

Up in the Air

Character: Ryan Bingham, "a suave, smartly dressed businessman in his 40s"

Gender: Male

Age Range: 40's

Summary: With a job traveling around the country firing people, Ryan Bingham enjoys his life living out of a suitcase, but finds that lifestyle threatened by the presence of a new hire and a potential love interest.

RYAN: Jim, I'm not going to lie. Marriage can be a pain in the ass. And you're kind of right – All of this is just stuff on the way to your eventual demise. We are all on running clocks that cannot be slowed down or paused and they all lead to the same place. Some guys leave marks that last beyond their own mortality. Not guys like you and me... But some. But even those footprints disappear. *(a beat)* There isn't a "point".

I'm not the guy you'd normally want to talk to about all this stuff... But think about it – your favorite memories. The greatest moments of your life? Were you alone? I don't want to sound like a Hallmark card, but... Life? It's better with company. Come to think of it... Last night, the night before your wedding, when all this shit was circling through your head... Weren't you two sleeping in separate rooms? Kind of lonely? Hey. Everybody needs a copilot.