1: 00:00:00.04 00:00:01.01 MR. FINLEY'S FEELINGS

2: 00:00:01.08 00:00:04.15 PRESENTED BY THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

- 3: 00:00:08.01 00:00:08.28 I'm Tom Finley,
- 4: 00:00:09.02 00:00:11.25

 I tell the story
 of a very important day in my life.
- 5: 00:00:12.12 00:00:14.16 You're going to hear me talk quite a lot in this picture
- 6: 00:00:14.20 00:00:16.12 but you won't ever see me.
- 7: 00:00:17.06 00:00:18.10 This is where I work.
- 8: 00:00:18.14 00:00:21.12 I'm the office manager in the H.R. Burton Factory.
- 9: 00:00:21.24 00:00:23.28 Right now, as this big day of mine begins,
- 10: 00:00:24.02 00:00:25.14 it's almost 5 and about time to leave.
- 11: 00:00:25.18 00:00:28.01 I've been fooling around with a quiz in the newspaper.
- 12: 00:00:28.05 00:00:30.01 Here, take a look over my shoulder.
- 13: 00:00:32.00 00:00:34.07 Do I like people? Yes!
- 14: 00:00:34.15 00:00:36.03 ARE YOU GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR LIFE?

15: 00:00:36.07 00:00:39.21 Do I feel refreshed and energetic after a good night's sleep?

16: 00:00:39.28 00:00:41.20 Yes, most of the time.

17: 00:00:42.09 00:00:44.04 Would I say I was reasonably healthy?

18: 00:00:44.08 00:00:47.01 Yeah, I have headaches but then, nearly everybody does.

19: 00:00:48.21 00:00:51.05 Am I on good terms with my boss?

20: 00:00:51.18 00:00:52.21 Yes!

21: 00:00:52.29 00:00:55.19

- Oh, Tom, busy this evening?
- No, sir.

22: 00:00:55.23 00:00:57.19 Would you mind very much finishing this report?

23: 00:00:57.23 00:00:59.13 You can work at it at home, if you'd rather.

24: 00:00:59.17 00:01:00.24 OK. H.R.

25: 00:01:00.28 00:01:02.26 'Hate to do this to you. 'Hope you don't mind.

26: 00:01:03.13 00:01:05.08 It will be on your desk, first thing in the morning, sir.

27: 00:01:05.12 00:01:07.22 I'd appreciate it very much.

28: 00:01:09.26 00:01:11.08 "Appreciate it"...

29: 00:01:11.12 00:01:14.13 You little Napoleon. Since when did you ever appreciate...

30: 00:01:14.17 00:01:15.19 Hey, Tom!

31: 00:01:17.20 00:01:20.06Don't forget poker tonight.Call me out, George.

32: 00:01:20.10 00:01:22.21 H.R. just unloaded an evening's work on me.

33: 00:01:22.25 00:01:25.01 Oh, tough luck! See what you're missing?

34: 00:01:28.06 00:01:30.14 After that, I stomp through the factory

35: 00:01:30.18 00:01:32.18 mad at Burton, mad at missing the poker game.

36: 00:01:50.04 00:01:52.27 - 9, 16, 24... - 12, 8...

37: 00:01:53.09 00:01:54.05 42...

38: 00:01:54.09 00:01:56.12 - ...96. - ...96.

39: 00:02:00.17 00:02:03.18 - 9, 16, 24... - 10, 12...

40: 00:02:03.22 00:02:05.28 - ...42... - ...144.

41: 00:02:06.02 00:02:07.16 ...144.

42: 00:02:10.18 00:02:13.13 Can't you work somewhere else, Jane?

You're bothering Daddy.

- 43: 00:02:13.17 00:02:14.18 I'm all through, now, Mom.
- 44: 00:02:15.00 00:02:18.16 9, 16, 24, 42...
- 45: 00:02:18.20 00:02:19.24 More coffee, dear?
- 46: 00:02:22.09 00:02:23.10 Thanks.
- 47: 00:02:23.21 00:02:26.09 9, 16, 24...
 - I'm taking mine black.
- 48: 00:02:26.13 00:02:28.28
 - Saves about 100 calories.
 - ...100...
- 49: 00:02:29.02 00:02:31.16 Milly, how can I work if you keep on talking to me?
- 50: 00:02:31.20 00:02:33.10 Besides, my head is splitting.
- 51: 00:02:33.24 00:02:36.25 I'm awfully sorry, dear. We'll all be more quiet.
- 52: 00:02:39.24 00:02:42.18 9, 16, 24, 42,
- 53: 00:02:42.22 00:02:45.11
 - 88, 107...
 - Bang! Bang!
- 54: 00:02:47.24 00:02:49.13 Drop that gun or I'll give it to you at 10.
- 55: 00:02:49.17 00:02:51.06 1, 2, 3,...
- 56: 00:02:51.11 00:02:54.23
 - 9, 16, 24, 42...
 - 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10! Bang!

57: 00:02:54.27 00:02:55.27 Right in the tummy.

