W4240 WHATEVER IT TAKES (USA, 1986)

Credits: director, Bob Demchuk; writers, Chris Weatherhead, Bob Demchuk.
Cast: Tom Mason, Martin Balsam, Chris Weatherhead, James Rebhorn, Maura Shea.
Summary: Melodrama set in contemporary New York City. Jeff Perchick (Mason) is a Vietnam veteran who works as a cabdriver to support himself and the small diner run by his father (Balsam). His real ambition is to become a syndicated cartoonist, but the dream seems doomed by a series of hard blows which reality deals him.

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