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BERT: ONE YEAR LATER

By

Dave Carley

CAST

Bert: In his 70s and recently widowed.

Place:

A support group meeting

Time:

The present

Production Notes:

Berthas a few health problems, particularly his knees, but is vigorous and forceful. His grief support group is not working for him. But an encounter with a teenager outside his condo has at least convinces him that life – even without his wife – is worth the pain.

Setting: *The centre chair of a semi-circle of three or four chairs; the other chairs are unoccupied.*

At Rise: *BERT is attending a meeting of his support group. But the process isn't working for him.*

"This is when I'm supposed to tell you how I feel. You think it'd be a giant step forward for me. So, to toss you a bone, yeah, I felt awful. I know I'm not your prize pupil, I know I'm the one at these sessions who doesn't *share*, but I'm not a monster. I didn't think I could ever feel so awful ever again, but that crying kid was drowned and I knew he hadn't *slipped*. That was two weeks ago. The day I missed the session. I lay in bed. I could hear the phone ringing, the call display said it was you, and then you got my daughter to call. I lay in bed, almost the whole day..."

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