

WHO ARE YOU

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FADE IN

INT. BALIAN'S ROOM - NIGHT

BALIAN, 19, drying their short hair as they enter their room, just coming back at 8 pm from working their afternoon shift. Balian arrives at their desk where they proceed to turn on their COMPUTER. The computer brings a sparkle to Balian's eyes.

BALIAN  
Hey computer, catch me up

The computer starts to read Balian's notifications one by one.

COMPUTER  
Hello Balian, you have 8 new notifications. What would you like to prioritize?

Balian sets up their daily planner while moving things around the room.

BALIAN  
Any socials?

COMPUTER  
You have 2 private messages from Tiberias, and including 2 new quizzes from HummPick Media. Would you like me to move on?

Balian stares down at their planner thinking about what they'll do tomorrow, unable to jot anything down.

BALIAN  
Open Taby's messages

COMPUTER  
It reads, "hey Balian, there any chance you could come in tomorrow, Jeremy called in."

Balian without a second thought slowly lays down their pen and proceeds to type in a reply.

COMPUTER (CONT'D)  
Would you like me to move on?

BALIAN  
What are the new quizzes?

COMPUTER

First we have "which marvel side character are you?", "who are you?", and "what freaks and geeks character are you?"

BALIAN

What was the second one?

COMPUTER

"Who are you?"

BALIAN

Open that one

The computer opens the quiz, arriving at a plain and boring start screen with only the phrase "Who Are You? Balian clicks start, which is followed by a long loading icon leading to the first question, "what's your favorite movie?"

BALIAN (CONT'D)

Is this the right quiz? Computer is this the right quiz?

COMPUTER

This is the "Who Are You" quiz

Balian, confused, starts to sink into thought, wondering not only what their favorite movies to do with who they are but

BALIAN

What is my favorite movie?

Balian looks up into their film collection, running their eyes across DVD's and blu-rays. Pacing back and forth, slowing down to read every title again before speeding up again. Before Balian can reach a conclusion their alarm RINGS. Balian rushes to quickly shut it down.

BALIAN (CONT'D)

Damn

Balian looks back up to their movie collection.

BALIAN (CONT'D)

(sigh)

Damn

Balian uncovers their bed and starts to prepare for bed.

CUT TO:

INT. BALIAN'S ROOM - MORNING

Enveloped by light, Balian wakes up suddenly. Balian stands up quickly and seems startled by the light coming in through the blinds.

MONTAGE:

Balian goes number one

Balian showers

Balian washes their face

Balian brushes their teeth

Balian changes into their clothes

Balian goes down stairs

Balian feeds the dogs

Balian prepares and eats breakfast

END MONTAGE:

Balian stares up on to their movie collection. Balian keeps switching back and forth between seven and zodiac.

BALIAN

Computer, how long till its 12 pm?

COMPUTER

You have 5 hours and 12 minutes

Balian, now in their work uniform, sits in front of their computer, as they confidently type their response to the first question of the quiz. Balian is then greeted by the same long loading icon followed by a green check mark. Balian stands up from the chair, waiting for the next question to load before going to work. The second quiz question asks, "what is your favorite book?"

CUT TO:

INT. LIBRARY - DAY

Balian strides down continuous aisles of books, sliding book after book where they belong. Balian suddenly stops when they come across the hobbit, which sinks balian into thought right before their coworker TIBERIAS, a slightly older and quite confident individual appears suddenly, startling Balian.

TIBERIAS

Balian. It's break time lets go.

Tiberius nods their head to the right as she walks away.

BALIAN

Yeah, alright I'm coming, wait.

Balian looks back at the book before thinking remembering an old childhood memory.

Tiberias impatiently waits for Balian to return, now holding the two towers.

TIBERIAS

Finally, what the hell took you so long.

BALIAN

I still have to check out the book like everyone else, sheesh.

CUT TO:

EXT. OUTSIDE TABLE

Balian and Tiberias are sitting across from each other, enjoying a sandwich each, sharing a basket of fries. Balian reads while failing to simultaneously eat their sandwich.

TIBERIAS

Can't believe you brought work to lunch.

BALIAN

Its just a book.

TIBERIAS

And you just work in a library.

Balian comes to a pause as they realize that.

BALIAN

I work in a library and I cant recall the last time I read a book.

TIBERIAS

I don't think I've ever fully read a book.

BALIAN

(baffled)

You work in a library.

TIBERIAS

Yeah but I don't consume my own product. Its unprofessional.

