

“Catch 23” Audition Side

JOHN

Do you know what a Catch 23 is?

LU

What is it?

JOHN

It's the concept that everything in the "real" world is only illusion. And its our illusions that actually are the true reality.

LU

Hmm. But by definition, illusion is a *misinterpretation* of the facts. It is an opinion based on what we think or *sense* is true rather than on what is actually true.

JOHN

And that's the debate. What *is* actually true? And is there an empirical truth? Is what's true for you the same as what's true for me?

LU

I guess that depends on your own perceptions -

JOHN

Exactly. Do you trust your gut?

LU

Do I -

JOHN

Your gut, your own perceptions. Do you trust them?

LU

Sometimes. I think.

JOHN

What did your gut tell you about me. When you got here.

LU

That you were an anti-social jerk.

JOHN

Aha! See. You're not wrong there. That's how you perceived me in that moment. BUT, then you didn't leave when I told you to. Why?

LU

Because... Because I got mad at being told what to do by you, and then I realized that I have every much a right to be here as you do.

JOHN

And...

LU

And...

JOHN

And... were you right?

LU

Y-yes?

JOHN

Yes you were. And / then

LU

And then I realized -

JOHN

You perceived.

LU

I perceived that maybe you weren't exactly a total jerk but maybe just someone who needed a break from other people.

JOHN

Ding ding ding. But, also, both things can be true.