

FEELING GOD

An Original Screenplay By

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INT. CAVERN - NIGHT

The cavern is utter blackness. An intermittent drip plops into a pool of water. The silence is so deafening, this slight sound echoes.

A faint glow emerges from a passage, as does the scuffling of athletic shoes against rock. The illumination grows.

The walls of the cavern are dull rock. Occasional stalactites and stalagmites jut from the ceiling and floor.

JASMINE, 17, a black girl dressed in jeans and a T-shirt with the Flower of Life symbol on it, sits in fetal position with her back leaning against the wall. She rocks a little, her eyes lifted up to the ceiling.

The glow finally breaks into the chamber. Its color is yellowish.

SOON-YI, 16, a Korean girl, emerges, holding the flashlight. She wears a flimsy blouse and jeans with a tear in one knee.

Soon-Yi steps toward Jasmine.

SOON-YI
Another dead end.

She sits next to her.

JASMINE
The stars are beautiful at night.

Soon-Yi glances up in confusion and sees dull rock.

SOON-YI
I've still got three more passages to check.

JASMINE
Why are people afraid of the dark?
I felt like I was floating in eternity.

SOON-YI
We got in here. One of them has to get us out.

JASMINE
I could feel God. Like I could reach out and...almost touch him.

Jasmine holds her hand up, reaching.

SOON-YI
 I hope to God this flashlight holds
 out. I hate to do this to you
 again, but...

She turns the flashlight off. Blackness immerses them.

The flashlight rattles.

SOON-YI
 What the--

The light goes on, with Jasmine holding the flashlight. It
 points to the ceiling.

JASMINE
 Aren't the flowers delightful this
 time of year?

Soon-Yi grabs at the flashlight. Jasmine pulls it away.

SOON-YI
 Jasmine, what the hell are you
 doing? It's gonna--

Jasmine shines it at the pool of water. It sparkles.

JASMINE
 Watch.

A drop hits. The rings spread out soothingly.

JASMINE (cont'd)
 It's reaching out to encom--

Soon-Yi grabs the flashlight and shuts it off. Blackness.

JASMINE (cont'd)
 Soon-Yi, no! You've got to--

SOON-YI
 I'm getting us out of here. I
 promise!

JASMINE
 You...have to...

The sounds of struggling.

The light pops on, the flashlight in Jasmine's hand. She
 flings it at the pool. It splashes into the water four feet
 from the edge.

SOON-YI

No!

Soon-Yi tries to jump up, but Jasmine pulls her back.
The glow sinks down into the bluish green water, fading.
Soon-Yi struggles, but Jasmine's grip holds her in place.

SOON-YI (cont'd)

Let me go!

The glow fades to nothing. Blackness smothers them.

SOON-YI (cont'd)

Why did you do that? I can't find
my way without--

JASMINE

Shhh-shhhh. Hold me.

SOON-YI

(tearfully)
We're gonna die now.

JASMINE

Can you feel it? Can you feel God?

Whimpering echoes in the otherwise deafening silence. A drop
hits the water.