58: 00:02:56.08 00:02:58.23

I give up!
I give up!

59: 00:02:59.13 00:03:01.26 Other men have helpful families, not me.

60: 00:03:03.00 00:03:04.10 Sorry, Daddy.

61: 00:03:12.09 00:03:14.20 Nobody gives me the least consideration.

62: 00:03:25.18 00:03:28.23
I'm sick and tired
of letting people push me around.

63: 00:03:34.00 00:03:36.10 Oh, I suppose he's going to give me the worst.

64: 00:03:46.08 00:03:48.28

- What's the charge, Mervin?

- Reckless driving!

65: 00:03:49.10 00:03:52.03 I think we can make that stick.

66: 00:04:07.20 00:04:08.14 George!

67: 00:04:08.18 00:04:11.03 Milly told me you've been arrested for reckless driving.

68: 00:04:11.13 00:04:13.00 That stupid so-and-so of a cop.

69: 00:04:13.04 00:04:16.20 Listen, I was driving along carefully, as usual, minding my own...

70: 00:04:30.08 00:04:31.03 ...and to top it off,

71: 00:04:31.07 00:04:33.15

that sergeant wouldn't even let me open my mouth.

72: 00:04:35.07 00:04:37.12 He seems like a reasonable guy, Tom.

73: 00:04:37.16 00:04:39.05 So you're gonna believe him instead of me?

74: 00:04:42.07 00:04:44.25
I thought you were going to spend the evening working at home.

75: 00:04:45.03 00:04:47.16 I couldn't get any peace in that madhouse.

76: 00:04:51.28 00:04:54.06 My headache was driving me crazy.

77: 00:04:58.17 00:05:01.21 No peace at home.

No peace at the office.

78: 00:05:02.04 00:05:05.04 Burton, he just loves messing things up for me.

79: 00:05:05.16 00:05:08.00 Standing behind that partition all day long.

80: 00:05:08.04 00:05:10.28 Spying, spying, spying...

81: 00:05:11.02 00:05:12.09 'Thinks he's Napoleon.

82: 00:05:15.23 00:05:18.00 Maybe it's you who thinks he's Napoleon.

83: 00:05:19.04 00:05:20.08 Why didn't you tell him you had a date?

84: 00:05:20.12 00:05:23.05

- Try telling him anything.
- I think he'd have understood.

85: 00:05:23.09 00:05:25.29 Quit picking on me, George. I'm in enough trouble.

86: 00:05:29.05 00:05:31.18 Tom, I've known you all my life.

87: 00:05:32.09 00:05:33.22 You're a great guy.

88: 00:05:33.26 00:05:35.11 But you do fly off the handle,

89: 00:05:35.15 00:05:37.16 and think people are picking on you when they're not.

90: 00:05:37.29 00:05:40.26

- What do you mean by that?
- Even back in school...

91: 00:05:41.29 00:05:43.18 Remember our third grade teacher?

92: 00:05:44.05 00:05:47.00 Gladys Stark, that old battle-ax!

93: 00:05:48.10 00:05:49.10 Tom Finley!

94: 00:05:51.08 00:05:52.05 Yes, Miss Stark.

95: 00:05:52.09 00:05:58.29 Multiply 5 623 436 by 204 602, quickly!

96: 00:06:00.03 00:06:01.24 Hurry up, hurry up, hurry up!

97: 00:06:02.21 00:06:05.01 Wait a minute, Tom! She wasn't like that.

98: 00:06:09.06 00:06:11.21

- George Pierce?
- Yes, Miss Stark?

99: 00:06:11.25 00:06:15.04 Multiply 3 times 7. Take your time. 100: 00:06:16.09 00:06:19.06

- 7 times 3, you mean?
- Yes, George.

101: 00:06:23.00 00:06:24.28 I don't know, Miss Stark.

102: 00:06:25.02 00:06:29.11

- I've been absent, I missed school.
- Alright, George, it's 21.

103: 00:06:29.15 00:06:32.04 But let's go over it again, if we may.

104: 00:06:34.01 00:06:36.13 She couldn't have been more patient.

105: 00:06:37.00 00:06:38.00 OK.

106: 00:06:38.07 00:06:40.10 OK, maybe I did have the cop and the boss,

107: 00:06:40.14 00:06:43.00 and even Starky slightly out of focus.

108: 00:06:43.04 00:06:46.02 But there is one person who always had it in for me.

109: 00:06:46.16 00:06:49.08 Remember our old top sergeant, that slave-driver Driscoll?

110: 00:06:51.29 00:06:54.02 He sure hated my guts.

111: 00:06:56.06 00:07:00.03 I ran into Driscoll the other day. He asked about you.

112: 00:07:00.07 00:07:02.14 He said you were the best company clerk he'd ever had.

113: 00:07:03.01 00:07:03.28 Did he?

