

SIGNS

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Synopsis

Never is sitting in a coffee shop lamenting. It is possible Never is mentally ill. Silver is listening and trying to nudge Never into accepting medical assistance.

Never: Male or Female, early twenties. Boiling with energy.

Silver: Male or Female, mid fifties. Calm. Concerned.

A COFFEE SHOP.

NEVER

No one believes me. No one.
Someone's after me, going to get
me. I know it. I tell people, but
people aren't listening to me. No
one listens.

SILVER

The doctor will listen to you.

NEVER

There are signs. No matter how hard
they try to hide things, there are
always signs left behind. If you
know where to look. If you keep an
eye out. Watching. If you watch,
and know what to look for, know
what the signs are. The signals. If
you know what you're looking for
you always see the signals, and I
know. I know what to look for.

SILVER

That's good. You need to get back
on your meds.

NEVER

I've been training myself. Others
sleep through life, while I'm
honing my skills. Training so that
I can see. See what others can't.
What others don't want to see.
Other people, not you, other
people, they're blind. They choose
to be blind, but when I tell you,
you listen.

SILVER

I see.

NEVER

You do see. You do. You listen. You
don't run away like the others. You
don't call me crazy. You believe
me. You do. I know.

SILVER

You're not crazy. No one says
you're crazy.

NEVER

I know that you believe me, and I know why. We are on the same wavelength.

Pause

NEVER is waiting for Silver to say something. Silver sips his coffee, waiting.

NEVER (CONT'D)

You and me. I see things, and I know you know I see things. You know. You know what I see. You understand. Only you. When I tell you something. When I tell you what I see. The signs that I see. I see it in your eye. I see it. You know. You know I'm telling the truth. You have no doubt. You don't think I'm crazy. Only you. You believe me. You do. You believe me.

SILVER

I believe you.

NEVER

Why do you believe me? Why do you know I'm telling the truth? Why do you know I'm not crazy. Why?

Silver sips his coffee again. NEVER continues to wait.

SILVER

Why?

NEVER

You know I'm telling the truth. And I know you know. I know. I know you know. How? How do you know? You know because you see what I see? You see what I see? You see the signs? The signals? You see these things? No. You don't see the signals.

SILVER

I don't.

NEVER

You know because you make. You know because you create. The signals. The signs. You are the creator.

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NEVER (CONT'D)

You control. My life. You control everything.

SILVER

Do I control you?

NEVER

You. The creator. I want to tell you. The signs. Always and everything. You put them there. For me. I want it to stop. I want to stop seeing, I want to stop the signals, I want to be free. Free. Poison. Poison is the best way to escape.

NEVER lowers his face to his coffee and inhales the odor.

SILVER

Come with me.

NEVER

I need to be free. I'm tired. Tired. Tired. I don't want to see the signs. I don't want to. I want to rest. Be free. I need to be free. Poison. Poison can set me free.

SILVER

Stop it.

NEVER

No. Not me. (Glances at Silver's cup) Are you enjoying your coffee.

Pause.

NEVER (CONT'D)

(Gleeful). Drink so I can be free.