God, Annie.  
(She gestures with her hand)  
Well ... oh, well ... la-de-da, la-de-da,  
la-la.

She turns around and moves toward the door.

ALVY

(Still looking over his shoulder)  
Uh ... you-you wanna lift?

ANNIE

(Turning and aiming her thumb over  
her shoulder)  
Oh, why-uh ... y-y-you gotta car?

ALVY

No, um ... I was gonna take a cab.

ANNIE

(Laughing)  
Oh, no, I have a car.

ALVY

You have a car?  
(Annie smiles, hands folded in  
front of her)  
So ...  
(Clears his throat)  
I don't understand why ... if you have a  
car, so then-then wh-why did you say "Do  
you have a car?"... like you wanted a lift?

ANNIE

I don't ...  
(Laughing)  
I don't ... Geez, I don't know, I've ...  
I wa- This ... yeah, I got this VW out  
there ...  
(Laughing and gesturing toward  
the door)  
What a jerk, yeah. Would you like a lift?

ALVY

(Zipping up his bag)  
Sure. W-w-w-which way yuh goin'?

ANNIE

Me? Oh, downtown!

ALVY

Down- I'm-I'm goin' uptown.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Oh, well, I'm goin' uptown, too.

ALVY  
Uh, well, you just said you were going  
downtown.

ANNIE  
Yeah, well, I'm, but I ...

Alvy picks up his bag and moves toward the door. As he turns his bag  
around,  
the handle of the tennis racket bits Annie between the legs.

ALVY  
(Laughing)  
So sorry.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
I mean, I can go uptown, too. I live  
uptown, but ... uh, what the hell, I mean,  
it'd be nice having company, you know  
I mean, I hate driving alone.

ALVY  
(Making sounds)  
Yeah.

They walk out the door.

EXT. NEW YORK STREET- DAY

Alvy and Annie in the VW as Annie speeds down a city street near the East  
River.

ALVY  
So, how long do you know Janet? Where  
do you know her from?

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Oh, I'm in her acting class.

ALVY  
Oh - you're an actress.

ANNIE  
Well, I do commercials, sort of ...

She zooms down the wrong lane, cars swerving out of her way. A horn blows.

ALVY  
I, uh ... well, you're not from New  
York, right?

ANNIE  
No, Chippewa Falls.

ALVY  
Right!  
(A pause)  
Where?

ANNIE  
Wisconsin.

ALVY  
(Finally reacting)  
Uh, you're driving a-

ANNIE  
Uh, don't worry, I'm a very-  
(A car moves closer to the VW,  
almost on top of it in the wrong  
direction. Annie swerves away at  
the very last minute)  
-a very good driver.  
(Alvy rubs his head nervously,  
staring out the window as Annie  
speeds along)  
So, listen-hey, you want some gum, anyway?

Annie looks down beside her, searching for the gum.

ALVY  
No, no thanks. Hey, don't-

ANNIE  
Well, where is it? I-

ALVY  
No, no, no, no, you just ... just watch  
the road. I'll get it-

ANNIE  
Okay.

They both fumble around in her pocketbook. Alvy looks up to see the entire front of a truck in Annie's windshield. She swerves just in time.

ALVY  
-for yuh.

ANNIE  
Okay, that's good.

Alvy continues to look for the gum while Annie zooms down the city streets.

ANNIE  
All right.

ALVY  
I'll getcha a piece.

ANNIE  
Yeah ... so, listen-you drive?

ALVY  
Do I drive? Uh, no, I gotta-I gotta

problem with driving.

ANNIE  
Oh, you do?

ALVY  
Yeah. I got, uh, I got a license but I  
have too much hostility.

ANNIE  
Oh, right.

ALVY  
Nice car.

ANNIE  
(A bit rapidly)  
Huh?

ALVY  
You keep it nice.  
(He pulls a half-eaten sandwich  
out of her bag)  
Can I ask you, is this-is this a sandwich?

ANNIE  
Huh? Oh, yeah.

EXT. STREET-DAY

Cars are parked on both sides of the street as the VW rounds the corner.

ANNIE  
I live over here. Oh, my God! Look!  
There's a parking space!

With brakes squealing, Annie turns the VW sharply into the parking spot.  
Annie and Alvy get out, Alvy looking over his shoulder as he leaves the  
car.

ALVY  
That's okay, you ... we-we can walk to  
the curb from here.

ANNIE  
Don't be funny.

ALVY  
You want your tennis stuff?

ANNIE  
Huh? Oh ... yeah.

ALVY  
You want your gear? Here you go.

Alvy reaches into the back of the car and takes out tennis equipment. He  
hands her her things. People pass by on the street.

ANNIE

(Laughing)  
Yeah, thanks. Thanks a lot. Well...

ALVY  
(Sighing)  
Well, thanks, thank you. You-you're  
a wonderful tennis player.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Oh.

Alvy shakes hands with Annie.

ALVY  
You're the worst driver I've ever seen  
in my life . . . that's including any place  
... the worst ... Europe, United ... any  
place ... Asia.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Yeah.

ALVY  
And I love what you're wearin'.

Alvy touches the tie Annie is wearing around her neck.

ANNIE  
Oh, you do? Yeah? Oh, well, it's uh  
... this is, uh ... this tie is a present,  
from Grammy Hall.

Annie flips the bottom of the tie.

ALVY  
Who? Grammy? Grammy Hall?

ANNIE  
(Laughing and nodding her head)  
Yeah, my grammy.

ALVY  
You're jo- Whatta yuh kid- What did you  
do, grow up in a Norman Rockwell painting?

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Yeah, I know.

ALVY  
Your grammy!

ANNIE  
I know, it's pretty silly, isn't it?

ALVY  
Jesus, my-my grammy ... n-never gave  
gifts, you know. She-she was too busy  
getting raped by Cossacks.



ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Well ...

ALVY  
Well ... thank you again.

ANNIE  
Oh, yeah, yeah.

ALVY  
I'll see yuh.

ANNIE  
(Overlapping, gesturing)  
Hey, well, listen ... hey, you wanna  
come upstairs and, uh ... and have a  
glass of wine and something? Aw, no,  
I mean ... I mean, you don't have to,  
you're probably late and everything else ...

ALVY  
No, no, that'll be fine. I don't mind. Sure.

ANNIE  
You sure?

ALVY  
(Overlapping)  
No, I got time.

ANNIE  
Okay.

ALVY  
Sure, I got ... I got nothing, uh,  
nothing till my analyst's appointment.

They move toward Annie's apartment building.

ANNIE  
Oh, you see an analyst?

ALVY  
Y-y-yeah, just for fifteen years.

ANNIE  
Fifteen years?

ALVY  
Yeah, uh, I'm gonna give him one more  
year and then I'm goin' to Lourdes.

ANNIE  
Fifteen-aw, come on, you're . . . yeah,  
really?

INT. ANNIE'S APARTMENT

Alvy, standing, looks around the apartment. There are lots of books, framed photographs on the white wall. A terrace can be seen from the window. He picks up a copy of *Ariet*, by Sylvia Plath, as Annie comes out of the kitchen carrying two glasses. She hands them to Alvy.

ALVY  
Sylvia Plath.

ANNIE  
M'hm...

ALVY  
Interesting poetess whose tragic suicide was misinterpreted as romantic, by the college-girl mentality.

ANNIE  
Oh, yeah.

ALVY  
Oh, sorry.

ANNIE  
Right. Well, I don't know, I mean, uh, some of her poems seem - neat, you know.

ALVY  
Neat?

ANNIE  
Neat, yeah.

ALVY  
Uh, I hate to tell yuh, this is nineteen seventy-five, you know that "neat" went out, I would say, at the turn of the century.

(Annie laughs)  
Who-who are-who are those photos on the wall?

ANNIE  
(Moving over to the photographs)  
Oh ... oh, well, you see now now, uh, that's my dad, that's Father-and that's my ... brother, Duane.

ALVY  
Duane?

ANNIE  
(Pointing)  
Yeah, right, Duane-and over there is Grammy Hall, and that's Sadie.

ALVY  
Well, who's Sadie?

ANNIE

Sadie? Oh, well, Sadie...

(Laughing)

Sadie met Grammy through, uh, through Grammy's brother George. Uh, George was real sweet, you know, he had that thing. What is that thing where you, uh, where you, uh, fall asleep in the middle of a sentence, you know-what is it? Uh ...

ALVY

Uh, narcolepsy.

ANNIE

Narcolepsy, right, right. Right. So, anyway, so ...

(Laughing)

George, uh, went to the union, see, to get his free turkey, be-because, uh, the union always gave George this big turkey at Christmas time because he was ...

(Annie points her fingers to each side of her head, indicating George was a little crazy)

shell-shocked, you know what I mean, in the First World War.

(Laughing hysterically, she opens a cabinet door and takes out a bottle of wine)

Anyway, so, so ...

(Laughing through the speech)

George is standing in line, oh, just a sec ...uh, getting his free turkey, but the thing is, he falls asleep and he never wakes up. So, so...

(Laughing)

so, he's dead ...

(Laughing)

he's dead. Yeah. Oh, dear. Well, terrible, huh, wouldn't you say? I mean, that's pretty unfortunate.

Annie unscrews the bottle of wine, silent now after her speech.

ALVY

Yeah, it's a great story, though, I mean, I... I ... it really made my day. Hey, I think I should get outta here, you know, 'cause I think I'm imposing, you know ...

ANNIE

(Laughing)

Oh, really? Oh, well ... uh, uh, maybe, uh, maybe, we, uh ...

ALVY

... and ... uh, yeah, uh ... uh, you know, I-I-I...

They move outside to the terrace, Alvy still holding the glasses, Annie the

wine. They stand in front of the railing, Annie pouring the wine into the held-out glasses.

ANNIE

Well, I mean, you don't have to, you know.

ALVY

No, I know, but ... but, you know, I'm all perspired and everything.

ANNIE

Well, didn't you take, uh ... uh, a shower at the club?

ALVY

Me? No, no, no, 'cause I never shower in a public place.

ANNIE

(Laughing)

Why not?

ALVY

'Cause I don't like to get naked in front of another man, you know-it's, uh ...

ANNIE

(Laughing)

Oh, I see, I see.

ALVY

You know, I don't like to show my body to a man of my gender-

ANNIE

Yeah. Oh, yeah. Yeah, I see. I guess-

ALVY

-'cause, uh, you never know what's gonna happen.

ANNIE

(Sipping her wine and laughing)

Fifteen years, huh?

ALVY

Fifteen years, yeah.

ANNIE

Yeah. Oh, God bless!

They put their glasses together in a toast.

ALVY

God bless.

ANNIE

(Laughing)

Well, uh ...

(Pausing)

You're what Grammy Hall would call a

real Jew.

ALVY  
(Clearing his throat)  
Oh, thank you.

ANNIE  
(Smiling)  
Yeah, well ... you-She hates Jews. She thinks that they just make money, but let me tell yuh, I mean, she's the one yeah, is she ever. I'm tellin' yuh.

ALVY  
(pointing toward the apartment  
after a short pause)  
So, did you do shoot the photographs  
in there or what?

ANNIE  
(Nodding, her hand on her hip)  
Yeah, yeah, I sorta dabble around, you know.

Annie's thoughts pop on the screen as she talks: I dabble? Listen to me-  
what  
a jerk!

ALVY  
They're ... they're... they're wonderful,  
you know. They have ... they have, uh  
... a ... a quality.

As do Alvy's: You are a great-looking girl

ANNIE  
Well, I-I-I would-I would like to take  
a serious photography course soon.

Again, Annie's thoughts pop on: He probably thinks I'm a yo-yo

ALVY  
Photography's interesting, 'cause, you  
know, it's-it's a new art form, and a,  
uh, a set of aesthetic criteria have  
not emerged yet.

And Alvy's: I wonder what she looks like naked?

ANNIE  
Aesthetic criteria? You mean, whether  
it's, uh, good photo or not?

I'm not smart enough for him. Hang in there

ALVY  
The-the medium enters in as a condition  
of the art form itself. That's-

I don't know what I'm saying-she senses I'm shallow

ANNIE

Well, well, I ... to me-I ... I mean,  
it's-it's-it's all instinctive, you  
know. I mean, I just try to uh, feel  
it, you know? I try to get a sense of  
it and not think about it so much.

God, I hope he doesn't turn out to be a shmuck like the others

ALVY  
Still, still we- You need a set of  
aesthetic guide lines to put it in  
social perspective, I think.

Christ, I sound like FM radio. Relax

They're quiet for a moment, holding wine glasses and sipping. The sounds  
of  
distant traffic from the street can be heard on the terrace. Annie,  
laughing,  
speaks first.

ANNIE  
Well, I don't know. I mean, I guess-I  
guess you must be sorta late, huh?

ALVY  
You know, I gotta get there and begin  
whining soon ... otherwise I- Hey ...  
well, are you busy Friday night?

ANNIE  
Me? Oh, uh.  
(Laughing)  
No.

ALVY  
(Putting his band on his forehead)  
Oh, I'm sorry, wait a minute, I have  
something. Well, what about Saturday  
night?

ANNIE  
(Nodding)  
Oh ... nothing. Not-no, no!

ALVY  
Oh, you ... you're very popular, I can see.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
I know.

ALVY  
Gee, boy, what do you have? You have  
plague?

ANNIE  
Well, I mean, I meet a lot of ... jerks,  
you know-

ALVY

Yeah, I meet a lotta jerks, too.

ANNIE  
(Overlapping)  
-what I mean?

ALVY  
I think that's, uh-

ANNIE  
(Interrupting)  
But I'm thinking about getting some  
cats, you know, and then they ... Oh,  
wait a second-oh, no, no, I mean  
(Laughing)  
oh, shoot! No, Saturday night I'm  
gonna-  
(Laughing)  
gonna sing. Yeah.

ALVY  
You're gonna sing? Do you sing? Well,  
no, it isn't  
(Overlapping)  
No kidding?  
(Overlapping)  
-this is my first time. Oh, really? Where?  
I'd like to come.  
(Laughing)  
Oh, no, no, no, no, no! No, I'm interested!

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Oh, no-I mean, I'm just a-auditioning  
sort of at club. I don't-

ALVY  
(Overlapping)  
No, so help me.

ANNIE  
(Overlapping)  
-it's my first time.

ALVY  
That's okay, 'cause I know exactly what  
that's like. Listen-

ANNIE  
(Interrupting)  
Yeah.

ALVY  
(Overlapping)  
-you're gonna like night clubs, they're  
really a lotta fun.

