

*J and S stand in line
at a coffee shop facing stage left*

J: What do you want?

S: What?

J: What do you want?

S: Oh, I'm getting a coffee-

J: It's on me. Order whatever you want.

S: Coffee, three sugars and some cream.

J: I'll take a green tea with some lemon and honey please. Thanks. Thank you for coming.

S: Oh, uh sure.

J: You okay?

S: Yea?

J: Alright.

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*J pays and S gets their drinks and heads
downstage right to a small table or booth*

S: Okay, I have to ask. Why am I here?

J: Like in a metaphorical sense? *(pause)* I heard a lot about you, and I wanted to get to know you.

S: What?

J: I figure anyone can make up anything, why not get it from the source.

S: You want to get to know me?

J: Yea.

S: *(Confused and is reluctant to ask)* Why?

J: Like I said, I heard a lot about you, I figure I should meet you for myself to know.

S: (*Disbelief*) What have you heard about me?

J: A lot of things, but I don't think it's fair to frame you in that light and then force you to disprove it. We can just talk.

S: I'm a little curious about what you've heard. Ask me what you've heard and I'll tell you if it's true or false.

J: Alright. I heard you were mean.

S: Hm, true.

J: I heard you were strong.

S: True.

J: I heard you were unhappy.

S: Uh, what?

J: I heard you were unhappy.

S: False. That is false.

J: That's fine.

S: Who told you that?

J: Someone, I don't remember.

S: Well it's false.

J: It's false. That makes sense.

S: Any other questions I can answer?

J: Do you like what you do?

S: Do I like what I- What the hell are you getting at?

J: Look, this isn't a test. I just want to get to know you.