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Why did I agree to do this?

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It's not too late.

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I could.

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I could just turn around and walk back.

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Right now?

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Yeah.

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Like, if I walk away right now, no harm done, right?

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I could just.

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I mean, I could just.

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I could come up with something.

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Wait, No.

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There's.

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There's.

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There's no ways.

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Is that.

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Oh, my.

00:00:43

Hi.

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Yeah.

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I. I. Yeah, I. I guess I am your date.

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I.

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What are the odds?

I haven't seen you since graduation?

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Yeah, of course.

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I remember.

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Just, out of all people..

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Do we do the awkward hug or handshake?

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Okay.

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Wow, you smell good.

00:01:44

Okay, Sarah, don't be a creep.

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Like, this is so, so unexpected.

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I can't get over it.

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You look good.

00:02:00

Really good.

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Honestly.

00:02:04

You always look good.

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Even better now, which is annoying.

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Sorry.

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That was.

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That was really direct.

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I'm just processing a little bit.

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Do you.

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Do you want to walk?

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Okay.

00:02:22

Yeah.

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So my friend Maya said she knew someone really great that she wanted me to go out with.

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She absolutely refused to give any kind of details.

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Never even mentioned that it would be someone I know.

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You'd think that would be the first thing you'd mention, right?

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Like, you'll know when you get there.

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At least.

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At least something along those lines.

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But come to think about it, it's so typical.

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So how do you two actually know each other?

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I. I can't remember you...?

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Oh.

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Oh, okay.

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So through Facebook, then, I'm assuming.

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Okay, cool.

00:03:19

Right.

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She really does love to set people up.

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It's kind of her thing, but, yeah.

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So here we are.

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Blind date is not such a blind date after all.

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So remind me.

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It was English and math that we had to together, right?

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Yeah.

00:03:51

Yeah.

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Do you remember Mrs. Fletcher?

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Yes.

00:03:57

Oh, my God.

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That thing that she always pointed with.

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Or actually, to be fair, it was more like slapped on your desk if you think you weren't paying attention to whatever it was she was saying.

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And to be fair, I think that was, you know, most of the class not paying attention.

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But I don't know, she just.

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She had this way of saying everything in the same tone.

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Like, no up, no down, all monotone.

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Like, you can't listen to that.

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That's.

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I remember you were always drawing, though, during class.

00:04:42

Yeah, Yeah, I remember that.

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But I never really saw what you were drawing.

00:04:54

Oh, really?

00:04:56

So it's.

00:04:57

It's like a comic?

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That's really cool.

00:05:06

No, I. I mean, that.

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That takes real talent.

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Tell me about the main character if.

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If you want to.

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Of course.

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No.

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No pressure or anything.

00:05:27

Oh, so that was the first?

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Yeah.

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Kind of like lizards, right?

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Yeah.

00:05:35

Regrowth.

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Oh, that.

00:05:48

That I definitely have never heard of.

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So.

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So what, they absorb the other person's pain?

00:05:56

Like, take it onto themselves so someone doesn't have to carry it?

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That's really beautiful.

00:06:11

No, it's.

00:06:14

I mean, in a way, I guess it's sad, but I think it's more.

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More moving because it would take being truly, truly selfless to do something like that.

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Like, most of us are trying to avoid pain, Right?

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At least if you're anything like me.

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So is it technically just physical pain, or is it, like, emotional pain?

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Oh, that's.

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That's a lot to take on.

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Did you come up with that?

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Because I've never heard that anywhere.

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No, I think that says a lot about you in, like, the best of ways.

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Just the selflessness.

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Sorry, was that too deep for a few minutes into a first date?

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I just.

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I didn't know that about you.

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Yeah, you're right.

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There's definitely a lot that we don't know about each other.

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I mean, we.

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We never even really talked and we hung out with completely different people.

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Yeah.

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So.

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We have three years of catching up to do, and I, I, I don't even know where to start.

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Kind of.

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Should we just do the easy things?

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Like.

00:08:08

Tell me, Tell me what you do now.

00:08:10

Like, for, for work.

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Daily, Daily life the quote, unquote boring, but also somehow really interesting stuff.

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Oh, I.

00:08:33

Okay.

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Do you like it?

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Like, is it one of those jobs where you wake up and you think, yeah, this is exactly what I want to be doing, or is it more of this pays rent and I simply just don't hate it kind of a situation because I feel like those are the only two main categories.

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Okay.

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That's, that's honest.

00:09:02

I, I respect that.

00:09:08

Yeah.

00:09:09

Okay, take a guess.

00:09:10

Take a guess.

00:09:14

What?

00:09:16

No.

00:09:23

Okay.

00:09:23

Because I cheered?