INT. NIGHT CLUB-NIGHT

Annie stands on center stage with a microphone, a pianist behind her. A

Bright light is focused on her; the rest of the club is in darkness. There are the typical sounds and movements of a nightclub audience: low conversation, curling smoke, breaking glass, microphone bum, moving chairs, waiters clattering trays, a ringing phone as Annie sings "It Had to Be You."

EXT. CITY STREET-NIGHT.

Alvy and Annie walk quickly down the sidewalk.

ANNIE  
I was awful. I'm so ashamed! I can't sing.

ALVY  
Oh, listen, so the audience was a tad restless.

ANNIE  
Whatta you mean, a tad restless? Oh, my God, I mean, they hated me.

ALVY  
No, they didn't. You have a wonderful voice.

ANNIE  
No, I'm gonna quit!

ALVY  
No, I'm not gonna letcha. You have a great voice.

ANNIE  
Really, do you think so, really?

ALVY  
Yeah!

ANNIE  
Yeah?

ALVY  
It's terrific.

ANNIE  
(Overlapping)  
Yeah, you know something? I never even took a lesson, either.

They stop in the middle of the sidewalk. Alvy turns Annie around to face him.

ALVY  
Hey, listen, listen.

ANNIE  
What?

ALVY



Gimme a kiss.

ANNIE

Really?

ALVY

Yeah, why not, because we're just gonna go home later, right?

ANNIE

Yeah.

ALVY

And-and uh, there's gonna be all that tension. You know, we never kissed before and I'll never know when to make the right move or anything. So we'll kiss now we'll get it over with and then we'll go eat. Okay?

ANNIE

Oh, all right.

ALVY

And we'll digest our food better.

ANNIE

Okay.

ALVY

Okay?

ANNIE

Yeah.

They kiss.

ALVY

So now we can digest our food.

They turn and start walking again.

ANNIE

We can digest our-

ALVY

Okay. Yeah.

INT. DELI-NIGHT

Annie and Alvy sit down in a booth. The deli is fairly well lit and crowded. Conversation, plates clattering, can be heard over the dialogue. The waiter comes over to them to take their order.

ALVY

(To the waiter)

I'm gonna have a corned beef.

ANNIE

(To the waiter)

Yeah ... oh, uh, and I'm gonna have a  
pastrami on white bread with, uh,  
mayonnaise and tomatoes and lettuce.

(Alvy involuntarily makes a face  
as the waiter leaves)

Tsch, so, uh, your second wife left you  
and, uh, were you depressed about that?

ALVY

Nothing that a few mega-vitamins couldn't  
cure.

ANNIE

Oh. And your first wife was Allison?

ALVY

My first... Yes, she was nice, but you  
know, uh, it was my fault. I was just...  
I was too crazy.

ANNIE

Oh.

INT. DARKENED BEDROOM-NIGHT

Alvy and Annie in bed together.

ANNIE

M'm, that was so nice. That was nice.

ALVY

As Balzac said ...

ANNIE

H'm?

ALVY

"There goes another novel."

(They laugh)

Jesus, you were great.

ANNIE

Oh, yeah?

ALVY

Yeah.

ANNIE

Yeah?

ALVY

Yeah, I'm-I'm-I'm a wreck.

ANNIE

No.

(She turns and looks at Alvy,  
then laughs)

You're a wreck.

ALVY  
Really. I mean it. I-I'll never play  
the piano again.

ANNIE  
(Lighting a joint and laughing)  
You're really nuts. I don't know, you  
really thought it was good? Tell me.

ALVY  
Good? I was-

ANNIE  
(Overlapping)  
No.

ALVY  
No, that was the most fun I've ever  
had without laughing.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Here, you want some?

ALVY  
No, no, I-I-i, uh, I don't use any  
major hallucinogenics because I took  
a puff like five years ago at a party and

ANNIE  
Yeah?

ALVY  
-tried to take my pants off over my  
head ...  
(Annie laughs)  
... my ear.

ANNIE  
Oh, I don't know, I don't really. I  
don't do it very often, you know, just  
sort of, er ... relaxes me at first.

ALVY  
M'hm.  
(He pushes himself up from the  
bed and looks down at Annie)  
You're not gonna believe this, but-

ANNIE  
What? What?

CUT

TO:

INT. BOOKSTORE-DAY

Annie and Alvy browsing in crowded bookstore. Alvy, carrying two books,  
"Death and Western Thought" and "The Denial of Death", moves over to where

Annie is looking.

ALVY  
Hey?

ANNIE  
H'm?

ALVY  
I-I-I'm gonna buy you these books, I think, because I-I think you should read them. You know, instead of that cat book.

ANNIE  
(Looking at the books Alvy is holding)  
That's, uh ...  
(Laughing)  
that's pretty serious stuff there.

ALVY  
Yeah, 'cause I-I'm, you know, I'm, I'm obsessed with-with, uh, with death, I think. Big-

ANNIE  
(Overlapping)  
Yeah?

ALVY  
-big subject with me, yeah.

ANNIE  
Yeah?

They move over to the cashier line.

ALVY  
(Gesturing)  
I've a very pessimistic view of life. You should know this about me if we're gonna go out, you know. I-I-I feel that life is-is divided up into the horrible and the miserable.

ANNIE  
M'hm.

ALVY  
Those are the two categories ...

ANNIE  
M'hm.

ALVY  
... you know, they're- The-the horrible would be like, uh, I don't know, terminal cases, you know?

ANNIE

M'hm.

ALVY  
And blind people, crippled ...

ANNIE  
Yeah.

ALVY  
I don't-don't know how they get through  
life. It's amazing to me.

ANNIE  
M'hm.

ALVY  
You know, and the miserable is everyone  
else. That's-that's all. So-so when  
you go through life you should be thankful  
that you're miserable, because that's-  
You're very lucky ... to be ...  
(Overlapping Annie's laughter)  
... to be miserable.

ANNIE  
U-huh.

EXT. PARK-DAY

It's a beautiful sunny day in Central Park. People are sitting on benches,  
others strolling, some walking dogs. One woman stands feeding cooing  
pigeons.  
Alvy's and Annie's voices are heard off screen as they observe the scene  
before  
them. An older man and woman walk into view.

ALVY  
Look, look at that guy.

ANNIE  
M'hm.

ALVY  
There's-there's-there's-there's Mr.  
When-in-the-Pink, Mr. Miami Beach, there,  
you know?  
(Over Annie's laughter)  
He's the latest! just came back from  
the gin-rummy farm last night. He  
placed third.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
M'hm. Yeah. Yeah.

The camera shows them sitting side by side relaxed on a bench.

ALVY  
(Watching two men approach, one  
lighting a cigar)

Look at these guys.

ANNIE

Yeah.

ALVY

Oh, that's hilarious. They're back from Fire Island. They're ... they're sort of giving it a chance-you know what I mean?

ANNIE

Oh! Italian, right?

ALVY

Yeah, he's the Mafia. Linen Supply Business or Cement and Contract, you know what I mean?

ANNIE

(Laughing)

Oh, yeah.

ALVY

No, I'm serious.

(Over Annie's laughter)

I just got my mustache wet.

ANNIE

Oh, yeah?

ALVY

(As another man walks by)

And there's the winner of the Truman Capote look-alike contest.

EXT. STREET-NIGHT

Alvy and Annie walk almost in silhouette along the dock, the New York City skyline in the background. Alvy has his arm around Annie and they walk slowly.

No one else is around.

ANNIE

You see, like you and I ...

ALVY

You are extremely sexy.

ANNIE

No, I'm not.

ALVY

Unbelievably sexy. Yes, you are. Because ... you know what you are? You're-you're polymorphously perverse.

ANNIE

Well, what does-that does that mean? I don't know what that is.

ALVY

Uh ... uh, you're-you're exceptional  
in bed because you got -you get pleasure  
in every part of your body when I touch you.

ANNIE

Ooooh!

They stop walking. Holding Annie's arms, Alvy turns her to face him. The South Street Bridge, lit up for the night, is in the background.

ALVY

You know what I mean? Like the tip  
o'your nose, and if I stroke your teeth  
or your kneecaps ... you get excited.

ANNIE

Come on.

(Laughing)

Yeah. You know what? You know, I  
like you, I really mean it. I really do  
like you.

ALVY

You- Do you love me?

ANNIE

Do I love you?

ALVY

That's the key question.

ANNIE

Yeah.

ALVY

I know you've only known me a short  
while.

ANNIE

Well, I certainly ... I think that's  
very- Yeah, yeah ...

(Laughing)

yeah. Do you love me?

ALVY

I-uh, love is, uh, is too weak a word  
for what...

ANNIE

Yeah.

ALVY

- I ... I love you.

(Over Annie's laughter)

You know I lo-ove you, I-I love you.

(Over Annie's laughter)

I-I have to invent- Of course I love you.

ANNIE

Yeah.

ALVY  
(Putting his arms around her neck)  
Don't you think I do?

ANNIE  
I dunno.

They kiss as a foghorn sounds in the distance.

INT. ALVY'S APARTMENT

Alvy, somewhat distraught, is following Annie around his apartment, which is filled with boxes and suitcases, clothes and framed pictures. They both carry cartons.

ALVY  
Whatta you mean? You're not gonna give up your own apartment, are you?

ANNIE  
(Putting down the carton)  
Of course.

ALVY  
Yeah, bu-bu-but why?

ANNIE  
Well, I mean, I'm moving in with you, that's why.

ALVY  
Yeah, but you-you got a nice apartment.

ANNIE  
I have a tiny apartment.

ALVY  
Yeah, I know it's small.

ANNIE  
(Picking up the suitcases and walking into the bedroom)  
That's right, and it's got bad plumbing and bugs.

ALVY  
(Picking up some pictures and following Annie into the bedroom)  
All right, granted, it has bad plumbing and bugs, but you-you say that like it's a negative thing. You know, bugs are-are-uh, entomology is a ...  
(Annie, reacting, tosses the suitcases and some loose clothing onto the bed. She sits down on the edge, looking away. Alvy walks in, pictures and carton in hand, still



talking)  
... rapidly growing field.

ANNIE  
You don't want me to live with you?

ALVY  
How- I don't want you to live with me?  
How- Whose idea was it?

ANNIE  
Mine.

ALVY  
Ye-ah. Was it ... It was yours actually,  
but, uh, I approved it immediately.

ANNIE  
I guess you think that I talked you into  
something, huh?  
(putting pictures on the mantel)

ALVY  
No-what, what ...? I ... we live together,  
we sleep together, we eat together. Jesus,  
you don't want it to be like we're married,  
do yuh?

He moves over to the carton of books on the window seat and reaches in. He starts tossing books off screen.

ANNIE  
(Looking up at Alvy)  
How is it any different?

ALVY  
(Gesturing)  
It's different 'cause you keep your own  
apartment.  
(Holding a book, he starts walking  
around the room)  
Because you know it's there, we don't  
have to go to it, we don't have to deal  
with it, but it's like a-a-a free-floating  
life raft ... that we know that we're not  
married.

He tosses the book on the bed and walks back to the window seat.

ANNIE  
(Still sitting on the bed)  
That little apartment is four hundred  
dollars a month, Alvy.

ALVY  
(Looking at Annie)  
That place is four hundred dollars a month?

ANNIE  
Yes, it is.

ALVY  
(Whistling)  
It's-it's got bad plumbing and bugs. Jesus,  
I'll-My accountant will write it off as a  
tax deduction, I'll pay for it.

ANNIE  
(Shaking her head)  
You don't think I'm smart enough to be  
serious about.

ALVY  
Hey, don't be ridiculous.

Alvy moves over to the bed and sits down next to Annie.

ANNIE  
Then why are you always pushing me to take  
those college courses like I was dumb or  
something?

ALVY  
(Putting his hand to his forehead)  
'Cause adult education's a wonderful thing.  
You meet a lotta interesting professors.  
You know, it's stimulating.

EXT. COUNTRY HIGHWAY - DAY

Annie and Alvy, in Annie's VW, driving to their summerhouse. The camera  
moves  
with them as they pass a house with a lighted window, blooming foliage.  
There  
is no dialogue, but it is a comfortable quiet. Classical music plays in  
the  
background.

CUT

TO:

INT. COUNTRY HOUSE - NIGHT

Annie, sitting cross-legged on a wooden chest in the bedroom, is browsing  
through a school catalogue. Alvy lies in bed reading.

ANNIE  
(Reading)  
Does this sound like a good course?  
Uh, "Modern American Poetry"? Uh, or,  
uh-let's see now ... maybe I should, uh,  
take "Introduction to the Novel."

ALVY  
Just don't take any course where they  
make you read Beowulf.

ANNIE  
What?  
(Laughing)  
Hey, listen, what-what do you think? Do

you think we should, uh, go to that-that party in Southampton tonight?

Alvy leans over and kisses her shoulder.

ALVY

No, don't be silly. What-what do we need other people for?

(He puts his arms around her neck, kissing her, Annie making muffled sounds)

You know, we should-we should just turn out the lights, you know, and play hide and seek or something.

ANNIE

(Laughing)

Well, okay. Well, listen, I'm gonna get a cigarette, okay?

ALVY

(Yelling out to her as she leaves the room)

Yeah, grass, right? The illusion that it will make a white woman more like Billie Holiday.

ANNIE

(Off screen)

Well, have you ever made love high?

ALVY

Me, no. You ... I-I-you know, if I have grass or alcohol or anything I get unbearably wonderful. I get too, too wonderful for words. You know, I don't-I don't know why you have to, uh, get high every time we make love.

ANNIE

(Moving back into the room and lighting a joint)

It relaxes me.

ALVY

Oh, you-you have to be artificially relaxed before we can go to bed?

ANNIE

(Closing the door)

Well, what's the difference, anyway?

ALVY

Well, I'll give you a shot of sodium pentothal. You can sleep through it.

ANNIE

Oh, come on, look who's talking. You've been seeing a psychiatrist for fifteen years.

(She gets into bed and takes a puff of marijuana)

You should smoke some o' this. You'd be off the couch in no time.

ALVY  
Oh, come, you don't need that.

Alvy, sitting down on the bed, moves over to Annie and takes the weed from her.

ANNIE  
What are you doing?

ALVY  
(Kissing her)  
No, no, no, what ... You can once, you can live without it once. Come on.

ANNIE  
Oh, no, Alvy, please. Alvy, please.  
(Laughing and making sounds)  
M'mrnm.

