

The Players

ONE

TWO

The Setting

A single chair in the middle of the stage. Two is seated in this chair for the entirety of the piece. As One enters, he is doing something; distracted.

ONE

What's the thing?

TWO

(a beat)

For today?

ONE

Yes, what's the thing for today? We always want the thing. We always *have* the thing.

TWO

You do. You always have the thing.

ONE

Same difference.

TWO

It's not.

Three beats.

ONE

Well...what is it?

TWO

I haven't figured it out yet.

A few beats.

ONE

We always have it figured out.

TWO

(specific with the pronouns)

I usually do...I always have it figured out. Just not yet.

ONE

Long day...of just existing?

TWO

I've been doing things...

ONE

What? *What* have we been doing?

TWO

Things...you wouldn't understand.

ONE

We understand. It's us doing it after all.

TWO

I don't understand why. It never goes the way you want...

ONE

It's always worth a try.

TWO

Seems like a waste of time...

ONE

It's not.

TWO

The definition of insanity and all that...

ONE

Stop! Just...

TWO

Doing the same thing over...

ONE

YES, WE UNDERSTAND!

TWO

...and expecting a different result.

(beat)

It won't ever prove it. It's been *ten years*, day in and out trying...doing the thing...it won't prove it.

ONE

It might.

TWO

It won't! It hasn't!

A few beats.