

ADE (V.O.)

In a little less than two hours, I won't be able to open my eyes for three days. It's been happening to me since I was little, but never for this long. I don't remember what I was doing the first time it happened, but I remember the words perfectly well: Blink Stop Syndrome.

ROSA

Blink what?

DOCTOR

Blink Stop Syndrome. It is quite uncommon. Affected patients are unable to open their eyes at will.

ROSA

For how long?

DOCTOR

Not much. It could be two hours, it could be six... not much more.

ROSA

So, what can be done?

DOCTOR

Nothing really. Just be patient.

ADE (V.O.)

First year we did not rule out any possibility. And I mean none. Homeopathy, acupuncture... A man who tells me that what's wrong with me is a gift. He played me a song that started saying something like, "living is easy with eyes closed." And I say now, because I couldn't say it then... fuck alternative therapy and fuck John Lennon. Once we're done with the easy options, the only option seems, indeed, to be patient. Maybe that's asking too much of us.

PADRE

What?

ROSA

Go where you need to. Go where you need to, that's it.

PADRE

I'm going for a walk.

ADE

My father left, I thought, because he couldn't bear to have a daughter who couldn't keep her eyes open. He has lost patience, I remember thinking as I watched him walk away. Many things changed. For better or worse. We existed, as one does, through them all. I'd like to think we did the best we could. Others remained exactly the same. I kept closing my eyes for no apparent reason. Sometimes I could anticipate. Others I wished they would close, but it wasn't up to me.

ROSA

Where have you been?

ADE

Out.

ROSA

On your own?

ADE

Aha.

ROSA

I got a call from my high school. There will be a girl waiting for you at the entrance. A classmate.

ADE

What for?

ROSA

Helping you, showing you where your class is.... They know what's up with you.

ADE

Pff.

ROSA

Adela.

ADE

Mom...

ROSA
It's going to be fine.

ADE
Ok.

MARTA
Adela, right? I'm Marta, the class delegate. The girl who has to help you is late. Surprisingly... Anyway... Come, come with me. I had offered to help you, but they didn't let me, so... Well, good luck and relax.

DOCTOR
Can you think of anything that might have happened in the last few days that could have triggered it?

DOCTOR
Are you sure?

ADE
I have already told you that it does not always happen for a reason.

DOCTOR
I know, but it usually doesn't last three days either.

PROFESOR
Let's do a little review, shall we, team? It would be the basic emotions: sadness, fear, disgust, surprise... Okay, so, this is what we feel very often on a daily basis. Even mixed...

ELIRA
Are you the blind one?

ADE
Well, i'm not...

ELIRA
Just kidding, I know. Cool shades.

ADE
Thank you for volunteering to help.

ELIRA

I did not. I was punished. Do I smell of cigarettes?

ADE

A little.

ELIRA

I just don't like mint ones. Your name was Adela, wasn't it?

ADE

I rather like Ade.

ELIRA

Cool.

ADE

You?

ELIRA

Elira.

ADE

Can I call you Eli?

ELIRA

No way.

ADE (V.O.)

During that time, I don't remember closing my eyes once.

ELIRA

What are you listening to? Is it you? What is this?

ADE

I record the study notes just in case... I can continue studying.

ELIRA

Oh. ;Oh!

ELIRA

Do you like it or not?

ADE

I mean, better than the notes, yes.

ELIRA

Yes?

ADE

Yes.

ELIRA

Do you want to come to my house?

ADE

Anyone there?

ELIRA

Marisa and my father but he doesn't show up much.

ADE

Why?

ELIRA

He is on the run from jail.

PADRE ELIRA

Oh, you must be Ade.

ADE

Hi.

PADRE ELIRA

Did you eat?

ELIRA

Yeah.

PADRE ELIRA

¿Kebab?

ELIRA

Kebab

ADE

Hey, your dad doesn't look like he escaped from jail.

ELIRA

That's why they haven't taken him yet.

ELIRA (O.S.)

Tonight we're going out. You're coming, right?

ADE

We?

ELIRA (O.S.)

Aha.

ADE
You and who else?

ELIRA
And some friends.

ADE
some friends?

ELIRA
Aha.

ADE
But, but where... Where do you know
them from?