ALVY  
M'm, wait, I got a great idea.  
(He gets up and goes over to the closet, taking out a light bulb.  
He goes back to the bed and turns out the lamp on the night table)  
Hang in there for a second. I got a little-little artifact. A little erotic artifact, that-that I brought up from the city, which I think, uh, is gonna be perfect.  
(He turns the lamp back on, having replaced the bulb with the red one from the closet)  
I just ... there ... There's a little Old New Orleans ... essence. Now-now we can go about our business here and we can even develop photographs if we want to. There, now there.  
(He undresses and crawls into bed, taking Annie in his arms)  
M'mmm. M'mmm. Hey, is something wrong?

ANNIE  
Uh-uh-why?

ALVY  
I don't know. You- It's like you're-you're removed.

ANNIE  
No, I'm fine.

As Annie speaks, her inner self (ghostlike, moves up from the bed and) sits down on a chair, watching.

ALVY  
Really?

ANNIE

U-huh.

ALVY

I don't know, but you seem sort of distant.

ANNIE

Let's just do it, all right?

ALVY

(Kissing and caressing Annie)

Is it my imagination or are you just going through the motions?

ANNIE'S SPIRIT

Alvy, do you remember where I put my drawing pad? Because while you two are doing that, I think I'm gonna do some drawing.

ALVY

(Reacting)

You see, that's what I call removed.

ANNIE

Oh, you have my body.

ALVY

Yeah, but that's not-that's no good. I want the whole thing.

ANNIE

(Sighing)

Well, I need grass and so do you.

ALVY

Well, it ruins it for me if you have grass  
(Clearing his throat)  
because, you know, I'm, like, a comedian-

ANNIE

(Overlapping)

M'hm.

ALVY

(Overlapping)

-so if I get a laugh from a person who's high, it doesn't count. You know-'cause they're always laughin'.

ANNIE

Were you always funny?

ALVY

Hey, what is this-an interview? We're supposed to be making love.

CUT

TO:

INT. OFFICE.

A typical old-fashioned theatrical agency in a Broadway office building. Autographed 8 X 12 is plastered in the sloppy room. The agent, chewing a cigar, sits behind his desk talking to one of his clients, a comedian, who stands with his hands in his pockets. A young Alvy sits stiffly in a chair nearby watching.

AGENT

This guy is naturally funny. I think he can write for you.

COMIC

(Buttoning his jacket)

Yeah, yeah. Hey, kid, he tells me you're really good. Well, lemme explain a little bit o' how I work. You know, you can tell right off the bat that I don't look like a funny guy when I come-you know, like some o' the guys that come out. You know, right away

(Gesturing)

they're gonna tell yuh their stories, you're gonna fall down, but I gotta be really talented. Material's gotta be sensational for me 'cause I work, you know, with very, very ... Come on, I'm kinda classy, you know what I mean? Uh ... uh ... lemme explain. For instance, I open with an opening song. A musical start like

(Ad-lib singing)

and I walk out

(Ad-lib singing)

"Place looks wonderful from here and you folks look wonderful from here!

(Singing)

"And seein' you there  
With a smile on your face  
Makes me shout  
This must be the place."

Then I stop right in the middle and then I open with some jokes. Now, that's where I need you, right there. For instance, like I say, "Hey, I just got back from Canada, you know, they speak a lotta French up there. The only way to remember Jeanne d'Arc means the light's out in the bathroom!"

(He laughs. Seated Alvy looks up smiling)

"Oh, I met a big lumberjack ..."

ALVY'S VOICE

(To himself)

Jesus, this guy's pathetic.

COMIC

(Overlapping above speech)

... big lumberjack ...

ALVY'S VOICE

(To himself while the comic

continues his routine)  
Look at him mincing around, like he  
thinks he's real cute. You wanna throw  
up. If only I had the nerve to do my  
own jokes. I don't know how much longer  
I can keep this smile frozen on my face.  
I'm in the wrong business, I know it.

COMIC

(Overlapping above speech)  
"'Cherie, come back. I love you.  
(Shaking his lips and mimicking)  
But, uh, Cheri, what will I do with this,  
uh?' He says, 'Aw, Marie, sometime you  
make me so mad.'"'  
(Laughing)  
Oh, they scream at that. Now, write me  
somethin' like that, will yuh? Kinda  
French number, can yuh do it? Huh, kid?

INT. THEATER - NIGHT

The darkened auditorium is filled with college students applauding and  
cheering,  
excited, as Alvy stands on spotlighted stage holding the microphone.

ALVY

(Gesturing)  
W-where am I? I-I keep ... I have to  
reorient myself. This is the University  
of Wisconsin, right? So I'm always ...  
I'm tense and ... uh, when I'm playin' a  
col- I've a very bad history with colleges.  
You know, I went to New York University and,  
uh, tsch, I was thrown out of NYU my freshman  
year ... for cheating on my metaphysics final.  
You know, I looked within the soul of the  
boy sitting next to me-  
(The audience laughs; they're with him)  
-and when I was thrown out, my mother,  
who's an emotionally high-strung woman,  
locked herself in the bathroom and took an  
overdose of mah-jongg tiles.  
(More applause and laughter)  
And, uh, tsch, I was depressed. I was ...  
in analysis, I-I, uh, was suicidal; as a  
matter of fact, uh, I would have killed  
myself but I was in analysis with a strict  
Freudian and if you kill yourself ... they  
make you pay for the sessions you miss.

INT. BACKSTAGE OF THEATER.

Students mill around Alvy banding him pens and paper for autographs.  
Annie is next to him, talking over the chattering fans.

ANNIE

Alvy, you were ... Alvy, you were just  
great, I'm not kidding. It was- You

were so neat.

ALVY  
C-c-coll- College audiences are so wonderful.

ANNIE  
Yeah. Yeah. And you know something?  
I think that I'm starting to get more  
of your references, too.

ALVY  
Are yuh?

ANNIE  
Yeah.

ALVY  
Well, the twelve o'clock show is  
completely different than the nine.

YOUNG WOMAN  
(Interrupting)  
May I have your autograph?

ANNIE  
(Over lapping above speech)  
Oh.

ALVY  
(To Annie, while autographing)  
You're so sure about it.

ANNIE  
Oh, I'm really, uh, looking forward to  
tomorrow. I mean, you know, I think that  
it'll be really nice to meet Mother and  
Father.

They start moving toward the exit, a girl snapping a picture of Alvy with a  
flash camera as they walk through the crowd.

ALVY  
Yeah, I know, they'll hate me immediately.  
(To one of his fans)  
Thank you.

ANNIE  
No, I don't think so. No, I don't think  
they're gonna hate you at all. On the  
contrary, I think-

ALVY  
Yeah.

ANNIE  
It's Easter. You know, we'll have a nice  
dinner, we'll sit down and eat. I think  
they're gonna really like you.



EXT. ANNIE'S PARENTS' HOME-DAY

The camera shows a neat two-story house surrounded by a well-manicured green lawn, then cuts to:

INT. DINING ROOM.

Alvy and the Halls are eating Easter dinner. The sun is pouring through a big picture window, shining on a large, elegantly laid out table. Alvy sits, at one end,- rubbing his nose and chewing, the Halls flanking him on either side: Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Grammy, and Annie's brother, Duane.

MOM HALL  
(Holding her wine glass)  
It's a nice ham this year, Mom.

Grammy Hall takes a sip of her wine and nods.

ANNIE  
(Smiling at Duane)  
Oh, yeah. Grammy always does such a good job.

DAD HALL  
(Chewing)  
A great sauce.

ALVY  
It is.  
(Smacking his lips)  
It's dynamite ham.

Grammy Hall stares down the table at Alvy; a look of utter dislike. Alvy tries not to notice.

MOM HALL  
(To Dad Hall, smoothing her hair)  
We went over to the swap meet. Annie, Gram and I. Got some nice picture frames.

ANNIE  
We really had a good time.

Grammy continues to stare at Alvy; he is now dressed in the long black coat and hat of the Orthodox Jew, complete with mustache and beard.

MOM HALL  
(Lighting a cigarette and turning to Alvy)  
Ann tells us that you've been seeing a psychiatrist for fifteen years.

ALVY  
(Setting down his glass and coughing)

Yes. I'm making excellent progress.  
Pretty soon when I lie down on his couch,  
I won't have to wear the lobster bib.

Mom Hall reacts by sipping from her glass and frowning. Grammy continues to stare.

DAD HALL  
Duane and I went out to the boat basin.

DUANE  
We were caulkin' holes all day.

DAD HALL  
Yeah.  
(Laughing)  
Randolph Hunt was drunk, as usual.

MOM HALL  
Oh, that Randolph Hunt. You remember  
Randy Hunt, Annie. He was in the choir  
with you.

ANNIE  
Oh, yes, yes.

Alvy, leaning his elbow on the table, looks out toward the camera.

ALVY  
(To the audience)  
I can't believe this family.  
(Making chewing sounds)  
Annie's mother. She really's beautiful.  
And they're talkin' swap meets and boat  
basins, and the old lady at the end of  
the table  
(Pointing to Grammy)  
is a classic Jew hater. And, uh, they,  
they really look American, you know,  
very healthy and ... like they never  
get sick or anything. Nothing like my  
family. You know, the two are like oil  
and water.

The screen splits in half - on the right is Alvy's family - his mother, father, aunt and uncle-busily eating at the crowded kitchen table. They eat quickly and interrupt one another loudly. On the left the Halls in their dining room. Both dialogues overlap, juxtaposed.

ALVY'S FATHER  
Let 'im drop dead! Who needs his  
business?!

ALVY'S MOTHER  
His wife has diabetes!

ALVY'S FATHER  
Di-diabetes? Is that any excuse?  
Diabetes?

ALVY'S UNCLE  
The man is fifty years old and doesn't  
have a substantial job.

ALVY'S AUNT  
(Putting more meat on her  
husband's plate)  
Is that a reason to steal from his father?

ALVY'S UNCLE  
Whatta you talkin' about? You don't  
know what you're talking about.

ALVY'S AUNT  
Yes, I know what I'm talking about.

ALVY'S MOTHER  
(Interrupting)  
George, defend him!

ALVY'S UNCLE  
(Over Alvy's father's muttering)  
No Moskowitz he had a coronary.

ALVY'S AUNT  
You don't say.

ALVY'S MOTHER  
We fast.

MOM HALL  
Stupid Thelma Poindexter ... to the  
Veterans Hospital.

DAD HALL  
My God, he's the new president of the  
El Regis. Let me tell you, the man is  
somethin' else.

MOM HALL  
That's Jack's wife. We used to make  
that outta raisins.

ANNIE  
Oh, yes, that's right. Did you see  
the new play?

MOM HALL  
Oh, you remember her, Annie.

ANNIE  
Yes, I do.

The two families start talking back and forth to one another. The screen  
is  
still split.

MOM HALL  
How do you plan to spend the holidays,  
Mrs. Singer?

DAD HALL  
Fast?

ALVY'S FATHER  
Yeah, no food. You know, we have to  
atone for our sins.

MOM HALL  
What sins? I don't understand.

ALVY'S FATHER  
Tell you the truth, neither do we.

TO:

CUT

INT. DUANE'S BEDROOM-NIGHT

Duane, sitting on his bed, sees Alvy walking past the open door.

DUANE  
Alvy.

ALVY  
(Walking in)  
Oh, hi, Duane, how's it goin'?

DUANE  
This is my room.

ALVY  
(Looking around)  
Oh, yeah?  
(He clears his throat)  
Terrific.

DUANE  
Can I confess something?

Alvy sighs and sits down, leaning his arm on Duane's dresser. Duane's face is  
big lighted by a single lamp.

DUANE  
I tell you this because, as an artist,  
I think you'll understand. Sometimes  
when I'm driving ... on the road at night  
... I see two headlights coming toward me.  
Fast. I have this sudden impulse to turn  
the wheel quickly, head-on into the  
oncoming car. I can anticipate the  
explosion. The sound of shattering glass.  
The ... flames rising out of the flowing  
gasoline.

ALVY  
(Reacting and clearing his throat)  
Right. Tsch, well, I have to-I have  
t-o go now, Duane, because I-I'm due  
back on the planet earth.

He slowly gets up and moves toward the door.

INT. THE HALLS' LIVING ROOM.

Mom and Dad Hall walk into the living room; Annie is with them.

MOM HALL  
Now, don't let it be so long, now.

ANNIE  
No.

DAD HALL  
And look up Uncle Bill, you promise.

ANNIE  
Okay. Okay.

MOM HALL  
Oh, he's adorable, Annie.

ANNIE  
You think so? Do you really?

MOM HALL  
We're going to take them to the airport.

DAD HALL  
Oh, no-Duane can. I haven't finished  
my drink.

ANNIE  
Yes, Duane is. I'll be right-

MOM HALL  
M'mmm.

ANNIE  
I just have time to get the, uh-

She walks out of the room as Mom and Dad Hall kiss.

EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

Duane, behind the wheel, stares straight ahead. It is raining very hard,  
the  
windshield wipers are moving quickly. The headlights of another car  
brightens  
the interior of Duane's car as the camera shows first Duane, then Annie,  
then  
Alvy tensely staring straight ahead.

EXT. STREET- DAY

The camera holds on a quiet New York City street; the buildings, brownstones.  
It's a warm day-people sit on front stoops, window boxes are planted. Annie walks into the frame first, then Alvy, who is walking to her right. They walk quickly, side by side, their voices heard before they move into the frame.

ANNIE

(Off screen)

You followed me. I can't believe it!

ALVY

(Off screen)

I didn't follow you!

ANNIE

You followed me!

ALVY

Why? 'Cause I ... was walkin' along  
a block behind you staring at you?  
That's not following!

ANNIE

Well, what is your definition of  
following?

ALVY

(Gasping)

Following is different. I was spying.

ANNIE

Do you realize how paranoid you are?

ALVY

Paranoid? I'm looking at you. You  
got your arms around another guy.

ANNIE

That is the worst kind of paranoia.

ALVY

Yeah-well, I didn't start out spying.  
I-I thought I'd surprise yuh. Pick you  
up after school.

ANNIE

Yeah-well, you wanted to keep the  
relationship flexible, remember?  
It's your phrase.

ALVY

Oh, stop it. But you were having an  
affair with your college professor.  
That jerk that teaches that incredible  
crap course "Contemporary Crisis in  
Western Man"!

ANNIE

"Existential Motifs in Russian Literature"!  
You're really close.

ALVY  
What's the difference? It's all mental  
masturbation.

ANNIE  
(Stopping for a moment)  
Oh, well, now we're finally getting to  
a subject you know something about!

She walks away.

ALVY  
(Catching up to her)  
Hey, don't knock masturbation! It's  
sex with someone I love.

ANNIE  
(Continuing to walk quickly)  
We're not having an affair. He's married.  
He just happens to think I'm neat.

