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TEN YEARS AGO
(GIVE OR TAKE)





Now

okay.

"what do you see?"

what do you see?

oh, nothing new.



"Have you seen my briefcase?"

"do not be afraid!"

"Have you seen my briefcase?"

same old, same old.



What is this thing, anyway?

Electroencephalogram! It's a little useless without a baseline reading, but even so, it looks like you're having...kinda crazy delta waves? They're not usual-looking, anyway.



I made it out of a star wars toy.



So what do I do?

Hallucinations are a pretty bad sign, but the fact that they're... clearly as you say you are? much, much weirder. It's gotta be the mark.

Duuuuuh.

But, like, some sort of action plan, right?



well, my first instinct is to run a strong electrical current through your head.

Wow, no. Terrible solution.

With the way you say those things are... repeating themselves... and the weirdly specific imagery... I think it...

It's gotta be a system, and maybe-- well, the electricity would be to, you know, try and get the thing to reboot. The system. Infection. Whatever. Thing.



...Infection?



I don't know. Maybe.

I don't know.

glad we're on the same page.

...I might have an idea.



Though I still think we should hook you up to the car battery.

Because I really do think that might help.

You do not have permission to electrocute me.

Fiiiiine.





But the further you go, you realize that you know this path...



...you've walked along this path dozens of times.



It's not their forest at all. It's *your* forest. As you go along, it's becoming more familiar. You know these trees. You know the curves of the path.



And you know, even before you can see it around the bend, that you're coming upon a clearing.



And here, at the center of your forest, there's nothing left that can hurt you...