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Is that it?

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No, no.

00:09:29

And I was not bossy!

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Excuse you?

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I was.

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I was organized.

00:09:33

Okay.

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No, no, not even close.

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Yeah, I followed in my mom's footsteps, got into finance.

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I guess I would put it somewhere in between.

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Like, I don't mind what I do on most days.

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Some days I sit in meetings and being.

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How did I end up here?

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And is it too late to become someone who lives in a cottage and make pottery?

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And then I remember, yeah, I have no artistic talent whatsoever, and I would probably starve if I did that.

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So office job it is.

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Yeah.

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I do want something different.

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I guess I'm just trying to.

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To figure out what that means.

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You.

00:10:59

Oh, my God.

00:11:05

Sorry, I didn't mean to grab on to you like that.

00:11:07

Just that.

00:11:09

That duck.

00:11:13

Don't laugh.

00:11:16

It came.

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You saw what it did.

00:11:18

It came after me!

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You don't know that.

00:11:23

You don't know what they might do.

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Okay, maybe.

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Maybe they're a little bit cute, but they're not nice.

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Okay, if I.

00:11:46

If I tell you, can you promise not to laugh?

00:11:49

Like, for real?

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For real.

00:11:58

So can you.

00:12:02

Can you walk on that side?

00:12:07

Okay.

00:12:09

So when I was little, my grandmother used to take me and my brother to this pond near her

house, like, every Sunday.

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And we'd had this whole routine.

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She packed little bags of bread, and I know you're not supposed to give them bread.

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Like, we didn't know that back then, but.

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Yeah.

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And so we would walk down there and we would feed them together.

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And my brother loved it.

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But he's also always been, like, the fearless one, right?

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He just walked up right there through the bread.

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He didn't care if they come close.

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He didn't even care if they, like, nibbled on his shoes.

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Meanwhile, I was the one hiding behind my grandma's legs, like, these ducks are just gonna eat me alive.

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Like, that kind of a thing.

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And then one day, okay, I was I five or six, something like that, I had little.

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Little bag of bread.

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And I was feeling brave that day.

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I thought to myself, like, okay, this is gonna be the day when I'm not gonna hide behind my grandma.

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Like, I'm gonna be brave.

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I'm gonna go in and I'm gonna feed the ducks just like a normal person.

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So I did.

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I walked up, I threw the bread, and I felt so proud of myself.

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But then this one duck, okay, this absolute menace of a duck.

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He decided that the bread wasn't enough.

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Like, he wanted the whole bag.

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So he came after me like.

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Like this.

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Like this.

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Just full speed, wings out, quacking like he was freaking possessed, okay?

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And so I screamed, I dropped the bag.

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I just.

00:13:57

I ran.

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And my brother, the jerk, was just.

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He was laughing so hard that he fell over it.

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And my grandmother was, like, trying to shoo the duck away with her bag.

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It was just.

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It was chaos.

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And honestly, I don't go near ducks after that.

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I don't.

00:14:21

So ducks and I, we have a little bit of a complicated history, okay?

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Like, they're cute from a distance.

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Like, I love watching them.

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And especially, like, when they swim out and.

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Oh, and when the mother ducks, like, the little kids follow her.

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Like, that's super, super cute.

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But we.

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We just need to have an understanding where they.

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They do not come near me at all.

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Oh, you're gonna protect me from them? I need that.

00:15:02

Yeah.

00:15:03

Very chivalrous of you.

00:15:07

I'm gonna remember that.

00:15:09

You know, if one of them even looks at me funny, I'm so continuing to hide behind you.

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You know, my grandmother would have liked you.

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I. I think she.

00:15:26

She used to always say that you can tell a lot by a person, like, if they like animals or not, and how they treat them.

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Yeah, I. I mean, based on that, you probably don't have the best judgment of me, but, like, I'm.

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I'm nice to them at least.

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I'm just.

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I. I have very strong respect for them.

00:16:03

Oh, my God.

00:16:04

I'm still holding on to your arm.

00:16:08

Okay.

00:16:12

There.

00:16:13

Let go.

00:16:13

Don't.

00:16:14

Don't be weird.

00:16:15

Okay?

00:16:15

Just.

00:16:15

Just let.

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You're stronger than I thought.

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It feels kind of safe.

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Not just because the ducks are here.

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Sorry.

00:16:41

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:16:43

We are safe.

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Yeah.

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So can I ask you a slightly deeper question?

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Not too deep, though.

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Okay.

00:16:59

So what's something you've gotten, like, really, really into lately?

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Like a hobby, A TV show, or any kind of a weird rabbit hole and you fall down at 2am that kind of a thing?

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I think it says a lot about a person.

