

# DON'T PULL THE PLUG

Christopher Reeves, the “Superman” character who wound up paralyzed after being thrown from a horse, is lucky his mother didn’t get her way. Had she done so, he wouldn’t be alive today.

Reeves explains in his book, *Still Me*, that his mother wanted him dead rather than suffer pain. “She became distraught and began arguing strenuously that the doctors should pull the plug,” Reeves said. The doctors told her to calm down, but she wouldn’t. She didn’t even inform Reeves’ wife, Dana, of her plans to have her son killed. “At one point, in a moment of real despair,” the actor says, “my mother told Dana’s father, ‘Tomorrow, we’re going to do it.’”

Those who champion the virtue of doctor assisted-suicide should talk to Reeves before they give themselves anymore humanitarian awards.