

HERE AND NOW

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EXT. WOODS - NIGHT

Eyes closed. Firelight flickers on a face. Humming off camera.

One eyebrow lifts, eye opens, looks around. Then the other eye opens. Question.

LEFT
Where am I?

RIGHT
(stops humming)
You are here.

Right looks around like it's obvious and wonderful. Continues humming.

LEFT
What time is it?

RIGHT
(stops humming)
It is now.

LEFT
(sarcastic)
It's the here and now.

Beat.

LEFT (CONT'D)
Who are you?

RIGHT
(stops humming)
I am you.

Left looks down.

LEFT
Why don't my arms and legs work? Is this your sorcery?

RIGHT
(thinking)
...I don't think so? I don't think so.

LEFT
Why am I here?

RIGHT

Why are you here...haha, what makes you think that I know why you are here?

Left thinks.

LEFT

Why are you here?

RIGHT

(looking around)

Are you out of your mind? It's chilly out there, I'd be out of your mind to let this warm fire go to waste.

LEFT

(trying again)

Why are you in the here and now?

RIGHT

(leans in slightly)

I imagine that I am now here for the same reason you are. I am you, after-all.

Beat.

LEFT

I'm dreaming? I'm dreaming--we're dreaming.

Right looks around, closes eyes and inhales, holds it briefly, then opens eyes.

RIGHT

(holding breath)

Doesn't smell like a dream.

Right quickly exhales.

RIGHT (CONT'D)

If you're dr--we're--dreaming, why don't you--we--dream that you can move?

LEFT

(thinking out-loud)

I'm trapped?...I'm...I'm stuck. I'm stuck. I...I...can't remember...I'm working on something...something isn't working...it's stuck.

RIGHT

When I find that I'm stuck, I like
to hum.

Right starts humming. Warms hands by the fire.

Left looks up. Shooting star.

LEFT

What does this mean?--that's it!
Meaning--I've lost my meaning!

RIGHT

Oh, that's great, you did it! You
remembered why you're here and now!

Left doesn't look excited.

RIGHT (CONT'D)

What's wrong now?

Left looks hard at Right and lays on the sarcasm.

LEFT

I think I am--we are here and now
to find our meaning.

RIGHT

(smiling like Right knows
a secret)
Ah, yes, of course.

LEFT

(exhales, irritated)
Do you have your meaning?!

RIGHT

(smiles and leans in a
bit)
Yes! I'm here and now to help you.

LEFT

So, can you help me to find my
meaning?

RIGHT

(matter of fact)
It's probably in the last place
that you left it.

Left shakes head, breathes in, puts head down, still shaking
head, breathes out. Looks up at Right.

LEFT

That is not helping me.

RIGHT

So sorry; let me make the abstract, stract. Ever since you came to here and now, you've been talking about yourself...selfishly, and you are the one who is stuck. I am here and now to help you...selflessly, and I am free. You abdicated your meaning, leaving it with me. Maybe you could do to focus on helping others some--it's not all about you. Haha, that should clear it up!

Close on Left, go into Left's eye, into Left's thoughts...

[alarm buzzer]

INT. BEDROOM - MORNING

Close on eye, zoom out, lurches up, looks to phone on nightstand, jumps out of bed and fumbles to turn it off.

LEFT/RIGHT

(walking off camera)

WHAT THE--!?! That is the last time I eat spicy food before bed.

CREDITS:

EXT. HOME - DAY

[DOOR BELL]

Julia stands at the front door to a home.

[DOOR OPENS]

MOM (O.C.)

Julia!?

JULIA

Mom...I am so sorry...I've been thinking...I haven't been very thankful for all that you've done for me over the years.

MOM

Mija--

JULIA

I never thanked you one time.

MOM

You never had to...Julia, I'm your
mother.

Julia steps in and they embrace.

JULIA

I know...thank you!

End.