

## **MAKING PEACE**

a short film, by Judah Ray

Log line -

It's 1969, and Janis is stranded on the side of a desolate, desert road, where she's picked up by a stranger, Dennis, who helps her come to terms with the reality of her life, and the truth about death.

Summary –

It's 1969, and somewhere, lost in a barren desert, Janis sits on the side of the road, next to her broken down car. Dennis, a stranger, in military uniform, pulls over to pick her up. Down a road of mystique, deep conversation, and some mind-blowing twists, Dennis helps Janis' come to terms with the reality of her life.

Synopsis -

Dennis left his baby daughter, Janis, to join the military, and provide for his family. After dying in Vietnam, his only regret is leaving Janis behind, as he roams in purgatory.

Janis believes growing up without a father has led her down a destructive path of rebellion and bad choices. She wound up in an abusive relationship, so bad, that one day she came home to her child dead on the floor. Out of anger, she grabbed a gun, and shot the man... but, he overpowered her, seized the gun, and shot back.

Now, it's 1969, and unaware that she's dead, Janis joins her father in purgatory, to engage in a lengthy discussion, as they travel through a barren desert. By the end, Dennis helps Janis discover, she must accept the mistakes she's made, in order to pass on to the other side. Thereby, he can fulfil his desire to be there for his daughter, as she makes peace with death, and join her in the afterlife.