ALVY  
(Still walking next to her)  
"Neat"! There's that- What are you-twelve  
years old? That's one o' your Chippewa  
Falls expressions! "He thinks I'm neat."

ANNIE  
Who cares? Who cares?

ALVY  
Next thing you know he'll find you keen  
and peachy, you know? Next thing you  
know he's got his hand on your ass!

They both stop in the middle of the street.

ANNIE  
You've always had hostility toward  
David ever since I mentioned him!

ALVY  
David? You call your teacher David?

ANNIE  
It's his name.

ALVY  
Well, listen, that's, a nice bi-it's  
a biblical name. Right? W-What does  
he call you? Bathsheba?

He walks away.

ANNIE  
(Calling after him)  
Alvy! Alvy! You're the one who never  
wanted to make a real commitment. You

don't think I'm smart enough! We had  
that argument just last month, or don't  
ou remember that day?

CUT

TO:

INT. KITCHEN.

Alvy is at the sink washing dishes as the screen cuts to the scene of last  
month's argument. Annie's voice is heard.

ANNIE  
(Off screen)  
I'm home!

ALVY  
(Turning)  
Oh, yeah? How'd it go?

ANNIE  
(Comes into the kitchen and puts  
down a bag of groceries on the  
kitchen table)  
Oh, it was ...  
(Laughing)  
really weird. But she's a very nice woman.

ALVY  
Yeah?

ANNIE  
And I didn't have to lie down on the couch,  
Alvy, she had me sitting up. So I told her  
about-about the-the family and about my  
feelings toward men and about my  
relationship with my brother.

ALVY  
M'm.

ANNIE  
And then she mentioned penis envy ...  
Did you know about that?

ALVY  
Me? I'm-I'm one of the few males who  
suffers from that, so, so ... you know.

ANNIE  
M'hm.

ALVY  
G-go on, I'm interested.

ANNIE  
Well, she said that I was very guilty  
about my impulses toward marriage,  
and-and children.



ALVY

M'hm.

ANNIE

And then I remembered when I was a kid  
how I accidentally saw my parents making  
love.

ALVY

Tsch. Rea- All this happened in the  
first hour?

ANNIE

M'hm.

ALVY

That's amazing. I-I-I ... I've been  
goin' for fifteen years, I-you know,  
I don't got ... nothing like that in-

ANNIE

Oh, I told her my dream and then I cried.

ALVY

You cried? I've never once cried.  
Fantastic ...

ANNIE

(Taking groceries from the bag)  
Yeah.

ALVY

I whine. I-I-I sit and I whine.

ANNIE

In-in ... Alvy, in my dream Frank  
Sinatra is holding his pillow across  
my face and I can't breathe.

ALVY

Sinatra?

ANNIE

Yeah, and he's strangling me ...

ALVY

Yeah?

ANNIE

... and I keep, you know, it's-

ALVY

(Taking a bottle of juice and  
some celery from the bag)  
Well, well, sure ... because he's a  
singer and you're a singer, you know,  
so it's perfect. So you're trying to  
suffocate yourself. It-it makes perfect  
sense. Uh, uh, that's a perfect analytic  
... kind of insight.

ANNIE  
(Pointing her finger at Alvy)  
She said, your name was Alvy Singer.

ALVY  
(Turning to Annie)  
Whatta you mean? Me?

ANNIE  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, you. Because in the dream ... I break Sinatra's glasses.

ALVY  
(Putting his band to his mouth)  
Sinatra had gl- You never said Sinatra had glasses. So whatta you saying that I-I'm suffocating you?

ANNIE  
(Turning, ajar in her hand)  
Oh, and God, Alvy, I did ... this really terrible thing to him. Because then when he sang it was in this real high-pitched voice.

ALVY  
(Thinking)  
Tsch, what'd the doctor say?

ANNIE  
(Putting away some groceries)  
Well, she said that I should probably come five times a week. And you know something? I don't think I mind analysis at all. The only question is, Will it change my wife?

ALVY  
Will it change your wife?

ANNIE  
Will it change my life?

ALVY  
Yeah, but you said, "Will it change my wife"!

ANNIE  
No, I didn't.  
(Laughing)  
I said, "Will it change my life," Alvy.

ALVY  
You said, "Will it change. . ." Wife.  
Will it change ...

ANNIE  
(Yelling out, angry)  
Life. I said, "life."

Alvy turns toward the camera.

ALVY  
(To the audience)  
She said, "Will it change my wife." You  
heard that because you were there so I'm  
not crazy.

ANNIE  
And, Alvy ... and then I told her about  
how I didn't think you'd ever really take  
me seriously, because you don't think that  
I'm smart enough.

She walks out of the room.

ALVY  
(To Annie's back, gesturing)  
Why do you always bring that up? Because  
I encourage you to take adult-education  
courses? I think it's a wonderful thing.  
You meet wonderful, interesting professors'.

CUT

TO:

EXT. STREET

Annie stands at the open door of a cab, Alvy next to her gesturing as  
people  
and cars move by.

ALVY  
Adult education is such junk! The  
professors are so phony. How can you  
do it?

ANNIE  
A bit rapidly. I don't care what you  
say about David, he's a perfectly fine  
teacher!

ALVY  
(Interrupting)  
David! David! I can't believe this!

ANNIE  
And what are you doing following me  
around for, anyway?

ALVY  
I'm following you and David, if you-

ANNIE  
(Interrupting)  
I just think we oughta call this  
relationship quits!

Annie gets into the cab; Alvy leans over and closes the door.

ALVY

That's fine. That's fine. That's great!  
(He turns toward the camera as the  
cab drives away)  
Well, I don't know what I did wrong.  
(Gesturing)  
I mean, I can't believe this. Somewhere  
she cooled off to me!  
(He walks up to an older woman  
walking down the street carrying  
groceries)  
Is it-is it something that I did?

WOMAN ON THE STREET

Never something you do. That's how  
people are. Love fades.

She moves on down the street.

ALVY

(Scratching his head)  
Love fades. God, that's a depressing  
thought. Have to ask you a question.  
(He stops another passer-by, a man)  
Don't go any further. Now, with your  
wife in bed, d-d-does she need some kind  
o' artificial stimulation like-like marijuana?

MAN ON THE STREET

We use a large vibrating egg.

He walks on.

ALVY

(Continuing to walk)  
Large vibrating egg. Well, I ask a  
psychopath, I get that kind of an answer.  
Jesus, I-I, uh, here ...  
(He moves up the sidewalk to  
a young trendy-looking couple,  
arms wrapped around each other)  
You-you look like a really happy couple.  
Uh, uh ... are you?

YOUNG WOMAN

Yeah.

ALVY

Yeah! So ... so h-h-how do you account  
for it?

YOUNG WOMAN

Uh, I'm very shallow and empty and I  
have no ideas and nothing interesting  
to say.

YOUNG MAN

And I'm exactly the same way.

ALVY

I see. Well, that's very interesting.

So you've managed to work out something, huh?

YOUNG MAN

Right.

YOUNG WOMAN

Yeah.

ALVY

Oh, well, thanks very much for talking to me.

He continues to walk past some other passersby and moves into the street. A mounted policeman comes by and stops near him. Alvy looks at the horse, as if to speak.

ALVY'S VOICE-OVER

You know, even as a kid I always went for the wrong women. I think that's my problem. When my mother took me to see Snow White, everyone fell in love with Snow White. I immediately fell for the Wicked Queen.

The scene dissolves into a sequence from the animated Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The Wicked Queen, resembling Annie, sits in the palace before her mirror. Alvy, as a cartoon figure, sits beside her, arms crossed in front of him.

WICKED QUEEN

We never have any fun anymore.

CARTOON FIGURE ALVY

How can you say that?

WICKED QUEEN

Why not? You're always leaning on me to improve myself.

CARTOON FIGURE ALVY

You're just upset. You must be getting your period.

WICKED QUEEN

I don't get a period! I'm a cartoon character. Can't I be upset once in a while?

Rob, as a cartoon figure, enters and sits down on the other side of the Wicked Queen.

CARTOON FIGURE ROB

Max, will you forget about Annie? I know lots of women you can date.

CARTOON FIGURE ALVY

I don't wanna go out with any other women.

CARTOON FIGURE ROB  
Max, have I got a girl for you. You are  
going to love her. She's a reporter-

The cartoon figures of Alvy and Rob walk past the Wicked Queen; the screen  
dissolves into the interior of a concert ball. Rob's voice carries over  
from  
the cartoon scene as the screen shows Alvy with the female reporter. It's  
very  
crowded, noisy; policeman and reporters are everywhere. Alvy stands with  
his  
hands in his pockets, watching the commotion.

CARTOON FIGURE ROB'S VOICE-OVER  
-for Rolling Stone.

FEMALE REPORTER  
I think there are more people here to  
see the Maharishi than there were to see  
the Dylan concert. I covered the Dylan  
concert ... which gave me chills.  
Especially when he sang "She takes just  
like a woman And she makes love just  
like a woman Yes, she does And she aches  
just like a woman But she breaks just  
like a little girl."  
(They move toward the aisles as  
a guard holds up his hands to stop  
them)  
Up to that I guess the most charismatic  
event I covered was Mick's Birthday when  
the Stones played Madison Square Garden.

ALVY  
(Laughing)  
Man, that's great. That's just great.

REPORTER  
You catch Dylan?

ALVY  
(Coughing)  
Me? No, no. I-I couldn't make it that  
ni- My-my raccoon had hepatitis.

REPORTER  
You have a raccoon?

ALVY  
(Gesturing)  
Tsch, a few.

REPORTER  
The only word for this is trans-plendid.  
It's trans-plendid.

ALVY  
I can think of another word.

REPORTER

He's God! I mean, this man is God! He's got millions of followers who would crawl all the way across the world just to touch the hem of his garment.

ALVY  
Really? It must be a tremendous hem.

REPORTER  
I'm a Rosicrucian myself.

ALVY  
Are you?

REPORTER  
Yeah.

ALVY  
I can't get with any religion that advertises in Popular Mechanics. Look-  
(The Maharishi, a small, chunky man, walks out of the men's room, huge bodyguards flanking him while policemen hold back the crowds)  
there's God coming outta the men's room.

REPORTER  
It's unbelievably trans-plendid! I was at the Stones concert in Altamont when they killed that guy, remember?

ALVY  
Yeah, were yuh? I was-I was at an Alice Cooper thing where six people were rushed to the hospital with bad vibes.

INT. ALVY'S BEDROOM-NIGHT

The reporter is sitting up in bed, lighted cigarette in her hand. Alvy, lying next to her, rubs his eyes and puts on his eyeglasses.

REPORTER  
(Looking down at him)  
I hope you don't mind that I took so long to finish.

ALVY  
(Sighing)  
Oh, no, no, don't be ... tsch ... don't be silly. You know,  
(Yawning)  
I'm startin' it-I'm startin' to get some feeling back in my jaw now.

REPORTER  
Oh, sex with you is really a kafkaesque experience.

ALVY

Oh, tsch, thank you. H'm.

REPORTER  
I mean that as a compliment.

ALVY  
(Making sounds)  
I think-I think there's too much burden  
placed on the orgasm, you know, to make  
up for empty areas in life.

REPORTER  
Who said that?

ALVY  
(Rubbing his chin and shoulder)  
Uh, oh, I don't know. It might have  
been Leopold and Loeb.  
(The telephone rings. Alvy picks  
it up, rising up slightly from the  
bed, concerned, as he talks)  
Hello. Oh, hi ... Uh, no, what-what's  
the matter? What-what-what? You sound  
terrible ... No, what- Sure I- Whatta yuh  
-what kind of an emergency? ... No, well,  
stay there. Stay there, I'll come over  
right now. I'll come over right now. Just  
stay there, I'll come right over.

He hangs up. The reporter sits in bed still, taking in the situation.

INT. ANNIE'S APARTMENT HALLWAY

Annie, looking slightly distraught, goes to open the door to Alvy's knock.

ALVY  
What's- It's me, open up.

ANNIE  
(Opening the door)  
Oh.

ALVY  
Are you okay? What's the matter?  
(They look at each other, Annie  
sighing)  
Are you all right? What-

ANNIE  
There's a spider in the bathroom.

ALVY  
(Reacting)  
What?

ANNIE  
There's a big black spider in the bathroom.

ALVY  
That's what you got me here for at three



o'clock in the morning, 'cause there's a spider in the bathroom?

ANNIE

My God, I mean, you know how I am about insects.

ALVY

(Interrupting, sighing)

Oooh.

ANNIE

-I can't sleep with a live thing crawling around in the bathroom.

ALVY

Kill it! For Go- What's wrong with you? Don't you have a can of Raid in the house?

ANNIE

(Shaking her head)

No.

Alvy, disgusted, starts waving his hands and starts to move into the living room.

ALVY

(Sighing)

I told you a thousand times you should always keep, uh, a lotta insect spray. You never know who's gonna crawl over.

ANNIE

(Following him)

I know, I know, and a first-aid kit and a fire extinguisher.

ALVY

Jesus. All right, gimme a magazine. I- 'cause I'm a little tired.

(While Annie goes off to find him a magazine, Alvy, still talking, glances around the apartment. He notices a small book on a cabinet and picks it up.)

You know, you, you joke with-about me, you make fun of me, but I'm prepared for anything. An emergency, a tidal wave, an earthquake. Hey, what is this? What? Did you go to a rock concert?

ANNIE

Yeah.

ALVY

Oh, yeah, really? Really? How-how'd you like it? Was it-was it, I mean, did it ... was it heavy? Did it achieve total heavy-ocity? Or was it, uh...

ANNIE

It was just great!

ALVY

(Thumbing through the book)

Oh, humdinger. When- Well, I got a wonderful idea. Why don'tcha get the guy who took you to the rock concert, we'll call him and he can come over and kill the spider. You know, it's a-

He tosses the book down on the cabinet.

ANNIE

I called you; you wanna help me ... or not? H'h? Here.

She hands him a magazine.

ALVY

(Looking down at the magazine)

What is this? What are you, since when do you read the "National Review"? What are you turning in to?

ANNIE

(Turning to a nearby chair for some gum in her pocketbook)

Well, I like to try to get all points of view.

ALVY

It's wonderful. Then why don'tcha get William F. Buckley to kill the spider?

ANNIE

(Spinning around to face him)

Alvy, you're a little hostile, you know that? Not only that, you look thin and tired.

She puts a piece of gum in her mouth.

