

Scene 6

Harry and Barry

Brothers (40's to 50's)

---

Harry. Okay so, I see you, you see me? You seeing me?

Barry. Yeah, yeah I see you.

Harry. You owe me.

Barry. I sent you a check.

Harry. That was six months ago.

Barry. Time is a construct, it's an agreement, I don't believe in time, you ever know a dog who was late?

Harry. You see this?

Barry. Yeah I see it.

Harry. I wear a watch cause it tells me the time, I need to know the time so I can live in reality Barry, so I can live in the real world.

Barry. You're a puppet, Harry ,another puppet sleepwalking. You're a sleepwalker. One more battery to the machine.

Harry. Yeah, that's right, you're right, I'm a battery, I am a battery and this battery needs a recharge, I need to recharge and that's where you come in. You needed it, I lent you, I lent you big, you made what, two payments, each one late and now you are six months behind, you are in arrears and I want my money you little jerk.

Barry. Who charges a brother rent?

Harry. Don't start that.

Barry. No, I'm asking, who charges a brother rent?

Harry. You don't screw with my livelihood.

Barry. If she died first the house would have been mine.

Harry. That's the way the cookie crumbles.

Barry. If mom died first this house would have been mine.

Harry. It's the way the cookie crumbles.

Barry. What cookie?

Harry. We took out Chinese last week, they left it on the curb, it was a satisfying meal, they gave us only one fortune cookie and Esther doesn't like them, I crack open this cookie and what do you think the fortune says?

Barry. So?

Harry. I'm asking, what do you think the fortune says?

Barry. I'm listening already.

Harry. Nothing, it says nothing, it's blank, there's no fortune, it says nothing.

Barry. Yeah so, you got a blank, it happens.

Harry. No you don't understand, it's my fortune and it says nothing, for whatever reason, it's blank and I'm sitting there, Esther's got Anderson Cooper and Sanjay, the town halls on and I am looking at this blank little piece of paper, I'm suddenly frozen in fear, I break out in a sweat, and then I start crying, can't explain it, was it my childhood, have I just triggered some old scab I'm pulling off again?

(Get's very upset, falls apart) Did someone do something to me at that Chinese place mom used to take us to every Sunday when dad was in the hospital all those months? So Sonjay's saying to spray the food when you get home and I'm sitting there sobbing. I am sobbing like a little kid and Esther comes over to me she puts her arms around me, she says it's okay little Harry, it will all be okay...

Barry. Yeah, yeah, well look, look Harry, I gotta go, have to zoom with Annie in two minutes and I want to go brush my teeth.

Harry. Okay. Okay.

Barry. Yeah, you be good big brother, Zoom you next week.

Harry. Yeah, yeah, okay, okay.