

INT. JOHNSON SPACE CENTER - AFTERNOON

Ollie paces outside of a lab-like room, a ball of nervous energy. Behind the glass, Will, a recently returned astronaut sleeps hooked up to a few monitors.

Ollie talks to himself, awkward, fast paced. We get the sense that he's gotten used to holding both sides of a conversation over the last three years.

OLLIE

Okay, this is fine. He looks fine, right? Totally fine. And when he wakes up, I'll just - I'll be like, hey man, remember three years ago when we met? You were very angry, actually, because I am, you know, clumsy, because gravity! Totally a thing! And - well, I guess you know that, not having been attached to it for the last three years, and that's - wild! How was that?

Ollie frowns.

OLLIE (CONT'D)

Maybe I won't remind him that his body is painfully reacclimatizing to earth, right? That might not be the move.

On the other side of the glass, Will stirs awake.

WILL

Hello?

Ollie lets out a girlish scream.

OLLIE

Will, buddy! You're awake! Great. That's great. How's gravity treating you?

*Damn*, he totally mentioned gravity.

WILL

Like I haven't called her back in three years.

OLLIE

Okay, taking note: sense of humor still in tact.

Will shifts on the bed, slowly pulling himself up into a seated position. His bones creak in protest, but he gets himself into enough of a seated position to take a look at Ollie through the glass.

WILL

So. You're the boy who's immune.

OLLIE

Well *boy* feels unnecessarily demeaning.

Will squints through the glass, vision a little fuzzy. Ollie keeps talking.

OLLIE (CONT'D)

"Boy who's immune," just makes me sound like Harry Potter, you know?

WILL

What?

OLLIE

Harry Potter? Yer a wizard, Harry!

Will stares at him.

OLLIE (CONT'D)

It was a global phenomenon. You can't be that old, can you?

WILL

What are you, seventeen?

OLLIE

I am *twenty-four*.

It comes out petulant, like a five year old tacking on *and-a-half*. And, as a whispered after-thought:

OLLIE (CONT'D)

Next month.

WILL

Are you wearing pajamas?

OLLIE

These are NASA approved.

WILL

They're sweatpants.

OLLIE

They say NASA on them.