

INT. HOUSE - LATE AFTERNOON

BOB(72), an old man with a vacant expression sits in a comforter and looks towards the kitchen, at ELLIOT, washing dishes.

ELLIOT

(sighing)

And here we are today.

(looking over to BOB)

Does that clear things up?

BOB

(staring down into his lap)

Everything?

ELLIOT

(sighing, looking back at the dishes)

Yes, everything. It boggles my mind that you're always surprised.

BOB

(squinting his eyes, looking over to Elliot's back)

Always.

(pauses, face strained in thought)

Surprised? You mean, we've done this before?

ELLIOT

(dropping a plate loudly into the sink)

Yes! Weren't you listening. You always ask this.

(Grabbing the edge of the counter)

It's been this way for a while.

BOB

(looking back down into his lap)

So I forget everything? In one day?! That's absurd! That doesn't make sense. So when I go to sleep, I won't remember anything you just told me?

ELLIOT

(smiling faintly)

You always were one of a kind. Doctor's don't even know what to

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ELLIOT (cont'd)
call it. I liked to think you
retaining things for a day was your
way of trying to be able to look
out for me. You always told me you
knew best. Things were always done
your way.
(smile fading)
But now I'm just thinking your
doing it to toy with me.

ELLIOT(60), slightly youthful with dark lines under her eyes,
walks over to BOB, kneeling beside him.

ELLIOT
OK Bob. Time for our last question.
This time I'm going to ask it.
(leaning closer)
Do you remember anything?

BOB sits quietly, looks to ELLIOT, then forward into the
blank TV.

ELLIOT
And so another day passes us by.
(Walking over to the
television and turning it on)
Goodnight Robert. You can meet me
again tomorrow morning.

ELLIOT walks quietly to the kitchen sink.

BOB
(quietly)
Don't worry princess. I'll always
take care of you. No matter what.

ELLIOT
(stopping, turning slowly
around to look at BOB)
What did you just say?

BOB
(looking down at his lap)
No matter what.

INT. HOUSE - EARLY NIGHT

ELLIOT and BOB are sitting next to each other in their
chairs, both staring vacantly at the TV.

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BOB

(face turning stern)
Have I ever remembered that
promise?

ELLIOT

No. I've always had to explain
everything to you. This is the
first time you've ever responded
with something.

BOB

(turning to ELLIOT)
Why did I remember that of all
things?

ELLIOT

(turning to BOB)
Our entire lives together have been
by your book. We had always done
things your way. Because your way
was the best for us. It always was.

BOB

I made every decision?
(looking at the TV)
Didn't you ever have a say in
anything?

ELLIOT

(smiling faintly)
You told me not to worry. Like you
said, you'd 'take care of me'. You
made sure I never had to worry
about anything.

BOB

(face turning desperate)
But what about now?

ELLIOT

(quickly turning to BOB, voice
rising)
Well what about now!? You took care
of me for 40 years of your life,
Robert! The least I could do was
take care of you your last few.

BOB

But is this even what you wanted
with your life? I pull you around
for all those years, and now I
can't even remember who you are!

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ELLIOT

I wanted a nice life with a wonderful man, Bob! And that's what you gave me! I'm returning the favor now.

BOB

But this isn't your life!

A long silence between BOB and ELLIOT.

BOB

(Putting his head in his hands)

You've lived my life. The one I made. And now you're stuck in it except I'm not there anymore. You're enslaved to a man who left you years ago.

ELLIOT

(shaking)

Stop it! You don't even know who you're talking about. You hardly know who you're talking to.

BOB

I know enough to know that 'Robert' should've learned to let you go. Or should have at least taught you to let him go. I mean Elliot.

(pauses and looks into her eyes)

Do you even love me anymore?

ELLIOT

(placing her hands on her head)

I've cooked the same meal for you everyday for the past 5 years. I've sat through reruns of your favorite shows. Hell, I've even helped you wipe your own ass on occasion. You tell me whether that's love or not.

BOB

(closing his eyes)

Well I don't love you. I mean, I can't. I've just met you. I can't love you like you love me. And remembering a promise can't change that. I can't change this.

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ELLIOT

(A sullen look on her face.)
Well what am I suppose to do.
You've gone insane. You repeat the
same day over and over again. Was I
suppose to leave you like this?

BOB

(looking at ELLIOT)
Well that's the thing. I'm not
insane. Everyday is a brand new day
for me. What about you Elliot?

INT. HOUSE - LATE NIGHT.

BOB sits in his chair, staring blankly at the TV. ELLIOT is
washing more dishes in the kitchen.

BOB

(looking over to ELLIOT)
I'm sorry about before.

ELLIOT moves around quickly, stacking dishes around the
counter.

ELLIOT

I need to help you with your
medicine. I'll be there in a sec.

BOB glances at his snack tray and stares into a full
medicine bottle. Then at the glass of water next to it.

show elliot through the water in the glass.

BOB

(smile forming on his face)
Hey I can handle my medicine.

ELLIOT

Oh. Well alright, make sure you
only take one though.

BOB

Of course.

BOB pours entire bottle into glass.

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