

## The Empty Space

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A story told from the mind

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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

\* Character is a THOUGHT

MIND

TIME

TOMORROW \*

MOON \*

INSANITY \*

DREAM \*

REALITY \*

FEAR \*

Optional double-casting:

TOMORROW / REALITY

MOON / INSANITY

DREAM / FEAR

NOTE: Characters are gender neutral and all-inclusive.

Also, '...' in dialogue can represent a pause, change in action or an idea, or a non-verbal form communication.

Last, scenes with TIME happen in real time. The remaining take place in what I call the Empty Space.  
Or, between beginning.

Pause. Begin

TIME

1... 2... 3... 4... 5..... 6..... 7..... 8..... 9..... 10. Ready or not here I come.

TIME

I'm coming to get you.

Hmm where could you be. Are. You. Here...

No. Are you here. Not there either. Are you... Hmm... Wait a minute...

HA.

MIND

You found me again.

TIME

So it seems.

MIND

It's not fair.

TIME  
No one likes a sore loser.

MIND  
YOU'RE IT!

*MIND runs away.*

TIME  
Hey now wait, that's not fair. That's not what we were play—

MIND  
No one likes a sore loser!

TIME  
Very well then, ready or not here I come.

*TIME catches MIND.*

*TIME doesn't let go.*

MIND  
...

TIME  
Alright, now. *My* turn. Close your eyes.

*TOMORROW enters.*

*MIND begins counting—*

TIME  
Don't start counting yet.

*TIME exits.*

*MIND begins counting again—*

TOMORROW  
Knock, knock.

MIND  
Hi.

What are you doing?	TOMORROW
Playing. Want to play with me?	MIND
I can't.	TOMORROW
Why?	MIND
Just can't today...	TOMORROW
What are you?	MIND
What are you?	TOMORROW
I don't know...	MIND
I'm Tomorrow.	TOMORROW
Tomorrow? What is a Tomorrow?	MIND
Well, it's everything that isn't right now, and wasn't ever before. It's tomorrow. Why it's... Anything— Everything! Everything that comes after today.	TOMORROW
Are you a place?	MIND
Well I guess you could say—	TOMORROW
Are there fairies in Tomorrow?	MIND

TOMORROW

There's anything you want tomorrow.

MIND

Can I fly in Tomorrow? Like the birds in the sky?

TOMORROW

Yeah, you can do all that tomorr—

MIND

Can I be like the wind, as free as the branches of the trees?!

TOMORROW

That too.

MIND

Who will I be then, Tomorrow?

TOMORROW

Nope. Can't tell you that, friend. Won't spoil the beauty. But you'll find your way soon enough, and you will see, it could be... The most magical place you'd ever know. A place of endless possibilities, the greatest wonders of the world lie out there, in the land beyond today: color as bright as sunshine upon your skin in summertime. There are no limits tomorrow. Today is trapped, in here— In your skin and bones, hands, cheeks, and nose. Today you may stand three inches too small. But tomorrow you may be as tall as a mountain! As long as a river! Anything you could ever want—

MIND

How! How do I GO?! How, how do I get to Tomorrow? I want to be there, too. Take me with you please. Take me to the Tomorrow. I want to *be* a Tomorrow, too.

TOMORROW

Sorry, I can't. Can't take you with me now.

MIND

Why?

TOMORROW

Because today isn't tomorrow. You can't get to tomorrow until after today. Oh, don't worry so much about it. You'll get to tomorrow... Just, you know, not today.

MIND

Then when will today be Tomorrow?

TOMORROW

Someday it will. Someday you'll find tomorrow, trust me.  
It comes soon.  
You have an eyelash. Make a wish.

*MIND does.*

TOMORROW

So what did you wish for?

MIND

Will it still come true if I tell you?

TOMORROW

If it's meant to.

MIND

I wished to be like you, to be a Tomorrow, too.

TOMORROW

You already are and always will be so much more than life will ever let me be. So soon you will be a doctor or a scientist, inventor, writer, artist... Anything. You can be anything while forever only Tomorrow is all I will be.

*TIME reenters.*

MIND

Hey, where are you going?

TOMORROW

I'll see you.

MIND

When?

TOMORROW

Tomorrow. You'll see me again tomorrow.

*TOMORROW exits.*

TIME

What happened?

MIND

I don't know. Nothing really... Time? Is it still the Beginning? This now?

TIME

No.

MIND

Then what are we waiting for if it's gone?

*TIME pulls out a pocket-watch.*

TIME

We wait for this to stop.