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In "Silver Linings Playbook," Chris Tucker and Bradley Cooper play close friends who meet when they are both patients in a psychiatric hospital. Cooper's Pat Solitano, a former schoolteacher, is sent there for eight months as part of a plea bargain. He caught his wife showering with another man and nearly beat the man to death during a violent breakdown.

Upon his release, Pat's mom Dolores (Jacki Weaver) arrives from Philly to pick him up, only to discover that his friend Danny (Tucker) could also use a ride home. The only problem is Danny was never actually released.

"My role was a smaller role, but there was so much depth to the character," Tucker tells us during interviews for the film in New York. "Working with [director] David O'Russell ("The Fighter"), he brings so many things out of you, and he's right there with you helping you along the way. And the dialogue is so great. It made me look smart, actually.

"This was one of the most important roles I've ever done because a lot of people haven't seen me do dramatic roles a lot. I had a good time doing it."

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