ALVY

Well, I was in be- It's three o'clock in the morning. You, uh, you got me outta bed, I ran over here, I couldn't get a taxi cab. You said it was an emergency, and I didn't ge- I ran up the stairs. Hell - I was a lot more attractive when the evening began. Look, uh, tell- Whatta you- Are you going with a right-wing rock-and roll star? Is that possible?

ANNIE

(Sitting down on a chair arm and looking up at Alvy)

Would you like a glass of chocolate milk?

ALVY

Hey, what am I-your son? Whatta you mean?

I-I came over TV --\_

ANNIE  
(Touching his chest with her hand)  
I got the good chocolate, Alvy.

ALVY  
Yeah, where is the spider?

ANNIE  
It really is lovely. It's in the bathroom.

ALVY  
Is he in the bathroom?

ANNIE  
(Rising from chair)  
Hey, don't squish it, and after it's  
dead, flush it down the toilet, okay?  
And flush it a couple o' times.

ALVY  
(Moving down the hallway to  
the bathroom)  
Darling, darling, I've been killing  
spiders since I was thirty, okay?

ANNIE  
(Upset, hands on her neck)  
Oh. What?

ALVY  
(Coming back into the living room)  
Very big spider.

ANNIE  
Yeah?

ALVY  
Two ... Yeah. Lotta, lotta trouble.  
There's two of 'em.

Alvy starts walking down the hall again, Annie following.

ANNIE  
Two?

ALVY  
(Opening a closet door)  
Yep. I didn't think it was that big,  
but it's a major spider. You got a  
broom or something with a-

ANNIE  
Oh, I-I left it at your house.

ALVY  
(Overlapping)  
-snow shovel or anything or something.

ANNIE  
(Overlapping)  
I think I left it there, I'm sorry.

Reaching up into the closet, Alvy takes out a covered tennis racquet.

ALVY  
(Holding the racquet)  
Okay, let me have this.

ANNIE  
Well, what are you doing ... what are  
you doing with-

ALVY  
Honey, there's a spider in your bathroom  
the size of a Buick.

He walks into the bathroom, Annie looking after him.

ANNIE  
Well, okay. Oooh.

Alvy stands in the middle of the bathroom, tennis racquet in one hand,  
rolled  
magazine in the other. He looks over at the shelf above the sink and picks  
up  
a small container. He holds it out, shouting off screen to Annie.

ALVY  
Hey, what is this? You got black soap?

ANNIE  
(Off screen)  
It's for my complexion.

ALVY  
Whatta-whatta yuh joining a minstrel show?  
Geez.

(Alvy turns and starts swapping  
the racquet over the shelf, knocking  
down articles and breaking glass)  
Don't worry!  
(He continues to swat the racquet  
all over the bathroom. He finally  
moves out of the room, hands close  
to his body. He walks into the  
other room, where Annie is sitting  
in a corner of her bed leaning against  
the wall)

I did it! I killed them both. What-what's  
the matter? Whatta you-  
(Annie is sobbing, her hand over  
her face)  
-whatta you sad about? You- What'd you  
want me to do? Capture 'em and rehabilitate  
'em?

ANNIE  
(Sobbing and taking Alvy's arm)  
Oh, don't go, okay? Please.

ALVY  
(Sitting down next to her)  
Whatta you mean, don't go? Whatta-whatta  
-what's the matter? Whatta you expecting  
-termites? What's the matter?

ANNIE  
(Sobbing)  
Oh, uh, I don't know. I miss you. Tsch.

She beats her fist on the bed. Reacting, Alvy puts his arm around her shoulder  
and leans back against the wall.

ALVY  
Oh, Jesus, really?

ANNIE  
(Leaning on his shoulder)  
Oh, yeah. Oh.  
(They kiss)  
Oh! Alvy?

ALVY  
What?

He touches her face gently as she wipes tears from her face.

ANNIE  
Was there somebody in your room when  
I called you?

ALVY  
W-w-whatta you mean?

ANNIE  
I mean was there another- I thought I  
heard a voice.

ALVY  
Oh, I had the radio on.

ANNIE  
Yeah?

ALVY  
I'm sorry. I had the television set  
... I had the television-

ANNIE  
Yeah.

Alvy pulls her to him and they kiss again.

CUT

TO:

INT. ALVY'S BED

Alvy is lying in bed next to Annie, who is leaning on her elbow looking down at him. He rubs her arms and she smiles.

ANNIE

Alvy, let's never break up again. I don't wanna be apart.

ALVY

Oh, no, no, I think we're both much too mature for something like that.

ANNIE

Living together hasn't been so bad, has it?

ALVY

It's all right for me, it's been terrific, you know? Better than either one of my marriages. See, 'cause. . . 'cause there's just something different about you. I don't know what it is, but it's great.

ANNIE

(Snickering)

You know I think that if you let me, maybe I could help you have more fun, you know? I mean, I know it's hard and ... Yeah.

ALVY

I don't know.

ANNIE

Alvy, what about ... what if we go away this weekend, and we could-

ALVY

Tsch, why don't we get ... why don't we get Rob, and the three of us'll drive into Brooklyn, you know, and we show you the old neighborhood.

ANNIE

Okay, okay. Okay.

ALVY

That'd be fun for yuh. Don't you think-

ANNIE

Yeah.

Alvy raises up his head and they kiss.

EXT. HIGHWAY

Annie is behind the wheel in her VW, Rob is beside her, Alvy in the back seat leaning forward so that his head is between them. They're driving down the highway.

ANNIE

-me, my God, it's a great day!

ALVY  
(Interrupting)  
Hey, can yuh watch the road? Watch the --

ROB  
(Overlapping)  
Yeah, watch the road!

ALVY  
You'll total the whole car.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Hey, you know, I never even visited  
Brooklyn before.

ROB  
I can't wait to see the old neighborhood.

ALVY  
Yeah, the neighborhood's gonna be great.

ROB  
We can show her the schoolyard.

ALVY  
Right. I was a great athlete. Tell  
her, Max, I was the best, I was all  
schoolyard.

ROB  
Yes, I remember.  
(Annie laughs)  
He was all schoolyard. They threw him  
a football once, he tried to dribble it.

ALVY  
Yeah, well, I used to lose my glasses a lot.

EXT. AMUSEMENT PARK.

Alvy Annie and Rob move toward the roller coaster on the screen. The  
area's  
deserted. Sea gulls are heard.

ALVY  
Oh, look, look, there's that ... that's  
-that's my old house. That's where I  
used to live.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Holy cow!

ROB  
You're lucky, Max-where I used to live  
is now a pornographic equipment store.

Annie laughs.

ALVY  
I have some very good memories there.

ROB  
What kind of good memories, Max?  
Your mother and father fighting all  
the time.

ALVY  
Yeah, and always over the most  
ridiculous things.

FLASHBACK - INT. ALVY'S HOUSE.

Alvy's father sits in his chair. His mother is polishing a door while Alvy lies on the floor playing. Annie, adult Alvy and Rob quietly walk into the scene to watch.

ALVY'S FATHER  
You fired the cleaning woman?

ALVY'S MOTHER  
She was stealing.

ALVY'S FATHER  
But she's colored.

ALVY'S MOTHER  
SO?

ALVY'S FATHER  
So the colored have enough trouble.

ALVY'S MOTHER  
She was going through my pocketbook!

ALVY'S FATHER  
They're persecuted enough!

ALVY'S MOTHER  
Who's persecuting? She stole!

Alvy's father gets up and gets his hard hat. He sits back down and starts polishing it.

ALVY'S FATHER  
All right-so we can afford it.

ALVY'S MOTHER  
How can we afford it? On your pay?  
What if she steals more?

ALVY'S FATHER  
She's a colored woman, from Harlem!  
She has no money! She's got a right  
to steal from us! After all, who is  
she gonna steal from if not us?



ADULT ALVY  
(Yelling into the scene)  
You're both crazy!

ROB  
They can't hear you, Max.

ALVY'S MOTHER  
Leo ... I married a fool!

ROB  
(Pointing)  
Hey, Max! Who's that?

As the three friends watch Alvy's old living room, the scene has suddenly shifted. A huge crowd stands around the room, laughing, eating, chatting and vibrating with the turns of the roller-coaster ride.

ALVY  
It-it-it's the welcome-home party  
in nineteen forty-five, for my cousin  
Herbie.

ADULT ALVY  
(Pointing)  
Look, look, there's-there's that one  
over there, that's Joey Nichols, he  
was my-  
(Young Alvy stands next to Joey  
Nichols, who's sitting in one of  
the easy chairs. They smile at  
each other; people and noise all  
around)  
-father's friend. He was always bothering  
me when I was a kid.

JOEY  
Joey Nichols.  
(Laughing)  
See. Nichols. See, Nichols!  
(Joey shows young Alvy his cuff  
links and a tie pin, which are  
made from nickels, as Alvy stands  
with hands on hips, unconcerned.  
Joey then slaps his band to his  
forehead and puts a nickel on  
his forehead)  
Yuh see, nickels! You can always  
remember my name, just think of Joey  
Five Cents.  
(Laughing)  
That's me. Joey Five Cents!

Joey grabs Alvy's cheeks and pinches them.

YOUNG ALVY  
(Turning away)  
What an asshole!

A group of women stands near a buffet table eating and listening to Alvy

mother and her sister, Tessie, and a young girl, as the three friends watch.

ALVY'S MOTHER

I was always the sister with good common sense. But Tessie was always the one with personality. When she was younger, they all wanted to marry Tessie.

She touches Tessie's shoulder. Tessie starts to laugh.

ADULT ALVY

(Pointing, to Rob)

Do you believe that, Max? Tessie Moskowitz had the personality. She's the life of the ghetto, no doubt.

ALVY'S MOTHER

(To the young girl)

She was once a great beauty.

Tessie nods her head "yes."

ROB

Tessie, they say you were the sister with personality.

TESSIE

(Addressing the young girl)

I was a great beauty.

ROB

Uh, how did this personality come about?

TESSIE

(Grabbing the young girl's cheek)

I was very charming.

ROB

There were many men interested in you?

TESSIE

(To the young girl)

Oh, I was quite a lively dancer.

Tessie gyrates back and forth imitating a dancer while Annie and the adult Alvy lean on each other laughing.

ROB

(Laughing)

That's pretty hard to believe.

EXT. STREET.

Alvy and Annie walk contentedly down a street; Alvy's arm is draped around Annie. People walk by them on the street as they move toward their apartment building.

ANNIE

Well, I had a really good day, you know that? It was just a real fine way to spend my birthday.

ALVY  
Ah? Oh, well, your birthday's not till tomorrow, honey, I hate to tell yuh.

ANNIE  
Yeah, but it's real close.

ALVY  
Yeah, but no presents till midnight.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Oh, darn it.

INT. APARTMENT

Annie and Alvy sit on the sofa. Annie's unwrapping a gift while Alvy watches.

ANNIE  
(Making sounds)  
This is-  
(Making sounds)  
Huh?

She pulls out flimsy black lingerie from the box.

ALVY  
Happy birthday.

ANNIE  
What is this? Is this a...Present?  
(Laughing)  
Are you kidding?

ALVY  
Yeah, hey, why don't yuh try it on?

ANNIE  
Uh, yeah, uh ... t-t-this is more like a present for you, yeah, but it's-

ALVY  
Try it ... it'll add years to our sex life.

ANNIE  
(Looking up at Alvy and laughing)  
Uh huh. Yeah. Forget it.

Alvy leans over and hands her another box as she puts down the lingerie.

ALVY  
Here's a real present.

ANNIE

(Opening the gift)  
What... huh?

ALVY  
Check it out.

ANNIE  
Oh, yeah? What is this, anyway?  
(continuing)  
Let me see. Okay, let's... oooh, God!  
(She takes out a watch from the box)  
Oh, you knew I wanted this ...  
(Laughing)  
God, it's terrific, God!

ALVY  
(Making sounds)  
Yeah, I know. Just-just put on the  
watch, and-and ... that thing, and  
we'll just ...

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Oh! My God!  
(Making sounds)

Alvy kisses Annie.

INT. NIGHT CLUB.

Annie, spotlighted onstage, stands in front of the microphone, smiling.  
She  
looks downward and sings "Seems Like Old Times. " The audience applauds  
loudly as the music fades out.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Thank you.

Alvy sits at the bar, clapping and staring at Annie as she walks over to  
him  
and sits down. The low murmur of the night club is surrounding them.

ALVY  
(Reacting)  
You were-you were sensational. I mean,  
I-you know, I-I told yuh that if yuh stuck  
to it, you would be great, and-and, you  
know, I-I-you-you were sensational.

ANNIE  
(Looking at Alvy, smiling)  
Yeah, well, we have the, I mean, they were  
just a terrific audience, I mean, you know,  
it makes it really easy for me, because I  
can be ... huh?

Tony, a famous record personality, pushes through the crowd, moving toward  
Alvy and Annie. An entourage follows him as he makes his way to their  
table.

TONY

Excuse me.

He shakes hands with Annie, smiling.

ANNIE

Oh.

TONY

Hi, I'm-I'm Tony Lacey.

ANNIE

Well, hi!

TONY

Uh, we just wanted to stop by and say that we really enjoyed your sets.

ANNIE

(Laughing)

Oh, yeah, really, oh!

TONY

I thought it was ... very musical, and I liked it a lot.

ANNIE

Oh, neat ... oh, that's very nice, gosh, thanks a lot.

TONY

Are you ... are you recording? Or do- Are you with any label now?

ANNIE

(Laughing)

No, no, no, not at all.

TONY

Uh, well, I'd like to talk to you about that sometime, if you get a chance.

Seated Alvy looks the other way, reacting.

ANNIE

Oh. What about?

TONY

... of possibly working together.

ANNIE

(Looking for the first time at Alvy)

Well, hey, that's, that's nice. Uh.

Oh, listen, this is, uh, Alvy Singer.

Do you know Alvy? Uh ... and ... uh ...

Tony Lacey.

TONY

No, I don't-I don't know, but I-I know your work. I'm a big fan of yours.

Tony reaches over and shakes hands with Alvy. The nightclub crowd surrounds them all with their low chatter and cigarette smoke.

ALVY  
Thank you very much. It's a pleasure.

TONY  
(Turning to introduce his entourage)  
This is, uh, Shawn, and, uh ... Bob and Petronia.

ANNIE  
Hi.

ENTOURAGE  
Hi.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Hi, hi, Bob ...

TONY  
Uh ... w-we're going back to the Pierre. We're staying at the Pierre ... and we're gonna meet Jack and Angelica, and have a drink there, and ... if you'd like to come, uh, we'd love to have you.

ANNIE  
Yeah.

TONY  
And we could just sit and talk ... nothing. Uh, not a big deal, it's just relax, just be very mellow.

