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SUICIDAL LEAVES
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EXT. VERMONT FOREST - DAY
(MARCUS, ELEANOR)

MARCUS

Eleanor, Chester's gone.

ELEANOR

Oh my. That's not possible.

MARCUS

'fraid so. He committed suicide last night.

ELEANOR

Oh, he was such a beautiful leaf. How did he go?

MARCUS

Like the rest of them.

ELEANOR

Jumped right off the branch?

MARCUS

'fraid so. Don't look down.

ELEANOR LOOKS DOWN AT PILE OF LEAVES

ELEANOR

Oh my god there is so many!

MARCUS

Now, I told you not to look.

ELEANOR

I'm sorry, I just - couldn't 'not look.' Oh my. Why, Marcus, why?

MARCUS

It's hard to say. There are so many suicides but not a one has left a note. Some speculate it's the cold weather, others say it's a suicide pact.

ELEANOR

Oh, I know Chester, he would never be involved in one of those without telling me about it.

MARCUS

Well, what pray-tell would make a perfectly mature leaf up and jump out of his tree?

ELEANOR

Hmm. The only thing I can think is this has something to do with that new color.

MARCUS

Oh the bright gold color.

ELEANOR

Yes. Everything was perfectly fine when he was green but once some of the others started changing, he just followed in their footsteps.

MARCUS

Hard to believe just five months ago,
we were all so young and green.

ELEANOR

Oh, don't remind me about getting old.
It's twice as bad for a female leaf
than it is a male.

MARCUS

I'm sorry, Eleanor, I didn't mean-

ELEANOR

Well you implied it. Yeah, I'm old.
I'll never attract a caterpillar or
song bird any more.

MARCUS

I didn't know that was what you
wanted.

ELEANOR

Of course that's what I want. We're
taught to just sit there and look
pretty but yeah, I want a bird to set
up a home on me.

MARCUS

Ah, the nesting urge.

ELEANOR

Sure. A nest for maybe a family of
robins or blue jays. But, guess what?

(MORE)

ELEANOR (CONT'D)

I haven't seen a bird since they all
took off going South.

MARCUS

I'm sure they'll be back.

ELEANOR

But there will be more leafs, younger
and greener than I. It's no use. I'm
done. I'm gonna commit suicide.

MARCUS

How?

ELEANOR

I don't know. Maybe I'll jump off the
branch!

MARCUS

No, Eleanor. Stop! You're the only
thing keeping me from killing myself.

ELEANOR

What?

MARCUS

Yeah, you're the reason I stay. If
ever you were not there I would just
kill myself.

ELEANOR

How would do that?

MARCUS

Uh. I- I- would jump off the branch.

ELEANOR

NO! Marcus, don't do it!

MARCUS

Why not?

ELEANOR

Because then I'll be all by myself.

MARCUS

I see. We're the last two. Well, I don't want to be the last one either.

ELEANOR

There's only one thing we can do.

MARCUS

A suicide pact.

ELEANOR

Let's do it.

MARCUS

I'm in.

ELEANOR

3 - 2 - 1 - Go!

ELEANOR POPS OFF THE BRANCH AND FALLS TO HER DEATH

MARCUS

Wait. We didn't discuss the method of suicide.

BLACKOUT.