ELIRA
Around.

ELIRA
Are you coming?

ADE
Not today. I can't.

ELIRA
Why?

ADE
Well, I have things to do.

ADE
Seriously. I can't.

ELIRA
Are you going to tell me what we are
doing here?

ADE
Waiting.

ELIRA
waiting for whom?

ADE
Them.

ADE
Look at her.

ELIRA
She is pretty.

ADE
At least on the left profile. Like
me.

ELIRA
Who is she?

ADE
My father's daughter.

ELIRA
Is that your father? Does he have
another family?

ADE
We were the other family.

ELIRA
So, do you come here a lot?

ADE
Every Friday.

ELIRA
Well, I don't see the need.

ELIRA
Both parts of your face are
beautiful.

ELIRA
Are you coming?

AMIGA
... Alex

ELIRA
Yes, but what was his name?

AMIGA
Girl, Alex "el picha".

ELIRA
Oh my God, how fucking disgusting
it was. Oh, my God.

AMIGA
Dude, I think he didn't jump. He
was thrown.

AMIGA 2
No way, dude, he jumped in. He was
so drunk, he took off his shirt and
jumped into the river.

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AMIGA 2 (CONT'D)

And then he hooked up with
Martina's cousin. With...

AMIGA

Paula?

ELIRA

Oh my god, she was also wasted.

AMIGA 2

As drunk as Ade is now, isn't she?

ADE

¿Eh?

ELIRA

No, girl. You're doing fine.

ADE

Yes. So fine.

ELIRA

You look great. You look great to
me.

ELIRA

Cheers.

AMIGA 2

Ole ole

AMIGA

Let's go dude!

LIA

Wait. Let me try them.

LIA

How do I look on me?

ANDREA

Wow.

ADE

Worse than on me.

ANDREA

But why are you wearing shades at
night?

ELIRA (O.S.)

Oh, I didn't told you?

ANDREA

What?

ELIRA

That Ade's eyes shut. Like...

ADE

Pst.

ELIRA

She blinks and her eyes shut for hours.

ADE

That's not true...

ELIRA

/Adela... It is.

ADE

No is not.

ELIRA

Adela that's true.

ADE

No. That's not true.

ELIRA

It's okay, do you think they're going to...?

ADE

You didn't have to say it.

ELIRA

What? What?

ADE

You didn't have to say it.

ELIRA

Say what?

ELIRA

Still?

ADE

I'm not just that.

ELIRA

I didn't say you were. I answered a question.

ADE

Okay, but I don't need you to answer for me.

ELIRA

And what should I have done? What would you have done?

ADE

Listen, maybe you see me that way, but I'm not just that.

ELIRA

How do I see you? Didn't I bring you here? Don't I spend as much time as I can with you? What's the point of saying I see you like this?

ADE

Oh, do I have to thank you?

ELIRA

Maybe.

ADE

Okey. Thank you.

ELIRA

Ade.

ADE

Que ya está. Que ya has hecho suficiente.

ELIRA

That's it. You've done enough.

ADE

Dude, go away.

ELIRA

Adela...

ADE

Ade. You aren't my father.

ELIRA

Ade.

ADE

That's it.

ELIRA

Fuck dude...

PROFESOR

Guys, girls, to make a small summary of what we have discussed here with the strategies of a good communication to talk about our emotions, to make a specific topic, about assertiveness that is mentioned a lot and is a very important topic, could someone give me an example about the strategies...?

ADE

Where is Elira??

ADE (V.O.)

I don't hear what they say, but I recognize the tone. They can't do anything because there's nothing wrong with me. In other words: I'm doing this to myself.

ADE (V.O.)

I haven't opened my eyes for three days now.

ADE (V.O.)

I don't know why they close. I have not learned to open them. But I have looked and I have seen myself being looked at. I can see that, even with my eyes closed.

ELIRA (O.S.)

Ade? how are you?

ADE

Where have you been?

ELIRA

They came after my father.

ADE

I thought you made it up. I thought... you left because of what happened.

CHICO (O.S.)

Shall we go?

ELIRA
I really loved seeing you.

ADE
Me too.

TENDERO
One euro.

ADE
Thank you.

TENDERO (O.S.)
You left this.