- 114: 00:07:05.00 00:07:07.26 For Pete's sake! Have I got everybody mixed up?
- 115: 00:07:09.06 00:07:10.13 What's wrong, George?
- 116: 00:07:11.02 00:07:12.13 Am I sick or something?
- 117: 00:07:14.06 00:07:16.07 Maybe you're making yourself sick.
- 118: 00:07:16.28 00:07:19.20 You remember what a mess Bill Jones got himself into last year?
- 119: 00:07:19.24 00:07:21.27 'Took the doc six months to set him straight.
- 120: 00:07:22.02 00:07:22.28 "Think I should see a doctor?
- 121: 00:07:23.28 00:07:25.04 Well, sure. Why not?
- 122: 00:07:25.19 00:07:27.02 Other people can help, too.
- 123: 00:07:27.28 00:07:29.22 You know, it's a good idea to talk things out
- 124: 00:07:29.26 00:07:31.16 with someone you like and trust.
- 125: 00:07:31.20 00:07:34.07 George, it was swell of you to come all the way down here.
- 126: 00:07:35.03 00:07:39.05 I wish I could see things, people, the way you do.
- 127: 00:07:40.15 00:07:44.04 Most of the time, lately, it's as if the whole darn world...
- 128: 00:07:46.15 00:07:48.10

- Tom, could you do this report?
- More coffee, Tom?

129: 00:07:48.14 00:07:51.05

- 144.
- Bang! Bang! Bang!...

130: 00:08:06.15 00:08:09.13 Don't worry, Tom. I feel like that myself sometimes.

131: 00:08:09.17 00:08:12.12

- What do you do, then?
- Oh, I blow my top once in a while,

132: 00:08:12.16 00:08:14.09 when somebody really does me dirt, but...

133: 00:08:14.26 00:08:18.13 When I feel mad at everybody, when people all look cockeyed,

134: 00:08:18.17 00:08:20.12 it's mostly because I'm mad at myself.

135: 00:08:21.02 00:08:23.18

Maybe I think I've done something wrong, maybe I'm...

136: 00:08:23.22 00:08:26.01 feeling I'm not as good as somebody else.

137: 00:08:26.05 00:08:28.17 When I get to feeling good about myself,

138: 00:08:28.21 00:08:30.09 then most everybody else looks pretty good, too.

139: 00:08:30.27 00:08:34.03

- You make it sound easy.
- It isn't easy, Tom.

140: 00:08:34.16 00:08:35.27 You've got to keep working at it.

141: 00:08:36.15 00:08:38.28 - But it sure is worth.

- Hello, there.
- 142: 00:08:40.05 00:08:41.15 What? Both of you?
- 143: 00:08:41.19 00:08:43.00 It's H.R. himself.
- 144: 00:08:43.04 00:08:45.00 George just came to see me.
- 145: 00:08:45.04 00:08:48.04 Come on, you won't have to see the judge until next week.
- 146: 00:08:48.13 00:08:51.01 Everything alright, now? I must run along.
- 147: 00:08:51.14 00:08:55.12

 Don't bother coming in tomorrow morning.
 I'll send for those papers. Bye!
- 148: 00:08:57.06 00:09:00.00 So he fired me... Now who's cockeyed, George?
- 149: 00:09:02.03 00:09:05.19 Hey, Tom! Don't forget! Staff meeting, tomorrow at 3!
- 150: 00:09:05.23 00:09:09.27
 - Well, I'll be...
 - You've got good friends, Mister.
- 151: 00:09:10.25 00:09:12.28 Come on. I'll see you home.
- 152: 00:09:14.07 00:09:16.23
 - Head still ache?
 - What? No.
- 153: 00:09:16.27 00:09:18.11 By golly, it's gone!
- 154: 00:09:19.25 00:09:22.07 Well, as George and I walked out of that jail together,
- 155: 00:09:22.11 00:09:24.21

I began to see things a little straighter.

156: 00:09:24.25 00:09:27.07 I'd learnt one important lesson anyway.

157: 00:09:27.24 00:09:28.14 I knew then

158: 00:09:28.18 00:09:31.00 that a guy could get himself into a whale of a lot of trouble

159: 00:09:31.04 00:09:33.27 if he didn't understand what his feelings could do to him.

160: 00:09:34.24 00:09:37.02 I've got plenty more to learn, I know.

161: 00:09:37.06 00:09:40.09 It's not going to be simple or easy, but I'm sure gonna try.

162: 00:09:41.16 00:09:43.11 Well, now you've seen how things looked to me

163: 00:09:43.15 00:09:47.08 at the beginning and at the end of this very important day in my life.

164: 00:09:48.08 00:09:50.23 Maybe you had a day like this yourself.

165: 00:09:50.28 00:09:53.05 Maybe I seem familiar to you...

166: 00:09:54.10 00:09:55.14 PRODUCED BY THE W.M. LARKINS STUDIO

167: 00:09:55.18 00:09:56.13 LONDON & NEW YORK

168: 00:09:56.17 00:09:57.19 IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE FILM PRODUCERS GUILD

169: 00:09:57.23 00:09:58.26

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170: 00:10:09.04 00:10:11.03

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