

INT. CHICAGO APARTMENT - MORNING

Avery and Theodore have just finished a customer service call for Theodore's StriveRight exercise machine. They are complete strangers.

AVERY

May I ask you Theodore, where did you eat the best meal of your life?

THEODORE

The best meal?

AVERY

I ask everyone, or rather I've asked everyone today.

THEODORE

Just today?

AVERY

I like to mix it up. I have a whole list. Like for example, did you enjoy your prom? If you had to pick a sense to lose would it be sight or hearing? What was your first pet like?

THEODORE

But why ask people at all?

AVERY

What else is there to do?

THEODORE

I'm being serious.

AVERY

So am I! There's nowhere to go, there's nothing to do except...

THEODORE

Talk?

AVERY

I was gonna say listen.

A beat.

AVERY (CONT'D)

I know it's strange. But the world feels like...a snow globe sometimes. It's a quiet glass bubble.

(MORE)

AVERY (CONT'D)

And it's just sitting there on the shelf...and I haven't seen the snow in...years. I guess, I'm just trying to find a way to -

THEODORE

Shake it up?

AVERY

In more ways than one.

THEODORE

I did enjoy my prom, my date's name was Lizzy, she wore a purple dress and gave me my first kiss during *I Wanna Dance with Somebody*. If I had to pick I'd want to keep my sight because I've got too many books left to read. And my first pet was a barn cat named Spitz. We called her that cause she was mean as the day was long and if you tried to pet her she'd spit on you. But I used to share canned sardines with her and in those moments we found peace.

AVERY

Wow, lighting round.

THEODORE

And finally, I'd guess I would have to say the best meal of my life was back when I was in Antigua, it's a touristy little town in Guatemala.

AVERY

Seriously? Shut up, my sister lived there for a while. I was supposed to go visit her but...I guess I never got around to it.

THEODORE

Oh man, now there's a loss. They call it the land of eternal spring time. You remember spring?

AVERY

Barely. All the seasons feel the same in this one bedroom.

THEODORE

Don't you have a window or something?

AVERY

I would but...

THEODORE

Just for a second.

AVERY

I don't want my cat to get out.

THEODORE

Very well. I was living in Antigua for a brief period in my twenties. There was a tienda on a corner a few blocks from my apartment. They made fresh bread every morning and you could smell it up the street. And the coffee, ugh, what I wouldn't give for something that wasn't made with an instant mix. You know they used to grow beans and ship them out whole? You could grind your own coffee.

AVERY

Of course I remember real coffee, how young do you think I am?

THEODORE

Young, old, it's easy to forget. To adjust to what's in front of you.