

Nice Beard

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FADE IN:

BERNARD strides pleasantly down a sidewalk. He sees a woman approaching from the opposite direction

BERNARD  
(V.O.)  
Be cool. Just keep it cool,  
Bernard.

WOMAN  
(As she passes)  
Nice beard.

BERNARD  
You too.

Bernard walks to his car. Gets in behind the wheel. Closes the door. He just sits there. And relives the encounter.

A traumatized Bernard eats breakfast cereal in his apartment. And relives the encounter.

A traumatized Bernard lies in bed, staring at the ceiling. And relives the encounter.

BERNARD  
(Aloud but quietly)

Just don't communicate ever. Then you'll never be misunderstood. Yep. That's the plan.

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