

On Manchester by the Sea  
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Dialogue from the 2016 film, “Manchester by the Sea.” Lee Chandler speaking with his sixteen-year-old nephew Patrick. Patrick, whose father has died and whose mother has estranged herself with him, has been under the impression that he would be living with Lee, who would be his guardian. It was not to be.

Patrick: So you’re just going to disappear?

Lee: No. No. I set it up so you can stay here. And they are really glad to have you.

Patrick: I know, I know. I mean, they’re really great, but— Why can’t you stay?

Lee: Come on, Patty. . . . I can’t beat it. I can’t beat it. . . . I’m sorry.

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Lee: I don’t have a place to live yet.

Patrick: They haven’t given you an apartment?

Lee: Yeah, but I’m looking for one with an extra room. Or room for a pullout sofa.

Patrick: What for?

Lee: So you can come visit sometime. Or if you are going to look at colleges in Boston, you can stay overnight.

Patrick: I’m not going to college.

Lee: Well, I'll have an extra room for all my shit. . . . Do we have to talk about this now?

Patrick: No.