Annie and Tony and his entourage turn to look at Alvy.

ALVY  
(Fingers to his mouth, reacting)  
Remember, we had that thing.

ANNIE  
What thing?

ALVY  
(Staring at Annie and clearing his throat)  
Don't you remember we-we-we discussed that thing that we were-

ANNIE  
(Overlapping)  
Thing?

ALVY  
(Overlapping)  
-yes, we had, uh ...

ANNIE  
(Looking at Alvy, reacting)  
Oh, the thing! Oh, the thing ...  
(Laughing)  
... yeah ... yeah.

Annie turns, looks at Tony as he smiles and gestures with his hands.

TONY  
Oh, well, I-if it's inconvenient, eh,  
we can't do it now ... that's fine,  
too. W-w-w-we'll do it another time.

ANNIE  
Hey-

TONY  
Maybe if you're on the Coast, we'll get  
together and ... and we'll meet there.

He shakes hands with Annie.

ANNIE  
(Reacting)  
Oh.

TONY  
It was a wonderful set.

ANNIE  
Oh, gosh.

TONY  
(Smiling)  
I really enjoyed it.  
(Looking at Alvy)  
Nice to have metcha. Good night.

ENTOURAGE  
Bye-bye.

ANNIE  
Nice to see you ... bye. Yeah. Bye.

She turns and looks at Alvy.

ALVY  
(Reacting)  
What's ... you ... well, what's the  
matter, You w-wanna go to that party?

ANNIE  
(Looking down at her hands,  
then up at Alvy)  
I don't know, I thought it might be kind  
of fun, you know what I mean, it'd be  
nice to meet some new people.

ALVY  
(Sighing)  
I'm just not ... you know, I don't think

I could take a mellow eve- 'cause I-I  
don't respond well to mellow, you know  
what I mean, I-I have a tendency to ...  
if I get too mellow, I-I ripen and then  
rot. You know, and it's-it's not good  
for my ...

(Making sounds)

ANNIE

All right, all right, you don't wanna go  
to the party, so uh, whatta you wanna do?

INT. MOVIE THEATER.

The screen is projecting the beginning of "The Sorrow and the Pity": a  
street  
filled with fleeing cars, belongings tied on top and piled in the back  
seats.

Subtitles pop on:

"The Jewish warmongers and  
Parisian plutocrats tried  
to flee with their gold and jewels"

as a narrator explains in German.

CUT

TO.

Split screen: Annie and her psychiatrist on the left; Alvy and his on the  
right. Annie, talking, sits in a white molded chair, as does her doctor.  
The office is very modern: stark, white and chrome. Alvy, talking to his  
psychiatrist, lies on a deep leather sofa, the doctor seated away from him.  
This office looks more like a well-worn den: bookcases overflowing, dark  
wood.

The dialogue is separated in each screen, though no one talks  
simultaneously.

ANNIE

(To her doctor)

That day in Brooklyn was the last day  
I remember really having a great time.

ALVY

(To his doctor)

Well, we never have any laughs anymore,  
is the problem.

ANNIE

Well, I've been moody and dissatisfied.

ALVY'S PSYCHIATRIST

How often do you sleep together?

ANNIE'S PSYCHIATRIST

Do you have sex often?

ALVY

Hardly ever. Maybe three times a week.



ANNIE

Constantly! I'd say three times a week.  
Like the other night, Alvy wanted to have  
sex.

ALVY

She would not sleep with me the other  
night, you know, it's-

ANNIE

And ... I don't know ... I mean, six months  
ago I-I woulda done it. I woulda done it,  
just to please him.

ALVY

I mean ... I tried everything, you know,  
I-I-I put on soft music and my-my red light  
bulb, and ...

ANNIE

But the thing is-I mean, since our  
discussions here, I feel I have a right  
to my own feelings. I think you woulda  
been happy because ... uh, uh, I really  
asserted myself.

ALVY

The incredible thing about it is, I'm  
paying for her analysis and she's making  
progress and I'm getting screwed.

ANNIE

I don't know, though, I feel so guilty  
because Alvy is paying for it, so, you  
know, so I do feel guilty if I don't go  
to bed with him. But if I do go to bed  
with him, it's like I'm going against my  
own feelings. I don't know I-I can't win.

ALVY

(Simultaneously, with Annie)

You know ... it's getting expensive  
...my analyst ... for her analyst. She-  
she's making progress and I'm not making  
any progress. Her progress is defeating  
my progress.

ANNIE

(Simultaneously, with Alvy)

Sometimes I think-sometimes I think I  
should just live with a woman.

CUT

TO:

INT. APARTMENT

Alvy and Annie sit close together on the sofa in some friends' apartment.  
Their friends, another couple, stand behind the sofa in the background.  
Excited, they talk almost all at once.

WOMAN FRIEND

Wow, I don't believe it ... you mean to tell me you guys have never snorted coke?

ANNIE

Well, I always wanted to try, you know, but, uh, Alvy, uh ... he's very down on it.

ALVY

Hey, don't put it on me. You kn- Wh-what is it, I don't wanna put a wad of white powder in my nose 'cause the-the nasal membranes ...

They all start talking at once.

ANNIE

You never wanna try anything new, Alvy.

ALVY

(Counting on his fingers)

How can you say that? I mean,

(Making sounds)

who said I-I-I-I said that you, I and that girl from your acting class should sleep together in a threesome.

ANNIE

(Reacting)

That's sick!

ALVY

Yeah, I know it's sick, but it's new. You know, you didn't say it couldn't be sick.

Annie laughs, chatters.

WOMAN FRIEND

Just come on, Alvy.

(All four are now sitting on the sofa. The male friend starts to prepare lines of cocaine; Alvy and Annie look at each other, reacting)

Do your body a favor. Try it, come on.

ALVY

Oh, yeah?

ANNIE

Yeah. Come on. It'd be fun.

ALVY

(Moving forward on the couch)

Oh, I'm sure it's a lot of fun, 'cause the Incas did it, you know, and-and they-they-they were a million laughs.

ANNIE

(Laughing)

Alvy, come on, for your own experience.  
I mean, you wanna write, why not?

MALE FRIEND

It's great stuff, Alvy. Friend of mine  
just brought it in from California.

ANNIE

Oh, do you know something-I didn't tell  
yuh, we're going to California next week.

GIRL

Oh, really?

ANNIE

Yeah ...

ALVY

... I'm thrilled. As you know, uh ...  
uh, on my agent's advice I sold out,  
and I'm gonna do an appearance on TV.

ANNIE

(Interrupting)

No, no, no that's not it at all. Alvy's  
giving an award on television. Gee, he  
talks like he's violating a moral issue  
sitting here.

GIRL

You're kidding?

ALVY

It's so phony, and we have to leave New  
York during Christmas week, which really  
kills me.

MAN

(Interrupting)

Alvy, listen, while you're in California,  
could you possibly score some coke for me?

Annie laughs.

ALVY

(Over Annie's laughter)

Sure, sure, I'll be glad to. I-I'll just  
put it in a-a-a h-h-hollow heel that I  
have in my boot, you know.

(Alvy picks up the small open  
gold case of cocaine base the man  
placed on the coffee table and  
looks at it, reacting)

H-h-how much is this stuff?

MAN

It's about two thousand dollars an ounce.

ANNIE

God.

ALVY

Really? And what is the kick of it?  
Because I never ...

He puts his finger into the drug, smells it and then sneezes. The powder blows all over the room as the man, woman and Annie react silently.

CUT

TO:

CALIFORNIA. BEVERLY HILLS STREET-DAY

It's a warm, beautiful day. Rob, Annie and Alvy in Rob's convertible are moving past the spacious houses, the palm trees. The sunlight reflects off the car. Annie, excited, is taking the whole place in. Background voices sing Christmas carols.

VOICES

(Singing)

We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
And a -Happy New Year.

ROB

(Over the singing)

I've never been so relaxed as I have been since I moved out here, Max. I want you to see my house. I live right next to Hugh Hefner's house, Max. He lets me use the Jacuzzi. And the women, Max, they're like the women in Playboy magazine, only they can move their arms and legs.

ANNIE

(Laughing)

You know, I can't get over that this is really Beverly Hills.

VOICES

(Singing)

We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
And a Happy New Year.

ALVY

Yeah, the architecture is really consistent, isn't it? French next to-

VOICES

(Singing over the dialogue)

Oh, Christmas ... tree,  
Oh, Christmas tree,  
How bright and green  
Our ...

ALVY

-Spanish, next to Tudor, next to Japanese.

ANNIE  
God, it's so clean out here.

ALVY  
It's that they don't throw their garbage  
away. They make it into television shows.

ROB  
Aw, come on, Max, give us a break, will  
yuh? It's Christmas.

Annie starts snapping pictures of the view.

ALVY  
Can you believe this is Christmas here?

VOICES  
(Singing)  
Oh Christmas tree,  
Oh Christmas tree ...

They pass a large house with spacious lawn. Sitting on the lawn is a Santa Claus complete with sleigh and reindeer. Voices continue to sing Christmas carols; Annie continues to take pictures.

ANNIE  
You know, it was snowing-it was snowing  
and really gray in New York yesterday.

ROB  
No kidding?

ALVY  
Right-well, Santa Claus will have  
sunstroke.

ROB  
Max, there's no crime, there's no mugging.

ALVY  
There's no economic crime, you know,  
but there's-there's ritual, religious-  
cult murders, you know, there's wheat-  
germ killers out here.

ROB  
While you're out here, Max, I want you  
to see some of my TV show. And we're  
invited to a big Christmas party.

They continue driving, now in a less residential area, passing a hot-dog stand.

"Tail-Pup" concession; people mill about eating hot dogs.

VOICES  
(Singing, louder now)  
Remember Christ our Savior  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all ... from Satan's power  
As we were gone astray.

They pass a theater, the marquee announcing "House of Exorcism Messiah of Evil.  
Rated R. Starts at 7:15."

INT. TV CONTROL ROOM.

Several monitors line the wall in front of an elaborate console. Rob and Alvy, along with Charlie, the technician, stand in the small room watching the screens showing Rob as a television star on a situation comedy. They chatter, analyzing the footage, over the sounds of the taped television comedy.

ALVY  
(Overlapping the chatter)

Oh.

ROB  
Look, now, Charlie, give me a big laugh here.

ROB ON TV SCREEN  
A limousine to the track breakdown?

ROB  
(Watching)  
A little bigger.

TV monitors go black as the technician turns off the monitors to fix the laugh track.

ALVY  
Do you realize how immoral this all is?

ROB  
Max, I've got a hit series.

ALVY  
Yeah, I know; but you're adding fake laughs.

Technicians turn the monitors back on, showing Rob on the screen with another character, Arnie.

ARNIE  
Oh, I'm sorry.

ROB ON TV SCREEN  
Arnie.

ARNIE  
Yeah.

ROB  
(Turning to the technician)  
Give me a tremendous laugh here, Charlie.

ALVY

Look, uh ...

Loud laughter from the TV monitors.

ROB

(To Alvy)

We do the show live in front of an audience.

ALVY

Great, but nobody laughs at it 'cause your jokes aren't funny.

ROB

Yeah, well, that's why this machine is dynamite.

ROB ON TV SCREEN

You better lie down. You've been in the sun too long.

ROB

(To the technician)

Yeah ... uh, now give me a like a medium-size chuckle here ... and then a big hand.

The sounds of laughter and applause are heard from the TV.

ALVY

(Removing his glasses and rubbing his face)

Is there booing on there?

The monitors show a woman on the screen.

WOMAN

We were just gonna fix you up with my cousin Dolores.

ALVY

(Overlapping the TV)

Oh, Max, I don't feel well.

ROB

What's the matter?

ALVY

I don't know, I just got-I got very dizzy...

(Coughing)

I feel dizzy, Max.

ROB

Well, sit down.

ALVY

(Sitting down)

Oh, Jesus.

ROB  
You all right?

ALVY  
I don't know, I mean, I-

ROB  
(Crouching before Alvy, looking  
at him)  
You wanna lie down?

ALVY  
No, no-my, you know, my stomach felt  
queasy all morning. I just started  
getting ...

ROB  
How about a ginger ale?

ALVY  
Oh, Max ... no, I maybe I better lie  
down.

INT. HOTEL ROOM.

Alvy lies in bed, one elbow propped up, a doctor sitting next to him  
looking  
concerned. The doctor holds out a plate of chicken; Alvy listlessly stares  
at  
it. Annie, in the background, is on the phone.

ANNIE  
(Talking into the phone)  
Yes.

DOCTOR  
(Holding out the food)  
Why don't you just try to get a little  
of this down? This is just plain chicken.

ALVY  
(Taking a piece of chicken and  
holding it)  
Oh, oh, no, I can't-I can't eat this.  
I'm nauseous.  
(He gasps and makes sounds)  
If you could-if you could just give me  
something to get me through the next two  
hours, you know I-I have to go out to  
Burbank ... and give out an award on a  
TV show.

ANNIE  
(On the phone, overlapping the  
doctor and Alvy)  
Well ... H-h huh ... Oh, good ... Yes,  
I'll tell him.

DOCTOR  
Well, there's nothing wrong with you



actually, so far as I can tell. I mean,  
you have no fever, no ... no symptoms  
of anything serious. You haven't been  
eating pork or shellfish.

Annie bangs up and moves over to Alvy.

ANNIE

(Sitting on the edge of the bed)  
Excuse me. I'm sorry, I'm sorry, Doctor.  
Uh, Alvy-Alvy, that was the show. They  
said everything is fine. They found a  
replacement, so they're going to tape  
without you.

ALVY

(Making sounds)  
I'm nauseous.  
(He sighs and gasps)  
Oh, Jesus, now I don't get to do the  
TV show?

Reacting, Alvy puts up his hand in disgust, then starts eating the piece of  
chicken he has been holding. The doctor and Annie watch him, reacting.

ANNIE

Yeah. Listen, Doctor, I'm worried.

DOCTOR

Now, Mrs. Singer, I can't find anything --

ALVY

Christ!

ANNIE

Nothing at all?

DOCTOR

No, I think I can get a lab man up here.

ALVY

(Grabbing the rest of the chicken  
from the plate)  
Oh, Jesus. Can I have the salt, please?

ANNIE

What do you mean? Do you think he's-

DOCTOR

(Handing the salt to Alvy)  
Yes, excuse me.  
(To Annie)  
Perhaps it would be even better if we  
took him to the hospital for a day or two.

Alvy begins to eat.

ANNIE

Uh-huh ... Oh, hospital?

