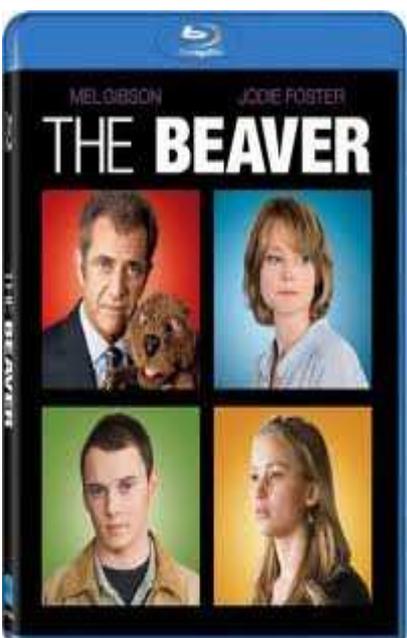


**THE BEAVER**

FILM	The beaver	
MOVIE SCENE	SCENE 1. WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. AT THE RESTAURANT SCENE 2 . GRADUATE SPEECH AND “ AWAKENING”	
SCENE LENGTH	SCENE 1.- 00:02:46 SCENE 2.- 00:05:01	
PLOT & SCRIPT	X X	
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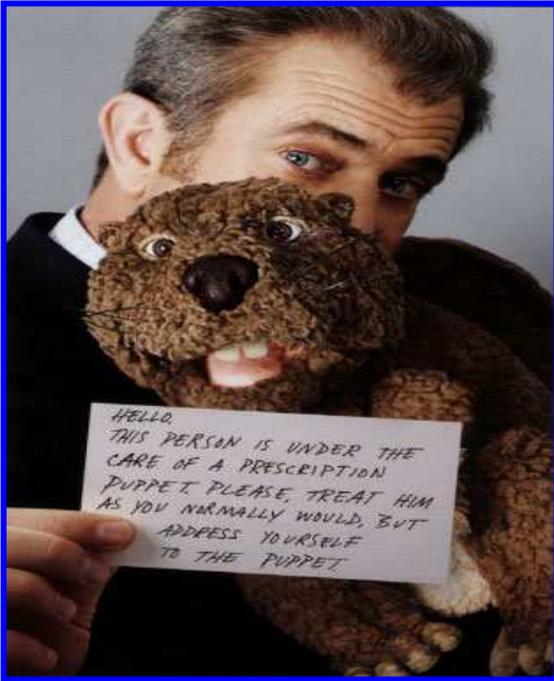
"The Beaver" starring Mel Gibson and Jodi Foster.

**PLOT:** Walter Black (Mel Gibson) is suffering from extreme depression. As he spends most of his days sleeping or trying different methods of self therapy, his wife Meredith (Jodie Foster) hides behind work and helplessly watches him fall apart; his youngest son Henry (Riley Thomas Stewart) becomes a hermit; his oldest son Porter (Anton Yelchin) writes his classmate's essays for cash and secretly keeps a list of similarities between him and his father to avoid a similar future; and Walter's toy company heads toward bankruptcy. Walter soon hits bottom when Meredith kicks him out of the house, and he decides to get drunk and kill himself. The suicide attempt goes awry, and upon waking up, Walter is introduced to "the Beaver" – a beaver puppet he had found in the trash and put on his hand during his drinking binge – who suddenly speaks to him, in a British accent. With the help of the Beaver (a facet of Walter's personality), Walter gets a new lease on life and returns home. Everything begins to work out wonderfully – he reconnects with Henry through a new hobby in woodworking, the Beaver helps him to woo back Meredith, and the Beaver takes over as CEO and revives the toy company. The only holdout is Porter, who believes Walter has gone crazy and instead continues his list and works on writing a graduation speech for popular cheerleader and valedictorian Norah (Jennifer Lawrence).