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I like that because it's more than the.

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I don't know, travel and food.

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Not that that's a bad thing, but, like, it's something unique, something interesting.

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Me, I've been rewatching old films, like films I watched as a kid, but I didn't really understand kind of thing.

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And now I watched it and I'm like, oh, that's actually devastating.

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How did I not notice?

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Like, do you remember in the Lion King when.

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When Mufasa died.

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Okay, that's.

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That's too much.

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Or, like, there are some jokes in there that you don't really get when you were younger.

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What do you mean?

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Of course I like Disney.

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Oh, okay, okay.

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Okay, fine.

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Another example then.

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Why.

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Why am I not to say.

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Why am I not allowed to say that I like Pride and Prejudice?

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What's.

00:18:37

What's wrong with Pride and Prejudice?

00:18:46

You have a sassy side.

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I like that. I never saw that side of you.

00:18:57

Okay, so a movie that might surprise you that I like.

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Okay, I've like Mulholland Drive.

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Have you seen it?

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Okay, so it's.

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It's kind of confusing.

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And that's really on purpose because it feels like this person, the main character, is building up a perfect version of themselves in.

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In their head, and then that picture that they have is kind of slowly falling apart.

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So she.

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She was an actress, right.

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And she has amnesia.

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And in her head, it's like she is super successful, famous, and adored.

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And you watch all of that, like, her realizing that that's not actually the reality.

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It's like denial playing out.

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It's the kind of film that really sticks with you.

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And honestly, you kind of need to rewatch it because the first time is just genuine confusion.

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And you're really into the mystery, and then you start to uncover all the other layers that it has to it.

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Did I pass?

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Okay.

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You're different too.

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I feel like I'm kind of uncovering the mystery that was you back then.

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You were like, not in a bad way, but I don't know, you were just one of the few people that weren't so caught up in all the.

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Trying to fit into certain groups.

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You wore what you wanted.

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You were.

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You really.

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And I really admire that.

00:21:33

I'm serious.

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Like, compare that to me, which.

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Okay, let me know if this is a little bit too.

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Too dark to be a first date thing.

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Honestly, back then, I feel like I. I was never myself.

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Like, everything I did was a performance of sort.

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I was playing this character who was this.

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I don't know, Miss Popular.

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I wore the right clothes.

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I hung out with the right people.

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I dated whoever was at the top of the social ladder.

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I even really hid my real laugh, no joke.

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And I fooled myself into thinking that this was what I wanted.

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Like that I liked the clothes that I wore, that I was in love with the people I dated, that I had friends that genuinely cared.

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And.

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Looking back at it, I think I just.

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I liked the idea of the person that I was.

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But.

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That was it.

00:23:09

Really.

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Does that make sense?

00:23:21

Yeah, I guess.

00:23:24

I guess in a way it is like the movie and it's a form of denial.

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I just remembered, I envy that you didn't really care about all of that.

00:23:42

You were real.

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And I think that's far braver.

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You welcome.

00:24:03

True, true.

00:24:06

I can never rewrite that.

00:24:07

But you can write the future, right?

00:24:14

Yeah.

00:24:16

Do you want to sit down for a bit?

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Yeah.

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On the bench?

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Yeah.

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You know, this is one of my favorite places.

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Yeah.

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Just watching the water and the occasional people walk by, Just taking in the surroundings.

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Okay, stop steering.

00:24:58

Sarah, try to be normal.

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That involves not staring and wondering what.

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Okay, just stop staring.

00:25:07

Stop staring.

00:25:10

Nothing.

00:25:11

Sorry.

00:25:11

Sorry.

00:25:14

I. I'm just glad that it was you.

00:25:21

Yeah.

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That you're the one that showed up today.

00:25:25

Even if you technically mocked my taste in movies and my fear of ducks.

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Okay.

00:25:33

Some of my favorite movies.

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Done.

00:25:34
Whatever.

00:25:42
What I mean is, you're really easy to talk to and keep saying things I wouldn't normally say any funnier.

00:26:01
Yeah, Maybe we're not so different after all.

00:26:09
Who would have thought?

00:26:20
You know, I used to wonder what you were actually like, What you would say, what you would think of me if you actually knew me.

00:26:39
Of course, we've already established that.

00:26:41
I think a lot more people noticed you than you think.

00:26:55
Can I just.

00:26:57
Yeah.

00:26:58
You have this.

00:26:59
This strand.

00:27:01
Let me.

00:27:07
There.

00:27:12

It was bothering me, and also, I kind of wanted an excuse just to do that.

00:27:27

Yeah.

00:27:30

Yeah, you can.

00:27:58

Next week.

00:28:03

I'd like that.