IKIRU (1952)
Directed by Akira Kurosawa

After learning he has terminal stomach cancer, Kanji Watanabe (Takashi Shimura) leaves the low-level government job he’s worked at for 30 years to search for meaning in his life. Watanabe is completely alone in the world. His wife is dead and his son is practically estranged. Determined to make up for lost time, he hits the town every night, nearly drinking himself to death and chasing after Toyo (Miki Odagiri), a pretty young girl from his office. But Watanabe isn’t interested in finding a mistress. He is simply attracted to Toyo’s exuberance and naiveté. Toyo inspires him to do something meaningful—however small it may be, with the short time he has left. Watanabe returns to the office and gets to work at turning the cesspool at the center of a local apartment complex into a park for the children who live there.

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