

***Lighthouse***  
**Day 26**

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*The sound of waves. A dark stage. When the lights come up, there is a girl sitting on the bare stage floor with her arms around her knees, relaxing. Her eyes are closed. She is at total peace. The full moon appears somewhere, far away. And every now and again we get a beam of bright light slowly coasting across the stage as if from a lighthouse. Maybe we hear the waves crashing a little harder now and then. Maybe there's a small wind.*

*A voice speaks and surrounds the space, maybe a slight echo.*

What do you see?	VOICE
Nothing.	GIRL
I told you to visualize a place.	VOICE
I did.	GIRL
What do you see?	VOICE
Nothing, My eyes are closed.	GIRL
Open them.	VOICE
I'm enjoying having them shut. I can hear the waves.	GIRL
Ocean waves?	VOICE
Mm hm.	GIRL
Are they close?	VOICE

Mm hm.	GIRL
Are they angry?	VOICE
Can waves have emotions?	GIRL
Are they rough waves, like in a storm?	VOICE
They're normal waves.	GIRL
Can you open your eyes now?	VOICE
	<i>Her eyes open.</i>
Are they open?	VOICE (CONT'D)
Mm hm.	GIRL
What do you see?	VOICE
Nothing. It's night.	GIRL
You can't see the waves?	VOICE
No.	GIRL
Anything? The moon? The stars?	VOICE
I don't see any.	GIRL

VOICE  
Is it cloudy?

GIRL  
No, just all dark. Except for the light.

VOICE  
What light?

GIRL  
I think it's from a lighthouse.

VOICE  
A lighthouse? Can you see it?

GIRL  
Just the light from it. It passes over me every now and then. Do lighthouses search for things?

VOICE  
I think they're more of a warning. Look out for the rocks. Don't get too close.

GIRL  
My mom has a painting of a lighthouse in her bathroom, a tiny painting.

*She spreads her index finger and thumb to approximate the size.*

VOICE  
Are you in that painting?

GIRL  
No. The painting has a storm. This is peaceful. This is soft waves.

*Her eyes close.*

GIRL (CONT'D)  
I could fall asleep out here.

VOICE  
Don't fall asleep.

*She lays down on the stage.*

VOICE (CONT'D)

Don't fall asleep. Are you falling asleep?

GIRL

No. I want to. But I won't.

VOICE

You're falling asleep.

*The lighthouse light fades.*

VOICE (CONT'D)

Don't fall asleep.

*The main lights fade. The waves continue to crash against the shore.*

*The sound fades.*