

THE OA
S1E7 - EMPIRE OF LIGHT
OA & ELIAS RAHIM

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OA sits at a table with her counselor Elias Rahim explaining her dreams.

OA

They're not like other dreams, the premonitions. I wake up from them with these nosebleeds. I've had them since I was a little girl. And I know I know that it sounds nuts, but I feel that something terrible is coming and-and if I can just solve the puzzle of the premonition on time maybe I can stop it from happening. Do you think I'm crazy?

ELIAS RAHIM

Where-Where did the dream take place?

OA

It's a big space. The ceilings are really high. There's a lot of glass.

ELIAS RAHIM

Kind of like the space we're in now?

OA

No, the light's different and there's a clanking sound. Like a metallic like silverware.

ELIAS RAHIM

Mmm-hmm.

OA

Uh, the moment that I catch it, it just disappears.

ELIAS RAHIM

That's okay. Sometimes it's best not to push.

OA

But I need to know.

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ELIAS RAHIM

These, uh These dreams occur at important junctures in your life.

OA

You're gonna say that it's anxiety or stress or

ELIAS RAHIM

No, no, no. Nothing so reductive. I'm just wondering if your subconscious is trying to help you out. You're a small child, about to realize your all-powerful father is in danger. Then you're 21, officially an adult. It seems these are junctures...

OA

But the bus dream did come true.

ELIAS RAHIM

Sure. But what if psychic just means your mind is able to pick up on even the subtlest cues in the world around you?

OA

I don't understand.

ELIAS RAHIM

You're gathering information the whole time. You don't realize it, but you are. I mean, even as a little girl. So maybe your mind is picking up on all these cues, and using these dreams to process them.

OA

So, it's the mission. I'm trying to prepare myself for the mission.

ELIAS RAHIM

Could be. Or maybe You're talking to these boys. You're talking to me.

ELIAS RAHIM (CONT'D)

Your parents are giving you space to heal.

OA

It's another juncture.

ELIAS RAHIM

I think so.

OA

The first time, I ignored the instinct.
I had the premonition, but I didn't connect
it to the bus.

I was too young to understand.

The second time, I thought I solved the
puzzle. I got all the way to New York City
and my father wasn't there.

I I got it wrong.

Now, I'm having this new dream.

I don't understand what it is, I don't know
what it means, and I don't know what to do.

ELIAS RAHIM

Maybe this time just accept it.
Whatever happens, just claim it.

OA

I can't.

I feel like the pain is just too big.

ELIAS RAHIM

Hey.

Hey, you know why we, uh why we like to be
hugged? The way I see it, it sets a limit on
the pain.

You know? Puts a perimeter around it.

How big can the pain be, really?

OA

Accept it?

This is where I am now.