

I FEEL GREAT AM HEALTHY

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Lights. MACKEREL is looking at his finger. Looks at it. Squints. Tastes his fingertip. Frowns. Thinks.

JJ enters.

JJ
Why aren't you at work?

MACKEREL does not acknowledge JJ.

JJ
Are you hurt?

MACKEREL
No. Maybe. What do you think?

MACKEREL shows JJ his finger.

JJ
You look fine.

MACKEREL
No I don't. I'm bleeding.

JJ
What? That's not blood.

MACKEREL
I know, that's the problem. Taste it.

JJ
No.

MACKEREL
Taste my finger!

JJ
Why?

MACKEREL
You're my best friend!

JJ
Fine!

JJ tastes it.

JJ
It's not blood.

MACKEREL
Right.

MACKEREL tastes it again.

MACKEREL
I'm still bleeding.

JJ
Let me, again.

JJ tastes it again.

JJ
It's gasoline.

MACKEREL
Gasoline! You're right. Ha. I'm glad we figured that out.

JJ
Aren't you going to do something?

MACKEREL
What?

JJ
You're not concerned? Someone stole your blood and replaced it with gasoline! They probably siphoned your gasoline and replaced it with blood, and now they're running around with your blood AND your gasoline! I'd be worried! I'd be worried! I'd be worried!

MACKEREL
Someone did do that. That's why I'm not at work. My car wouldn't start this morning and the gas gauge was different. Instead of F and E, it said "BLOOD" and "OTHER BLOOD" and the needle was pointing at BLOOD. Whatever. I'm not worried.

JJ
Why not?!

MACKEREL
I'm probably the one who did it.

JJ
What?!

End.