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THE NORMAL HEART

Ned enters the beach house with groceries.

NED

Why are you sitting on the floor?

FELIX

I fell down trying to get from here
to there.

Ned tries to help Felix up.

FELIX (CONT'D)

Don't touch me. I hate when you
look at me.

NED

You hungry? I'm hungry, how about
you?

FELIX

I looked through all my date books.
Noone else I slept with is sick.
Maybe you're the carrier.

NED

We don't have to do this to each
other.

(MORE)

NED (CONT'D)

You're going to get better Felix.
You are. Emma says the ARI is
finally starting research. We have
to hope.

FELIX

Oh, do we?

NED

Yes. We do.

FELIX

Do we? And how am I supposed to do
that? Huh?

NED

Stop eating that shit. You know how
important it is to watch your
nurtition.

FELIX

I have a life expectancy of ten
minutes. I'll eat what I want to
eat. Ned- It's getting messier, OK?
I don't want to make you see it.

NED

Nobody can make me do anything.
You should know that better than
anybody.

(MORE)

NED (CONT'D)

Now are you going to sit on the floor for the rest of your life? Do you hear me?

FELIX

Do you hear me?

NED

No!

FELIX

No? I've had over forty treatments. No?! I've had 3, no, 4 different kinds of chemos. No! I've had 3 different experimentals. Emma has spent more time on me than anyone else and it hasn't done a thing! You cannot force the goddamn sun to come out!

NED

I am so sick of fighting and everybody's stupidity and blindness and guilt trips. Ya know- You can't eat the food, don't eat the food, I don't care. Take your poison. I don't care! Fish is good for you. Don't want any of that, do we? No green salad.

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NED (CONT'D)

No broccoli, no vegetables. No
bread with 7 grain. Why would
anybody ever want any milk? You
might get some calcium in your
bones. You want to die, Felix? Die!

Ned goes to leave. Stops. Turns with tears in his eyes and
goes to Felix.

NED (CONT'D)

Please don't leave me, Felix.