

EXT. DOROTHY'S BACKYARD

Jerry is finishing up a phone call when Dorothy approaches.

JERRY

(on phone)

I'm not asking for an answer now.  
Why don't you... I'll call you  
tomorrow. You just enjoy the rest  
of the day and tell Douglas I said  
hello, would you please? All right,  
thank you. Same to you, Marilee.  
Bye-bye.

Jerry hangs up and addresses Dorothy.

JERRY (CONT'D)

Indiana. Tuesday. I'll be there.

DOROTHY

It's my fault.

JERRY

What?

DOROTHY

It's not fair to you. This whole  
thing.

JERRY

Yeah, tell me. Let me help.

DOROTHY

I took advantage of you and the  
worst of it is that I'm not alone,  
I did this with a kid. I was just  
on some wild ride where I thought  
that I was in love enough for both  
of us. I pretended that proposal by  
the car was real, and it might have  
just been a hypothetical. I did  
this. And at least I can do  
something about it now.

JERRY

I'm not a guy who once I stick...

DOROTHY

Well I don't need you to "stick".

JERRY

What do you want from me? My soul  
or something?

DOROTHY

Why not? I deserve that.

JERRY

What if I'm not built that way?

DOROTHY

I think we made a mistake.

JERRY

What if it's true? "Great at friendship, bad at intimacy". I mean, come on. It's the theme of my bachelor film, for gods sake.

DOROTHY

I know, I watched it. I sort of know it by heart.

JERRY

I don't like to give up.

DOROTHY

Please, Jerry. My need to make the best of things, and your need to be "responsible"... if one of us doesn't say something about it now we might lose ten years being polite. Let's just call this next road trip what it really is. A nice long break.

JERRY

What about Ray?

DOROTHY

Well, you'll be friends.

JERRY

Friends.

DOROTHY

Of course you'll be friends.

JERRY

I'll take him to the zoo. So this break is a break up.

DOROTHY

Come on, Jerry. You know this isn't easy for me. On the surface everything looks fine. I've got this great guy and he loves my kid. And he sure does like me a lot.

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DOROTHY (CONT'D)

And I can't live like that. It's  
not how I'm built.

They share a last sweet embrace, and Dorothy walks away  
leaving Jerry behind.