

Day 27

Reverie

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Janice sits on a park bench. She stares, smiling into the distance. Lori enters, notices the look on Janice's face. She looks to see what Janice is looking at, but doesn't see anything. Lori sits down next to Janice.

LORI

What are you looking at?

JANICE

Not looking. Listening.

LORI

To?

JANICE

The music.

LORI

What mu--

JANICE

Shhh.

Pause. Lori looks at Janice, then decides to look where Janice is looking and to try to listen to the music.

Bruce enters. He notices Lori and Janice.

BRUCE

What are you two looking at?

JANICE

Not looking.

LORI

“Listening.”

BRUCE

To what?

LORI

“The music.”

JANICE

The music.

I don't hear any--
BRUCE

Shh.
JANICE

Bruce sits on the bench. He watches Lori and Janice. They continue to look at nothing and listen. He decides to listen and look where they're looking.

Brendan enters, sees them all looking.

What the hell are you three doing?
BRENDAN

No answer.

He looks at where they're looking.

What are you looking at.
BRENDAN

Not looking.
JANICE

Listening. LORI BRUCE
Listening.

To what?
BRENDAN

The music.
ALL THREE

There isn't any mu--
BRENDAN

Shh.
JANICE

Pause.

BRENDAN
You mean like actual music that's playing. Right? You hear actual music? Because I don't hear music. You don't mean something stupid like the "music of life" or something, right?
(MORE)

BRENDAN (CONT'D)

Like the symphony of the wind and leaves and people walking or some crap like that, right? You mean actual, honest to God, music. I hope so. Because I'd hate for you three to be sitting there in some reverie, thinking you're hearing music when there's no music playing. At all. Anywhere. I mean, music is playing *somewhere*, just not in the vicinity of our hearing.

Pause.

BRENDAN

Well. Enjoy your music.

He leaves.

BRUCE

(Whispered to Lori)

I don't hear any music.

LORI

(Whispered to Bruce)

I don't hear it either.

BRUCE

(Whispered)

Then what are we still doing here?

LORI

(Whispered)

I don't know.

They stand and exit.

Janice continues to sit, look, listen. She smiles.