



MONOLOGUES

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The Visitors by Del Martin

(A hospital room, evening. KAREN has come to visit her sister KB, who is in a coma for a yet unknown reason. KAREN enters with a backpack slung over the shoulder. She's a bit out of breath, as if she ran off a plane, hopped in a cab, jumped out and ran to the room.)

(KAREN drops the backpack on the floor and approaches the bed, but as she gets closer and looks at KB, she stops.)

KAREN

Hey... Hey, Kiddo, I... I...

(KAREN retreats to a chair.)

I don't know what to say. I want to say some sort of big sister, inspirational thing that's going to snap you out of whatever it is that has happened to you. But I'm just lost. I'm tired and I'm lost. I spent all night on a plane. All night with so many questions doing jumping jacks in my head. How did this happen to you? What exactly happened? No one has any answers.

I'm not doing this right. I'm not supposed to come in here and complain. I'm just supposed to tell you that I love you. I love you and I believe you will get better. *(Stands up.)*

And I do believe that. I really do, but right now, I'm just angry. I'm so angry. It's just so random and so wrong. You're KB. You're my little sister. You're just a smart, funny kid who is obsessed with Doctor Who and thinks banana flavored candy is the greatest thing humans have ever invented and who once ate thirty-two Pizza Bagel Bites in an hour. This is not supposed to happen. Not to you.

You know what's infuriating? Being angry and at the same time, not being sure exactly who or what I'm angry at. Who is to blame? I need an object for my hatred and all I have staring back at me is the endless, cold universe. I want to scream. I want to throw things. This shouldn't be happening to you and I need someone to yell at. *(Wipes her brow.)* You'd say, 'Then scream. Shout at the stars.' And then you'd probably yell something at the sky, just to make me laugh. That's what you'd do.

You always know what to say. You always know how to bring some light into the darker moments in life. That's what you do. I wish I knew how to do that. I wish I could say something right now that would make you laugh...to wake you up.

But I'm not you. I don't have that special spark that makes you, you. So all I can say is, I love you. I believe in you. And when you wake up, I'll be here and we'll laugh together.

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Length: 25-30 minutes **Cast Size:** 14 actors (14 any)

Genre: Drama

Synopsis: KB is in a coma. How she got there, no one knows. As she lies unconscious on a hospital bed, family, friends, and other well-wishers reflect on KB and how she has affected their lives. But as KB's physical condition worsens and her visitors struggle with their grief, KB embarks on a mysterious journey that will change her forever.