DOCTOR

Well, otherwise, there's no real way to  
tell what's going on.

ALVY  
(Making sounds, gasping)  
This is not bad, actually.

EXT. BEVERLY HILLS STREET RESIDENTIAL AREA - DAY

Rob, Annie and Alvy in Rob's car pull into a long circular driveway as an attendant walks over to the car. A sprawling house is seen to the right; a couple moves toward the front door, and the driveway is crowded with other parked cars. Loud music is heard.

ALVY  
(Getting out of the car)  
Hey, don't tell me we're gonna hafta  
walk from the car to the house. Geez,  
my feet haven't touched pavement since  
I reached Los Angeles.

INT. HOUSE

A Hollywood Christmas party is in session, complete with music, milling people, circulating waiters bolding out trays of drinks. It's all very casual. French doors run the entire width of one wall; they are opened to the back lawn, guests move from the room to outside and back in. It is crowded; bits of conversation and clinking glasses can be heard. Two men, California-tanned, stand by the French doors talking.

1ST MAN  
Well, you take a meeting with him, I'll  
take a meeting with you if you'll take  
a meeting with Freddy.

2ND MAN  
I took a meeting with Freddy. Freddy  
took a meeting with Charlie. You take  
a meeting with him.

1ST MAN  
All the good meetings are taken.

CUT

TO:

FULL GROUP SHOT

A man stands talking, people in groups behind him. Two born like gadgets are attached to his shoulders; he's wearing a bizarre space costume.

3RD MAN  
Right now it's only a notion, but I  
think I can get money to make it into

a concept ... and later turn it into  
an idea.

CUT

TO:

Alvy and Rob stand near the French doors leading to the back lawn, eating  
and  
drinking and watching the people walking in and out of the house.

ROB  
You like this house, Max?

ALVY  
M'hm.

ROB  
I even brought a road map to get us to  
the bathroom.

ALVY  
Whee, you shoulda told me it was Tony  
Lacey's party.

ROB  
What difference does that make?

Alvy looks into the room, where Annie and Tony Lacey are having an animated  
conversation.

ALVY  
I think he has a little thing for Annie.

ROB  
Oh, no, no, that's bullshit, Max. He  
goes with that girl over there.

ALVY  
Where?

Rob nods his head toward a tall woman dressed all in white conversing with  
a  
group of people close-by.

ROB  
The one with the V.P.L.

ALVY  
V.P.L.?

ROB  
Visible panty line. Max, she is gorgeous.

ALVY  
Yeah, she's a ten, Max, and that's great  
for you because you're -you're used to  
twos, aren't you?

ROB  
There are no twos, Max.

ALVY  
Yeah, you're used to the kind with the-  
with the shopping bags walking through  
Central Park with the surgical masks  
on muttering.

ROB  
M'hm.

ALVY  
And ... uh-

ROB  
(Interrupting)  
How do you like this couple, Max?

A couple moves over toward Rob and Alvy. The man's arm is around the woman;  
they stand very close. In the background, Annie and Tony are still talking.

ROB  
And I think they just came back from  
Masters and Johnson.

ALVY  
Yeah, intensive care ward.  
(Watching the woman in white)  
My God-hey, Max, I think she's ... I  
think she's giving me the eye.

As Rob and Alvy observe the guests, the woman in white starts walking toward them.

ROB  
If she comes over here, Max, my brain  
is going to turn into guacamole.

ALVY  
I'll handle it. I'll handle it. Hi.

GIRL IN WHITE  
You're Alvy Singer, right? Didn't  
we meet at EST?

ALVY  
(Reacting)  
EST? No, no, I was never to est.

GIRL IN WHITE  
Then how can you criticize it?

ALVY  
Oh.

ROB  
Oh, he-he didn't say anything.

ALVY  
(Laughing)

No, no, I came out here to get some shock therapy, but there was an energy crisis, so I ... He's my-my food taster. Have you two met?

ROB  
(Shaking his head)  
Hi. How do you do.

GIRL IN WHITE  
Do you taste to see if the food's poisoned?

ALVY  
Yeah, he's crazy.

The girl in white laughs.

ALVY  
(Looking at Rob and the girl)  
Hey, you guys are wearin' white. It must be in the stars.

ROB  
Yeah. Right.

ALVY  
Uri Geller must be on the premises someplace.

ROB  
We're gonna operate together.

Rob and the girl walk off together as the camera moves in on Tony and Annie standing by the buffet table.

TONY  
We just need about six weeks, in about six weeks we could cut a whole album.

ANNIE  
I don't know, this is strange to me, you know.

TONY  
just ... that's all you need. You can come and stay here.

ANNIE  
Oh.

TONY  
There's a whole wing in this house.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Oh yeah, stay here? U-huh.

TONY  
You can have it to use. Why-why are you smiling?

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
I don't know. I don't know.

She picks up an hors oeuvre.

CUT

TO:

The two men still talking about meetings surrounded by other groups of people milling about.

1ST MAN  
Not only is he a great agent, but he really gives good meetings.

2ND MAN  
M'mm.

Tony, band in band with the girl in white, is leaving the party room with Alvy and Annie to show them the rest of the house.

TONY  
This is a great house, really. Everything. Saunas, Jacuzzis, three tennis courts. You know who the original owners were? Nelson Eddy, then Legs Diamond. Then you know who lived here?

ALVY  
Trigger.

Annie and the girl in white laugh.

TONY  
Charlie Chaplin.

ALVY  
Hey.

TONY  
Right before his un-American thing.

They stop in a den-like screening room. A man is slouched back on one of the comfortable sofas that fill the room. It is much quieter in here; a contrast to the noise and crowd downstairs.

ALVY  
Yeah, this place is great.

ANNIE  
Yeah.

TONY  
Uh, you guys are still-uh, you're still New Yorkers.

ALVY  
Yeah, I love it there.

ANNIE  
(Laughing)  
Yeah.

TONY  
Well, I used to live there. I used to  
live there for years. You know, but  
it's gotten-it's so dirty now.

ANNIE  
Yeah.

ALVY  
I'm into garbage. It's my thing.

ANNIE  
Boy, this is really a nice screening  
room. It's really a nice room.

TONY  
Oh, and there's another thing about New  
York. See ... you-you wanna see a movie,  
you have to stand in a long line.

ANNIE  
Yeah.

TONY  
It could be freezing, it could be raining.

ANNIE  
Yeah.

TONY  
And here, you just-

GIRL IN WHITE  
We saw "Grand Illusion" here last night.

ALVY AND ANNIE  
(In unison)  
Oh, yeah?

MAN ON THE SOFA  
(Looking over his shoulder at  
the group)  
That's a great film if you're high.  
(The group laughs, looking down  
at the man on the sofa. He looks  
up at them, smiling, a joint in  
his hand, and offers them a cigarette)  
Hey, you.

TONY  
(Shaking his head no)  
Come and see our bedroom. We did a  
fantastic lighting job. Okay?

ANNIE  
Oh, good. Okay.

ALVY  
I'm cool.

Tony and the girl in white leave the room, Annie and Alvy following.

ANNIE  
(Taking Alvy's arm)  
It's wonderful. I mean, you know they  
just watch movies all day.

ALVY  
Yeah, and gradually you get old and die.  
You know it's important to make a little  
effort once in a while.

ANNIE  
Don't you think his girl friend's  
beautiful?

ALVY  
Yeah, she's got a great-lookin' fa- A  
pat on the androgynous side. But it's...

They pass a man talking on the phone in the hallway.

MAN ON THE PHONE  
Yeah, yeah. I forgot my mantra.

As they come down stairs the party is still in big gear. People are looser now; conversations are more animated, some talk quietly in more intimate corners, some couples are dancing. Alvy stands alone sipping a drink near the huge Christmas tree. A tall woman, passing by, shakes his hand, then leaves. He continues to sip his drink, alone, watching Tony and Annie in the center of the room dancing.

The screen shows a plane in flight, Los Angeles far below, then:

CUT  
TO:

AIRPLANE. INT. AIRPLANE

Annie and Alvy sit, the stewardess behind them serving other passengers. Annie stares out the window holding a coffee cup; Alvy reads. Both are preoccupied, thinking their own thoughts.

ANNIE'S VOICE-OVER  
(To herself)  
That was fun. I don't think California  
is bad at all. It's a drag coming home.



ALVY'S VOICE-OVER  
(To himself)  
Lotta beautiful women. It was fun  
to flirt.

ANNIE'S VOICE-OVER  
(As she sips coffee)  
I have to face facts. I-I adore Alvy,  
but our relationship doesn't seem to  
work anymore.

ALVY'S VOICE-OVER  
(An open magazine lies in  
his lap)  
I'll have the usual trouble with Annie  
in bed tonight. Whatta I need this?

ANNIE'S VOICE-OVER  
If only I had the nerve to break up,  
but it would really hurt him.

ALVY'S VOICE-OVER  
If only I didn't feel guilty asking  
Annie to move out. It'd probably  
wreck her. But I should be honest.

He looks over at Annie.

ANNIE  
(Looking back at Alvy)  
Alvy, uh, let's face it. You know  
something, don't think our relationship  
is working.

ALVY  
Tsch, I know. A relationship, I think,  
is-is like a shark, you know? It has  
to constantly move forward or it dies.  
(He sighs)  
And I think what we got on our hands  
(Clearing his throat)  
is a dead shark.

INT. ALVY'S LIVING ROOM-DAY

A lighted Christmas tree stands in the middle of boxes, books, and the  
general  
disarray of packing and figuring out what belongs to whom as Alvy helps  
Annie  
move out.

ALVY  
(Holding up a book)  
Whose "Catcher in the Rye" is this?

ANNIE  
(Walking into the room with an  
armload of books)  
Well, let's see now ... If it has my

name on it, then I guess it's mine.

ALVY

(Reacting)

Oh, it sure has ... You know, you wrote your name in all my books, 'cause you knew this day was gonna come.

ANNIE

(Putting down the books and flipping back her hair)

Well, uh, Alvy, you wanted to break up just as much as I do.

ALVY

(Riffling through the books)

There's no-no question in my mind. I think we're doing the mature thing, without any doubt.

ANNIE

(Holding a framed picture and moving about)

Now, look, all the books on death and dying are yours and all the poetry books are mine.

ALVY

(Looking down at a book)

This "Denial of Death". You remember this?

ANNIE

Oh-

ALVY

This is the first book that I got you.

Annie goes over to Alvy. They both look down at the book; the fireplace, burning nicely, is behind them.

ANNIE

-God.

ALVY

Remember that day?

ANNIE

Right. Geez, I feel like there's a great weight off my back. M'mmm.

ALVY

Thanks, honey.

ANNIE

(Patting Alvy's shoulder)

Oh, no, no, no, no, no, no. I mean, you know, no, no, no, I mean, I think it's really important for us to explore new relationships and stuff like that.

She walks away.

ALVY

There's no-there's no question about that, 'cause we've given this ... uh, uh, I think a more than fair shot, you know?

He tosses the book into the carton.

ANNIE

(Off screen)

Yeah, my analyst thinks this move is keen for me.

ALVY

(Off screen)

Yeah, and I-I tru- you know, I trust her, because my-my analyst recommended her.

ANNIE

(Walking in with another armload of books)

Well, why should I put you through all my moods and hang-ups anyway?

ALVY

Right. And you-and you know what the beauty part is?

ANNIE

What?

ALVY

(Holding a small box of buttons)

We can always come back together again. Because there's no-there's no problem. 'Cause ... Right.

ANNIE

(Overlapping)

Exactly, but ... exactly. Ooooh!

ALVY

You know, I-I-I don't think many couples could handle this. You know, they could just break up and remain friends.

ANNIE

(Taking a button from a box)

Hey, this one's mine, this button. This one, you rem-

ALVY

(Interrupting)

Yeah.

ANNIE

I guess these are all yours. Impeach, uh, Eisenhower ... Impeach Nixon ... Impeach Lyndon Johnson ... Impeach Ronald Reagan.

EXT. NEW YORK CITY STREET-DAY

People milling about on the sidewalk as Alvy walks out of a store and moves toward the foreground.

ALVY

(Into the camera, to the audience)  
I miss Annie. I made a terrible  
mistake.

A couple, walking down the street, stops as the man talks to Alvy.

MAN ON THE STREET

She's living in Los Angeles with  
Tony Lacey.

ALVY

Oh, yeah? Well, if she is, then the  
hell with her! If she likes that  
lifestyle, let her live there! He's  
a jerk, for one thing.

MAN ON THE STREET

He graduated Harvard.

ALVY

Yeah. He may- Listen, Harvard makes  
mistakes too, you know. Kissinger  
taught there.

The couple strolls away as an older woman walks up to Alvy while others walk by.

OLD WOMAN

Don't tell me you're jealous?

ALVY

Yeah, jealous. A little bit like Medea.  
Lemme, lemme-can I show you something,  
lady?

(He takes a small item from his  
pocket to show the woman)

What I have here ... I found this in the  
apartment. Black soap. She used to wash  
her face eight hundred times a day with  
black soap. Don't ask me why.

OLD WOMAN

Well, why don't you go out with other  
women?

ALVY

Well, I-I tried, but it's, uh, you know,  
it's very depressing.

RECENT FLASHBACK - INT. ALVY'S COUNTRY KITCHEN

Alvy's arms and legs fill the screen as he slowly gets up from the floor

holding up a live lobster. He puts it on a grill tray.

ALVY  
(Pointing to the lobster)  
This always happens to me. Quick, g-go  
get a broom.

His date, a girl wearing short shorts, leans against the sink and lights a cigarette. She makes no move to help.

GIRL DATE  
(Smoking)  
What are you making such a big deal about?  
(As she talks, the lobster drops  
from the tray to the floor. Alvy  
jumps away, then gingerly scrapes  
the tray toward the lobster)  
They're only lobsters. Look, you're a  
grown man, you know how to pick up a  
lobster.

ALVY  
(Looking up in stooped-over  
position)  
I'm not myself since I stopped smoking.

GIRL DATE  
(Still leaning against the sink,  
her hand on her hip)  
Oh, when'd you quit smoking?

He gets up of the floor with the lobster on the tray.

ALVY  
Sixteen years ago.

GIRL DATE  
(Puzzled)  
Whatta you mean?

ALVY  
(Mocking)  
Mean?

GIRL DATE  
You stopped smoking sixteen years ago,  
is that what you said? Oh, I-I don't  
understand. Are you joking, or what?

CUT

TO:

A solitary Alvy walking along the FDR Drive where he had walked with Annie.  
-  
The New York skyline is still in the background, the sea gulls go by, the  
fog  
horn blows. He walks slowly, moving off screen.

