

WORLD THEATRE DAY

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HERE & NOW.

ARTIST stares off into space,
slowly petting the cat on her lap.
Her mouth moves as if she is
singing or talking but no sound
comes out.

REASON enters, arms full of
practical items.

REASON
It's getting late. Aren't you going to post something?

(ARTIST stops petting the cat.)

ARTIST
Post what? Content?

REASON
Like a "Happy World Theatre Day" thing. You don't have to
spend a lot of time on it.

ARTIST
Ooh, do you want me to use Canva?

REASON
Don't be a snob.

REASON methodically sets down the
items he's been carrying.

ARTIST sets the cat on the floor
and walks over to her desk where
there's a script in progress.

REASON CONT'D
A festive graphic or you have all those photos. Words ... We
could talk about a memory, a meaningful moment ... That's
what people are doing.

ARTIST
You want me to do what other people are doing?

REASON
It's not about that. It's a tribute.

ARTIST

To prove we care about theatre?

REASON

No. Because we do care. It's fucking advocacy. A good excuse to remind people that theatre's not dead yet. It's still live. Still alive.

ARTIST

Some sort of proclamation?

(interested now)

A manifesto?

REASON

(laughs)

Don't be ridiculous. Something fun. Something interactive would be cool.

ARTIST

You mean... like a play?

REASON

Yeah, not like ... that old thing, whatever that is you're trying to salvage -

ARTIST

- I know. Something short. One page, or ... two.

ARTIST sits down at her desk and begins to write/type.

REASON

You've got something?

ARTIST

(writing)

Shhhh...

REASON

You know what would be cool ... if like, we posted it and somebody acted it out and recorded it and shared it.

ARTIST

That's not going to happen.

(writing)

But if you want this done before midnight ...

REASON

The stage is yours.

(REASON bows and exits.)

CURTAIN.