

Barrier

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EXT. CITY PARK - DAY

A hand reaches towards a silver, fluctuating wall of light. The curious eyes of a WOMAN stare intently at the shimmering surface.

MALE VOICE

Don't put your hand through it,
Lynn. I've already tried that.

LYNN, a woman in her thirties, steps back slightly.

LYNN

If you disappear when you go
through it, then how are you still
here?

DAVID, a tall man, thirties, stands behind Lynn at the other side of the surrounding barrier.

DAVID

It didn't happen right away. But
the further you go out and the
longer you're out there, the more
you... um... disintegrate.

Lynn steps back slightly.

DAVID

Once I was back in, everything was
fine.

LYNN

What is this? We just walked into
this right? Is it a trap?

DAVID

Not one I've ever seen before.

Lynn reaches into her pocket and retrieves a pen. She tosses it through the barrier. It lands on the grass outside appearing the same.

Lynn turns to David. Curious.

LYNN

If we didn't see this... what if no
one can?

Lynn's eyes become still as she stares at the top of the barrier curved and enclosed over them.

DAVID

We're here for a reason. There is always a reason.

LYNN

What reason would anyone have to put us in here?

DAVID

I don't think anyone put us in here... I think we ended up in here... Everything happens for a reason.

Lynn's eyes focus on David.

LYNN

I was just getting used to you being a normal prison mate.

David smiles.

DAVID

Whatever the reason, if we were supposed to end up here, maybe we're also supposed to find a way out.

Lynn crosses her arms as she turns and looks down at the pen laying outside the barrier.

LYNN

My son, James would say something like that. "*Everything happens for a reason, Mom*". But how do you explain this?

DAVID

I take it you don't believe in fate?

Lynn is silent. She closes her eyes for a moment.

LYNN

I don't... believe that our lives are or should be run by anyone or anything other than ourselves. I don't even know why I'm discussing it.

DAVID

What if, you're here to find something. And maybe I'm here to help you?

Lynn turns to David. She turns back.

LYNN

Do you have children, David? Or family that you would do anything for?

DAVID

My daughter, Julia. She's three years-old. I would move Heaven, Earth, and beyond for her.

Lynn smiles as she stares at the pen outside.

DAVID

You have a son...

LYNN

Two boys. Michael and James. I told them I would be home with dinner tonight. (pauses) They're so much like my husband was. Ambitious, hopeful, imaginative. I've always been the one they needed to convince for anything.

DAVID

Everyone needs a challenge.

LYNN

Yeah well... I gave them a pretty big one... After their Dad passed, I started working all the time. I was heading home one night and hurrying to get off the road before it stormed. I remember... hearing this loud explosion under me... and my car pulled to the side so fast. I couldn't turn or stop. It was so instant... and the next thing I remember, seeing my feet. My body was strapped down. These rescuers were carrying me up a hill. And all I remember after that, was pitch black.

David watches Lynn fixated.

LYNN

If I was gone one day... I know... my boys would be okay. They have their grandparents. And they're so smart.

Lynn blinks away the tears forming in her eyes.

LYNN

Fate... I don't know if it's real or not. To be honest, I don't care about it. I care about doing what I need to do, to be home with my sons. And you need to get home to your daughter.

David stands straight as Lynn takes a step closer to the barrier.

DAVID

Lynn...

LYNN

David... it's time to go home.

DAVID

But if you go out there...

LYNN

Then at least I tried.

David watches her. Worried and silent.

Lynn raises her hand slowly. Her eyes slightly filled with tears as she moves closer.

Her hand enters the barrier. Lynn closes her eyes as she takes a deep breath.

LYNN

(whispering)

I love you...

DAVID

Lynn!

Lynn walks entirely through the barrier. THE WORLD AROUND HER FILLS WITH LIGHT.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

LYNN'S EYES STRUGGLE TO OPEN.

BOY'S VOICE

Mom? MOM! She's waking up...

BOY'S VOICE 2
Mom can you hear us? Mom?

Lynn can barely make out the two figures before her.

LYNN
(weakly)
James? Michael? Are you both really
here?

JAMES
I knew it. I knew you'd come back.

LYNN
How did...? How...?

MICHAEL
Mom, you were in a coma for three
days.

JAMES
They said to keep calling you and
talking to you... It worked.

Lynn squeezes her eyes as tears stream from them.

LYNN
(softly)
I love you both. More than
anything.

Michael and James embrace their mother.

MALE VOICE
Has she woken up?

A man stands in the doorway with a YOUNG GIRL in his arm.

MICHAEL
Mom, this is David. He found your
car and called the ambulance.

David walks beside her bed and looks down upon Lynn. He
smiles brightly.

DAVID
Glad you made it back.

They stare at each other for a moment.

DAVID
Say hello, Julia. This is Lynn.

Lynn forms a grin as she releases her tears.