BALIAN

You don't write books.

TIBERIAS

But I push them, literally.

CUT TO:

INT. LIBRARY

Balian continues to push their cart while re-shelfing the books, quickly and effortlessly. Pacing across the aisles rapidly, until Balian suddenly comes to a stop. Drawn by the big bold letters, Balian stares at DUNE, which they proceed to pull out the shelf and take with them.

CUT TO:

FADE IN

INT. BALIANS ROOM - NIGHT

Balian dries their hair as they enter their room, looking slightly brighter than before. Balian removes book marks from the last few pages of both books and heads directly to their computer.

BALIAN

Computer, set a reminder to return the books tomorrow.

COMPUTER

Reminder set

Balian sits down in front of their computer and heads to the quiz page. Balian proceeds to confidently type in their response again. Anxiously, Balian waits for the green check mark, followed by the third question of the quiz, which reads "what's your favorite song?"

Balian almost freezes, not knowing where to look first. Balian cant seem to find any resemblance of music in their room. Balian is quickly drawn to their closet, where they proceed to pull out a small box. Balian dusts the box before opening it, revealing its filled with their CDs.

Balian picks out Big In Japan, Self Titled Project. They open the CD case when a blast from the past catches them off guard. Balian ignores the memory and closes the case quickly after retrieving the disc.

Balian takes out their old CD player, dusting it like the CD box. As Balian closes the disc hatch and presses play on the player their alarm clock RINGS loudly, which startles Balian.

Balian does not hesitate to turn of their alarm.

BALIAN  
(relieved)  
Sheesh

The music continues to play for a couple a seconds longer than the alarm ring. Balian pauses the music before stranding up and heading to bed. Balian sits down on their bedside as they stare at their headphones next to their phone, but ultimately lets gravity take control.

CUT TO:

I/E. BALIAN HOUSE - MORNING

Balian wakes up, standing their upper body straight up. Balian dramatically stretches their body and stands up.

MONTAGE:

Balian goes number one

Balian showers

Balian washes their face

Balian brushes their teeth

Balian changes into their clothes

Balian goes down stairs

Balian feeds the dogs

Balian prepares and eats breakfast

Balians leaves out the door

Balian gets in car

END MONTAGE:

CUT TO:

Balian sets their backpack on the drivers seat, reaches into the front most pocket, and pulls out their CD, which they put into their car stereo.

MONTAGE:

Balian starts car

Balian drives to college

Balian arrives at college

Balian switches to their headphones

Balian goes to class

Balian in class without headphones

Balian in different class

END MONTAGE:

CUT TO:

INT. COLLEGE LIBRARY - DAY

Balian is listening to music alone in a private studying room when computer asks.

COMPUTER

Would you like to replay the album

BALIAN

Shuffle my liked computer

COMPUTER

Shuffling liked

Balian lays back as they start to write down in their journal, they start to pay attention to the music playing feeling the groove right before their alarm RINGS for next period.

I/E. COLLEGE - NIGHT

Balian leaves their last class of the day and makes their way to their car. Balian sits in their driver seat as they connect their phone to their stereo.

MONTAGE:

Balian leaves college

Balian drives home

Balian stops to get gas

Balian arrives home

MONTAGE END:

CUT TO:

FADE IN

INT. BALIAN ROOM - NIGHT

Balian walks into their room, drying their air one more time, they hold 2 CD cases Infront of them, both having a song he absolutely adores. Not being able to decide which one they prefer, Balian asks his computer.

BALIAN

Hey computer, play "no smiling on  
picture day" by Big In Japan then  
queue "New Dead

Alarm suddenly RINGS

BALIAN (CONT'D)

Boyfriend".

Balian lets the alarm ring for a couple of seconds. Balian blankly stares at the alarm as it RINGS continuously. Finally Balian stops the alarm and stops to breath.

Balian proceeds to shutoff their lights, and take off their shoes. Balian creeps from the shadows of a room engulfed in almost complete darkness if not for the light of their computer. Standing tall but in defeat, Balian glances at their headphones one more time.

Balian reaches down to type in their keyboard their final answer. Balian doesn't wait, not even for the loading icon to appear. As they uncover their bed, a crimson hue poisons the room. Balian freeze in place, loosing all their breath, afraid to even look up. As balian struggles for air, the red light dims, transforming into a warm hug enveloping Balian's back.

Finally catching their breath, Balian looks up to their wall, pitch black. Standing Tall yet indecisive, Balian can only think of their first dark souls playthrough for some reason.