KILL ME NOW

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INT. GAS STATION - DAY

Several “Employee of the Month” plaques hang on the wall. They all show LARRY, 30’s, who looks like a used car salesman in a gas station attendants uniform. The first one shows Larry with a big smile on his face, in the rest, the smile fades and finally turns to an apathetic frown.

INT. GAS STATION - DAY

Two police officers place a box of donuts on the cashiers desk.

COP #1
Wow Larry, still here after all these years huh?

Larry rings up the donuts

COP #1 (CONT’D)
Why don’t you get a real job, you know, one that actually pays the bills?

Cop #1 takes a bite of a donut.

LARRY
Thanks guys, come again.

COP #1
We’ll be back in a few hours to stock up again, here, why don’t you take one of these.

Cop #1 hands Larry a donut, when Larry reaches for it, he quickly yanks it back.

COP #1 (CONT’D)
Sike!

COP #2
Got em!

Cop #1 and Cop #2 high-five and walk out. Larry stares blankly at the door. His co-worker DANNET, early 20’s and still manages to look like a hippy in her uniform, walks up next to Larry

DANNET
Hey Larry, would you take inventory in the freezer, it’s going to take a while.
Larry walks into the freezer as Dannet stands at the cashier’s desk.

INT. GAS STATION - FREEZER - NIGHT

Larry takes inventory in the freezer using a clipboard. He notices a piece of rope hanging from one of the racks. He looks around and then grabs it. He ties it into a noose. He stands on a stool and wraps the noose around his neck.

Dannet enters the freezer and stares blankly at Larry.

DANNET
Oh my gosh is that hemp?

Larry ponders the question.

LARRY
What are you talking about?

DANNET
My ex-boyfriend gave me one just like it but I lost it. Can I see it?

The two stare at each other. Larry takes off the noose and Dannet puts it around her neck and tries to walk out, pulling the pipe down from the ceiling.

DANNET (CONT’D)
Oh crap. I’ll fix this. Go watch the front.

LARRY
Okay. I’m going to hit the bathroom first.

INT. GAS STATION - NIGHT

Larry walks through the bathroom, as he walks he grabs an entire display of pills and a small bottle of wine. He walks into the bathroom.
INT. GAS STATION - BATHROOM - NIGHT

Larry looks in the mirror and washes his face. He opens the wine and the pills and begins to down the pills by the bottle. He washes it down with the wine. He walks back outside to the cashier’s desk.

INT. GAS STATION - NIGHT

Larry stumbles into the cashiers desk and struggles to stand. A ROBBER walks in and points a gun at Larry.

    ROBBER
    Empty the register. Give me all the money.

Larry hiccups and throws his hands up.

    LARRY
    Oh thank god. Here I’ll close my eyes, whenever you are ready. Surprise me.

Larry plugs his ears with his fingers and closes his eyes.

    ROBBER
    Empty the register. What is wrong with you?

    LARRY
    Shoot me. Make sure you shoot me in the head, I don’t want to limp away from this mess.

    ROBBER
    I’m not going to shoot you.

    LARRY
    Well then I’m not going to open the register. You’re going to have to shoot me.

    ROBBER
    How are you going to open the register if you’re dead?

    LARRY
    I’ll find a way.

    ROBBER
    I’m not going to shoot you.
LARRY
Give me the gun.

ROBBER
No, are you crazy?

LARRY
Give me the gun.

Larry reaches over the counter and struggles for the Robber’s gun, he pulls the Robber over the counter as the two police officers walk in eating donuts. They look around, confused, and then drop the donuts and pull out their pistols.

COP
Police, freeze.

The Robber topples across the cashier’s counter and takes Larry hostage with the gun pointed to his head.

ROBBER
Don’t move or I’ll shoot.

COP
Don’t move or we’ll shoot.

ROBBER
I just said that, look-

COP
Anybody move or we’ll shoot.

ROBBER
That’s my li-

COP #2
I apologize for my partner, everyone except the robber can move or else...We will shoot. Just clarifying.

ROBBER
Okay. Well. Am I allowed to point my gun at you guys?

Cop and Cop #2 look at eachother, the two nod agreeably. The Robber points his gun at the cops.

COP 1 AND COP 2

Gun!

Larry plugs his ears with his fingers as gunfire erupts.
INT. HEAVEN - DAY

Larry free-falls through the clouds on a bright sunny day. Small clouds of pills smack him in the face and goggles.

INT. GAS STATION - NIGHT

Larry vomits at the foot of the Robber’s body. He throws up the pills and wine he had taken earlier.

COP
Got em.

The two cops high five and walk out.

Larry and Dannet stand over the body of the Robber. Emergency personnel and a news van start to gather outside of the gas station. Larry walks out of the gas station.

EXT. GAS STATION - NIGHT

As Larry walks out, he is accosted by a T.V. Personality with a gigantic cheque in his hands. Balloons, fireworks, and confetti stream out from the crowd gathering around Larry. The T.V. Personality hands Larry the gigantic novelty cheque and forces a microphone in his face.

T.V. PERSONALITY
Larry Holtz. You’ve just won fifty thousand dollars for stopping the gas station bandit, how does it feel to be a hero?

EMT’s wheel the Robber’s body between Larry and the crowd.

LARRY
Well, I mean, I’m not exactly a-

T.V. PERSONALITY
Wow ladies and gentlemen, spoken like a true hero. Tune in next week for more action exciting news on channel 3 Action News.

Larry walks away with the giant cheque. He runs into Cop #1 eating a donut on the outskirts of the crowd.

COP #1
Wow. That’s a big reward. What are you going to do with all of that?
LARRY
I don’t know. I’m going to quit this job, that’s for sure, I’m tired of working here. Maybe I can get my ex and kids back. They mean a lot to me.

COP #1
Well, good luck with that. We’ll miss you Larry

LARRY
Yeah... I’ll miss you too.

Cop #1 hugs Larry, who awkwardly reciprocates. Dannet, Cop #2 and the T.V. Personality all come from out of the crowd and hug Larry as well. Larry pushes them all away.

LARRY (CONT’D)
Wow look at the time, I should really get going.

Cop #1 brushes a tear from his cheek as Larry walks away.

COP #1
There he goes. What a hero.

Larry awkwardly holds the gigantic cheque as the walks down the street, ambulances and police cars drive down the road in front of him.