

JUST JUMP
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ACT I

SCENE 1

LIGHTS UP

THE STAGE IS EMPTY EXCEPT FOR A LARGE ROCK.
CLAY SITS ON THE ROCK AND STARES FORWARD.
STEVEN STANDS NEXT TO HIM LOOKING FROM
WHERE CLAY LOOKS, BACK TO CLAY.

STEVEN: It's just 15 feet.

CLAY: I know.

STEVEN: So why not just do it.

CLAY: I'm scared.

STEVEN: Of 15 feet?

CLAY: No, about what comes after.

STEVEN: OH... The fall.

CLAY: Yup.

STEVEN: There's water at the bottom.

CLAY: Yup.

STEVEN: It's sixty, maybe seventy feet max.

CLAY: Yup.

STEVEN: You're not afraid of heights.

CLAY: I'm afraid of falling. More so of falling voluntarily.

STEVEN: But you want to do it.

CLAY: Yup.

STEVEN: And...

CLAY: It's terrifying.

STEVEN: You realize this is a metaphor for your entire life, right?

CLAY: Yup.

STEVEN: So many things you WANT to do, and you are terrified to do them... to make the leap.

CLAY: Yup.

STEVEN: But you eventually made this jump.

CLAY: I did.

STEVEN: How?

CLAY: I don't know. One moment I was sitting on the rock, the next I was in mid-air falling towards the water. Then I was under water. Then I was at the surface swimming.

STEVEN: And you didn't die.

CLAY: Nope.

STEVEN: But you never did it again.

CLAY: Nope.

STEVEN: That seems silly.

CLAY: Yup.

STEVEN: So how did you do it?

CLAY: I honestly don't know. Hand to god. Some part of me, deep down inside made my legs move when the rest of me was distracted.

STEVEN: You need to foster that part of you.

CLAY: Damn straight.

STEVEN: So...

CLAY: I don't know where to find it. How to reach it. How to talk to it.

STEVEN: You need to put yourself into more terrifying situations and just... give in.

CLAY: Yeah.

STEVEN: Failure is always a possibility.

CLAY: Yup.

STEVEN: But none of the other things you WANT to do are life threatening, are they?

CLAY: Nope.

STEVEN: So pick on, and just jump.

CLAY: Yeah. Just jump.

CLAY SPRINTS TOWARDS THE LEDGE.

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