

DOOMED

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INT. ABANDONED HOUSE. NIGHT

Alice and Pepper (both 30's) lie in the ruins of an abandoned house. They stare up at the grimy ceiling, passing a blunt between them.

Pepper, looking nauseous, takes a giant drag as Alice rants.

ALICE

...Just another sad example of the rudderless world we live in. Mocked because of the state of my shoes.

PEPPER

(as if on cue)

Yea. It's tragic.

ALICE

It's banal Pepper. As if anyone should care about the state of my shoes, can you see a problem with them?

Pepper glances at Alice's shoes. The many holes, dirt and missing tongue show there's a lot wrong with them.

PEPPER

Just the world we live in I guess.

ALICE

Too right it is. Oh God this is why we're doomed! The values they have. Television, the internet! Just a way to fill your brain up with useless information. I swear Pep, best thing we ever did, getting rid of those things!

Pepper squirms at this.

PEPPER

Oh stop it Alice, not now. I can't deal with this.

ALICE

But it's true! Pollution, nuclear arms, racism, war-

Pepper covers her ears, tries to block Alice out.

-it's everywhere! About to destroy this corrupt, broken world! We're tearing ourselves apart, a little everyday. No one sees it-

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PEPPER

Yes Alice! I know. Except you! But maybe you're wrong-

ALICE

(scoffing)

That'll be the day!

PEPPER

Oh but it has been, genius. In case you forgot.

Pepper points at an old, yellowing newspaper clipping showing a cleaner Alice headlined: PARANOID SCIENTIST, LAUGHED OUT OF UN.

ALICE

I told you never to mention that!

PEPPER

You're just a coward. A failure. One setback and you turn your back on the whole world. If you were really this big savior you painted yourself out to be, you'd would've kept working, looking for a solution.

Alice has no answer to this, she just glares at Pepper.

Pepper picks herself up, makes her way to the door.

PEPPER

I'm not going to waste the rest of my life, stuck here, listening to you!

ALICE

Fine, go! You'll see! We're all doomed!

EXT. STREET. NIGHT

Pepper breathes in the air, happy to be rid of Alice. She looks up. Her eyes widen.

A giant meteorite is heading for the Earth.

PEPPER

Oh shit, she was right-

White out, as it hits.