

WORKSHOP SCRIPT 1

PROMPTED SCRIPT ASSIGNMENT: MUST USE SPOON IN NOTICEABLE WAY,
ONE CHARACTER MUST BE NAMED HENRY AND MENTIONED BY NAME, MUST
USE THE LINE "I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS WORKS EITHER"

1 EXT. COURTYARD - DAY

A man (James, Early 30s) sits in a chair at a table wearing a robe. He is rocking back and forth, muttering to himself, but we can't hear what he is saying.

A nurse (Helen, early 20s) enters the room. She is carrying a lunch tray with plastic utensils. James looks over at her and gets excited. She walks over to James, his eyes follow the tray intently. She sets the tray on the desk in front of him.

NURSE
(Routinely)
How we doing today James?

JAMES
Same as yesterday I suppose.

NURSE
Well, alright, I'll be back in 15
minutes to get the tray.

The nurse walks over to the door. She opens it.

NURSE (CONT'D)
Bon Apetit... I guess.

She leaves the room. James is now alone with his food. He very carefully picks up the plastic spoon and holds it close to his face.

JAMES
Henry?

SPOON/HENRY (V.O.)
Is she gone?

JAMES
Yeah.

HENRY (V.O.)
Then lets get to work.

James stands up and heads to the corner of the courtyard and and pulls back a big rock, revealing a tiny hole in the ground.

HENRY

Well? What are you waiting for? We only have 15 minutes.

James stretches his arms for a second and starts digging.

HENRY (CONT'D)

Careful!

James stops digging.

HENRY (CONT'D)

You're hurting me.

JAMES

Sorry.

HENRY

Alright come on keep going.

James starts to dig again.

HENRY (CONT'D)

Just gentler this time.

JAMES

You got it.

Compilation of James and the spoon with music. Show him dig, him hold the spoon to his ear and then laugh like Henry told him a joke, have him wipe dirt off Henry.

Back to James digging.

HENRY

Quick she's coming.

Shot from courtyard through door: Nurse walking down hall.

James scrambles to wipe dirt off Henry.

HENRY (CONT'D)

Forget me! The hole!

James tucks Henry in his pocket and puts the rock over the hole. He quickly gets up and walks back to his seat with the tray right as the nurse comes out.

NURSE

James, you barely touched your food.

JAMES

I wasn't that hungry.

NURSE

James... You know you have to eat for you're medication.

James shakes his head like he couldn't care less what she says. The nurse sighs and picks up the tray.

NURSE (CONT'D)

James. You have to eat dinner tonight.

James stares blankly.

NURSE (CONT'D)

Okay?

James nods his head in agreement.

NURSE (CONT'D)

Good.

She picks up the tray and leaves the courtyard, leaving James alone. An excited look comes over James as he frantically digs in his pockets. He pulls Henry out.

JAMES

What do we do now?

HENRY

I don't know.

(A beat)

I don't know how this works either.

(A beat)

I've only ever been with you at lunchtime.