INT. ALVY'S BEDROOM - DAY

Alvy sits on his bed talking on the phone.

ALVY  
Listen, honey, Central Park's turning green ... Yeah, I sa-I saw that lunatic that we-where we used to see ... with the, uh, uh, pinwheel hat and, you know, and the roller skates? . . . Listen, I-I want you to come back here ... Well, I-I-then I'm gonna come out there and getcha.

CUT

TO:

An airborne plane.

CUT

TO:

EXT. LOS ANGELES AIRPORT.

People milling about as Alvy, in the outside phone-booth center, talks.

ALVY  
Whatta you mean, where am I? Where do-  
where do you think I am? I'm-I'm out  
... I'm at the Los Angeles Airport.  
I flew in ...  
(Sniffling)  
Tsch, I-well, I flew in to see you ...  
(Muttering)  
Hey, listen, can we not debate this  
on-on the telephone because I'm, you  
know, I-I feel that I got a temperature  
and I'm-I'm getting my-my chronic Los  
Angeles nausea. I-I don't feel so good.

Alvy's conversation is still heard as the screen shows him behind the wheel of a car on a busy street; he causes a near-accident by jerking the car too slowly toward an intersection.

ALVY'S VOICE-OVER  
Well, where-whenever you wanna meet, I  
don't care. I'll-I'll drive in. I  
rented a car I'm driving ... that ...  
Whatta you mean? What-why is that such  
a miracle? I'm driving myself --

EXT. OUTDOOR CAF - DAY

People sit at umbrellaed tables with checkered tablecloths at a Sunset Boulevard outdoor cafe. Street traffic goes by while they dine. There's a mild California breeze. The restaurant is somewhat crowded as Alvy makes his

way around the tables looking about. He finally sits down at an empty table;  
nearby sits a woman with a younger man. A waitress brings Alvy a menu and waits for his order.

ALVY  
(To the waitress)  
I'm gonna...I'm gonna have the alfalfa  
sprouts and, uh, a plate of mashed yeast.

Annie, wearing a flowered dress and wide hat, moves into view. Alvy, noticing her, watches as she walks over to his table. He rises and they shake hands.

ANNIE  
Hi.

Alvy wipes at his nose as he stares. He smiles, the street traffic moving behind him. Annie smiles back.

ALVY  
You look very pretty.

ANNIE  
Oh, no, I just lost a little weight,  
that's all.  
(Alvy adjusts his glasses, not  
exactly knowing where to start;  
a bit uneasy)  
Well, you look nice.

ALVY  
(Nodding his head)  
You see, I-I've been thinking about it  
and I think that we should get married.

ANNIE  
(Adjusting her sunglasses)  
Oh, Alvy, come on.

ALVY  
Why? You wanna live out here all year?  
It's like living in Munchkin Land.

ANNIE  
(Looking around)  
Well, whatta you mean? I mean, it's  
perfectly fine out here. I mean, Tony's  
very nice and, uh, well, I meet people  
and I go to parties and-and we play tennis.  
I mean, that's ... that's a very big step  
for me, you know? I mean ...  
(Reacting, Alvy looks down at  
his hands, then up)  
I'm able to enjoy people more.

ALVY  
(Sadly)  
So whatta you ... You're not gonna come  
back to New York?

ANNIE

(Smiling)

What's so great about New York? I mean, it's a dying city. You read "Death in Venice."

ALVY

Hey, you didn't read "Death in Venice" till I bought it for yuh.

ANNIE

That's right, that's right.

(Still smiling)

You only gave me books with the word "death" in the titles.

ALVY

(Nodding his head and gesturing)

That's right, 'cause it's an important issue.

ANNIE

Alvy, you're incapable of enjoying life, you know that? I mean, your life is New York City. You're just this person. You're like this island unto yourself.

ALVY

(Toying with his car keys)

I can't enjoy anything unless I ... unless everybody is. I-you know, if one guy is starving someplace, that's ... you know, I-I ... it puts a crimp in my evening.

(Looking down at his hands, sadly)

So wanna get married or what?

ANNIE

(Seriously)

No. We're friends. I wanna remain friends.

ALVY

(In disbelief)

Okay.

(Louder, to the waitress)

Check, please. Can I -can I ...

Can I ... Can I ...

ANNIE

(Interrupting)

You're mad, aren't you?

ALVY

(Shaking his head)

No.

(Then nodding)

Yes, of course I'm mad, because you love me, I know that.

ANNIE

Alvy, I can't say that that's true at



this point in my life. I really just can't say that that's true. I mean, you know how wonderful you are. I mean, you know ... you're the reason that I got outta my room and that I was able to sing, and-and-and, you know, get more in touch with my feelings and all that crap. Anyway, look, I don't wanna- Listen, listen, listen, uh  
(Laughing)  
h'h, so whatta you up to anyway, huh?

ALVY  
(Shrugging his shoulders)  
The usual, you know. Uh, tryin't'write. I'm workin' on a play.  
(Sighing)  
Jesus. So whatta yuh saying? That you're not comin' back to New York with me?

He nods his head in disbelief.

ANNIE  
(Nodding)  
No!  
(Pauses)  
Look, I gotta go.

She starts to rise.

ALVY  
You mean that ...  
(He gets up and starts following her past diners at other tables)  
I-I-I-I flew three thousand miles to see you.

ANNIE  
I'm late.

ALVY  
Air miles, you know. I mean, you know what that does to my stomach?

They move down the steps of the cafe' toward the parking lot.

ANNIE  
If you must know, it's a hectic time for Tony. The Grammys are tonight.

ALVY  
The what?

ANNIE  
The Grammys. He's got a lotta records up for awards.

ALVY  
You mean they give awards for that

kind o' music?

ANNIE

Oh!

ALVY

I thought just earplugs.

Annie gets into her car. Alvy moves over to his rented convertible.

ANNIE

Just forget it, Alvy, okay? Let's  
just forget the conversation.

She closes the door, starts the motor.

ALVY

(Yelling after her)

Awards! They do nothing but give out  
awards! I can't believe it. Greatest,  
greatest fascist dictator, Adolf Hitler!

Annie drives away. Alvy gets behind the wheel, starts the motor. Putting the car in gear, he inadvertently moves forward, hitting a bunch of trash cans with a loud crash. Putting the car in reverse, Alvy notices a beige car that has just turned into the parking lot. For a brief moment, the screen shows a flashback of the bumper-car ride at the Brooklyn amusement park. Alvy's father is on the Platform directing traffic; young Alvy is in a small car bumping others right and left. Alvy, back in the parking lot, backs up his convertible, purposefully smashing the side of the beige car as another flashback of bumper-car ride appears, this time-as, Alvy's father directs traffic-a Marine in a small car bits the back end of a soldier's car, and Alvy, back in the parking lot, moves his car over to another parked car and bits it full force.

Another flashback appears. people in the small cars really racing around the track now, bumping into one another over and over again, Alvy's father directing the flow, as the film cuts back to the parking lot, where Alvy reverses the convertible and rams it into the front end of yet another car.

He sits behind the wheel as people rush out of various cars and as sirens start blaring, coming closer and closer, stopping finally as a motorcycle cop gets off beside Alvy's car and walks over to him.

ALVY

(Getting out of the car)

Officer, I know what you're gonna say.  
I'm-I'm not a great driver, you know,  
I-I have some problems with-with-with-

OFFICER

(Interrupting)

May I see your license, please?

ALVY

Sure.

(Searching, he finally fishes his license out of his pocket)  
just don't-don't get angry, you know what I mean? 'Cause I-I have - I have my-my license here. You know, it's a rented car. And I've ...

He drops the license and it falls to the ground.

OFFICER

Don't give me your life story  
(Looking at the piece of paper on the ground)  
-just pick up the license.

ALVY

Pick up the license. You have to ask nicely 'cause I've had an extremely rough day. You know, my girl friend-

OFFICER

(Interrupting)  
Just give me the license, please.

ALVY

Since you put it that way.  
(He laughs)  
It's hard for me to refuse.  
(He leans over, picks up the license, then proceeds to rip it up. He lets the pieces go; they float to the ground)  
... have a, I have a terrific problem with authority, you know. I'm... it's not your fault. Don't take it personal.

CUT

TO:

INT. JAIL-CELLS CORRIDOR.

A guard moves down the hall to the cell where, Alvy stands with other inmates.  
He unlocks the door and opens it, letting Alvy out.

ALVY

So long, fellas. Keep in touch.

He walks down the corridor off screen.

EXT. A STREET IN FRONT OF THE COURT HOUSE - DAY

Policemen are walking up and down the courthouse steps as Alvy and Rob move out the door of the building, down the steps to the street.

ROB

Imagine my surprise when I got your

call, Max.

ALVY  
(Carrying his jacket over his  
shoulder)  
Yeah. I had the feeling that I got  
you at a bad moment. You know, I heard  
high-pitched squealing.

They walk over to Rob's convertible and get in.

ROB  
(Starting the car)  
Twins, Max. Sixteen-year-olds. Can you  
imagine the mathematical possibilities?

ALVY  
(Reacting)  
You're an actor, Max. You should be  
doing Shakespeare in the Park.

ROB  
Oh, I did Shakespeare in the Park, Max.  
I got mugged. I was playing Richard the  
Second and two guys with leather jackets  
stole my leotard.

He puts on an elaborate helmet and goggles.

ALVY  
(Looking at Rob's helmet)  
Max, are we driving through plutonium?

ROB  
Keeps out the alpha rays, Max. You  
don't get old.

CUT

TO:

INT. REHEARSAL HALL OF A THEATER.

An actor and actress sit on hard wooden chairs in a sparse rehearsal hall.  
They face each other. The actress resembles Annie; the actor, Alvy.

ACTOR  
You're a thinking person. How can you  
choose this lifestyle?

ACTRESS  
What is so incredibly great about New  
York? It's a dying city! You-you read  
"Death in Venice".

ACTOR  
You didn't read "Death in Venice" till  
I gave it to you!

ACTRESS  
Well, you only give me books with the

word "death" in the title.

The camera pulls back, showing Alvy sitting with two men at a table set up near the actors. A mirror, running the whole width of the wall, reflects the two actors, a script lying on the table between them. It is obvious now that they are rehearsing a scene that Alvy wrote.

ACTOR

(In mirrored reflection)

It's an important issue.

ACTRESS

(In mirrored reflection)

Alvy, you are totally incapable of enjoying life.

The camera moves back to actual actor and actress.

ACTRESS

You're like New York. You're an island.

ACTOR

(Rising with emotion)

Okay, if that's all that we've been through together means to you, I guess it's better if we just said goodbye, once and for all! You know, it's funny, after all the serious talks and passionate moments that it ends here ... in a health-food restaurant on Sunset Boulevard. Goodbye, Sunny.

The actor begins to leave as the actress jumps up from her chair.

ACTRESS

Wait! I'm-I'm gonna ... go with you.

(The actor comes back. They embrace)

I love you.

The camera cuts to Alvy, who turns and looks straight into the camera.

ALVY

(To the audience, gesturing)

Tsch, whatta you want? It was my first play. You know, you know how you're always tryin' t' get things to come out perfect in art because, uh, it's real difficult in life. Interestingly, however, I did run into Annie again. It was on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Annie, singing "Seems Like Old Times, " overlaps Alvy's speech and continues

over the next scene, where Alvy, standing in front of a Manhattan theater, shakes hands with Annie and her escort. The theater marquee reads "OPHULS PRIZE FILM: 'THE SORROW AND THE PITY'."

ALVY'S VOICE

(Over the theater scene and,

Annie's singing)  
She had moved back to New York. She was  
living in SoHo with some guy.  
(Laughing)  
And when I met her she was, of all things,  
dragging him in to see "The Sorrow and the  
Pity." Which I counted as a personal  
triumph. Annie and I ...  
(Alvy's voice continues over the  
scene shot through a window of  
Manhattan cafe showing Alvy and  
Annie sitting at a table, laughing  
and enjoying themselves)  
... we had lunch sometime after that, and,  
uh, just, uh, kicked around old times.

A series of flashbacks following in quick succession while Annie continues  
to  
sing:

Annie and Alvy going up the FDR Drive, the day they met playing tennis,  
Annie  
driving, Alvy bolding up partially eaten sandwich.

Annie and Alvy in the Hamptons house kitchen, Annie banding a live lobster  
to  
Alvy, who drops it in the pot on the stove.

Annie and Alvy walking side by side by the shoreline.

Alvy at the tennis club, packing his bag, as he looks over his shoulder and  
sees Annie, hands on her face, then clapping, as she offers him a ride home  
in her car.

Annie opening the door to Alvy the night he came over to kill the spider;  
Annie  
and, Alvy in the bookstore buying the "Death" titles; Annie and, Alvy in  
their Hamptons house, Annie reading a school catalogue, the night Alvy puts  
in the red light.

The memories continue to flash on the screen: Annie and Alvy at a friend's  
house, Alvy blowing the cocaine all over the sofa; Annie and Alvy playing  
tennis; Annie and Alvy having a picture taken backstage at the college  
performance in Annie's hometown; Alvy bolding Annie close, the night he  
came  
over to kill the spider.

And continue: Annie carrying her luggage and clothes into Alvy's bedroom,  
Alvy  
following, the day she first moved into his apartment. Annie holding up  
her  
sexy birthday present from Alvy, then leaning over and kissing him; Annie  
and  
Alvy walking down a city street, holding each other close; sitting on the  
park  
bench, observing the people; and kissing, on the FDR Drive, the New York  
City  
skyline behind them.  
The music stops.

Returning to the present, the camera, focusing through the cafe window, shows Annie and Alvy across street. They look about at the city traffic. Lunch is over; it's time.

Alvy and Annie shake hands and kiss each other friendly like. Annie crosses the street, Alvy watching her go. Then he turns, and slowly walks down the street off screen. His voice is heard over the scene:

ALVY'S VOICE-OVER

After that it got pretty late. And we both had to go, but it was great seeing Annie again, right? I realized what a terrific person she was and-and how much fun it was just knowing her and I-I thought of that old joke, you know, this-this-guy goes to a psychiatrist and says, "Doc, uh, my brother's crazy. He thinks he's a chicken." And, uh, the doctor says, "Well, why don't you turn him in?" And the guy says, "I would, but I need the eggs." Well, I guess that's pretty much how how I feel about relationships. You know, they're totally irrational and crazy and absurd and ... but, uh, I guess we keep goin' through it because, uh, most of us need the eggs.

## THE END

DISSOLVES INTO:

BLACK BACKGROUND;

credits popping on and off in white.

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