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ZOE

If a tree falls and no one hears it, did it make a sound? We all know that thought experiment? Right?

EVE

Yes, go on *

ZOE

Well I'm proposing a revision.

GIDEON

I don't think you can do that...

ZOE

Actually I can. The thought experiment Should be:

If a Man is alone in the woods and a tree falls and no one hears it except him, did it make a sound?
Did it?

GIDEON

Ummm, well /

ZOE

Times up. Too slow.

The answer is: yes. It did. If he heard it, it did.

A man alone in the woods can just, Be. He can just Exist.

He's contemplating, they'll say. He's a philosopher. He's, Thoreau.

His Thoughts, they'll say. His Great Thoughts.

And I'm thinking of white men. Yeah Duh, I'm thinking of white men.

But there's way less permission with women. I mean like, To Be.

Women's existence is dependent on others. On an audience. Women only exist Relationally.

What we Do makes up who we Are

Cuz if I'm alone in the woods and I hear a tree fall, it didn't fall. It didn't make a sound.

I can't be alone in the woods at all.

Cuz if I'm there, alone, then who am I mothering? Nurturing? Appeasing? Pleasing? Attracting?

And yeah I know I'm not Technically a woman I'm more of a Girl and I'm Obviously not a mother

But whatever. Theoretically speaking like this is my Theory, ok?

If I go to the woods alone, I'll have no purpose

So then I'll evaporate

I'll disappear.

And yeah.

That's basically a summary of the intro paragraph.

GIDEON (*ok, kid*)

Wow you're definitely

painting with a broad brush

ZOE

Seriously who is this guy?

↑END