Life seems to be getting better for the Black family until the Beaver takes complete control of Walter's life. He makes a public appearance on national television and eventually drives Meredith and Porter away. Hand puppets explode in popularity and the toy company thrives, but Walter begins to see that his life is no longer his own, especially without his family. When he tries to release himself from the Beaver, he realizes that the Beaver can no longer be controlled. Walter finally takes drastic measures to reclaim his life, and after building a little coffin for the Beaver, he turns the table saw onto himself. Meanwhile, Porter's own life has fallen apart; his friendship with Norah ends and his essay business is exposed and leads to his college admission getting rescinded. Porter decides to confront Walter, only to find his father in the garage, finally separated from the Beaver. Later, Walter recovers in a psychiatric hospital. Porter shows Walter the beautiful graduation speech he had written for Norah and finally voices his fears about turning into Walter and whether depression and suicide will be inevitable for him one day. Walter believes that Porter will make his own life. Porter, Meredith, and Henry soon welcome Walter home and

in return, Walter sees Porter off for his road trip with Norah, leaving Walter at peace with his life and family at last.

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#### THE BEAVER. SCENE 1. WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. AT THE RESTAURANT

MEREDITH: Go on. Open it. Henry helped me, which basically means that I bought the wood and he did all the work. It's a memory box.

WALTER: It's very nice. Thank you.

MEREDITH: Look inside. I thought it was important to remind ourselves of how things were. How things should be. (WALTER IS BREATHING HEAVILY) Walter. No, no, no. It's okay. It's okay.

WALTER/ THE BEAVER : (PANTING) Is this what you want? Is this progress? Christ, woman! He's suffering from depression, not amnesia! You think the problem is he can't remember these things?

MEREDITH: No.

WALTER/ THE BEAVER : He can't go back. Don't you see that? This is all in the past, and dredging it up... Do you know where this leads? You know where this Walter goes? To a 10th floor balcony, tied to a shower curtain rod. Is that what you want? You want the rest of your life to be just like tonight? Well, that was Walter.

MEREDITH: No, Walter. No, come on. Look at this. You really look at this. That's you, Walter. Remember that? When Porter was born, and he was so little? And they pulled him out of me, and you stood right by him. You looked him right in the eye, and you let him know that you weren't going anywhere, that you were staying right there so he wouldn't be scared. Walter, that's you. That's the man I love. That's the man I need. You're still inside there, honey. I know you're in there. We can go back. We can get back to the way that we used to be.

WALTER/ THE BEAVER: We are not going down that street again, Meredith. This man is a dead end. He's gone. He has to be. You get it?

MEREDITH: I fought for you. I practically breathed for you for two years when you couldn't even get out of bed, and I will continue to fight for you because I love you. I've got to know that you're coming back. Come back to me, please. (Walter stands up and leaves) Walter?

THE BEAVER. SCENE 2 . GRADUATE SPEECH AND “ AWAKENING”

PORTER: ( typing) Good afternoon, graduates, dead poets, painters, future Einsteins, and all those in between. Today I'm here to warn you that you are being lied to. Our parents, our teachers, our doctors have lied to us. And it's the exact same lie. The same six words, "Everything is going to be okay." But what if it isn't? What if some of human experience is just something you inherit, like curly hair or blue eyes? What if pain is just in your DNA and tragedy is your birthright? Or what if... ( fades to Norah at school)

NORAH: "Or what if sometimes..." .sometimes... "...right out of the blue, when you least expect it, "shit just happens? "Shit just happens." Okay, I'm sure, right now, you're all thinking, "Man, this is the darkest graduation speech I've ever heard." And it is. I agree with you, but I didn't write it. I've spent so much time waiting for this lie to come true that I finally paid someone to tell the truth for me. I'm not okay. Not at all. The truth is, I'm missing something, the thing I loved the most, the face I wish were in the front row right now. The brother I'll never get back. So what do I do with that? What do any of us do, besides lie? This is what I believe. Right now, in this auditorium, there is someone who is with you. Someone who is willing to pick you up, dust you off, kiss you, forgive you, put up with you, wait for you, carry you, love you. So, while everything may not always be okay, one thing I know is true. You do not have to be alone.

-----cut to Walter's room in mental institution -----

WALTER: I didn't think you'd come.

PORTER: I didn't think I would, either. I'm just glad you're still here.

WALTER: Yeah, most of me, anyway.

PORTER: Yeah. You know, when I was a little kid, man, all I ever wanted was to be like you. Then I got older, and I just wanted to be anybody else.

WALTER: And now?

PORTER: Dad.