

This is a play for the people who said they would.
You'll need something precious, a box, and another person.

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You'll have to decide that for yourself.

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A
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B
Said they would what?

A
I think you know.

B
Do I?

A
Think about it.

B
I don't remember.

A
"I think we should."

B
Who is that?

A
Both of us.

B
When was that?

A
Two weeks ago. Yesterday. Time is relative.

B
What does that mean?

A
Don't lose the thread here.

B
"I think we should."

A
Yep.

B
I said that?

A
You did.

B
You said that?

A
I did.

B
Phonebanking?

A
Yes.

B
See, I was going to do that. But then I didn't.

A
Is that it?

B
Have you done it?

A
Not exactly.

B
Is that a no?

A
Yes, it's a no.

B
Why not?

A
Well, I was going to. And I was actually signed up for one. But then I had a really long day and I was worried that I wouldn't do a very good job because I was tired. So I decided to put it off for a few days because there was another day that I could sign up for. And that one was on the weekend, so I knew that I would feel a lot more energized on the phone and really be able to speak to people effectively. And that was the other problem with the first day: no one wants to get a call in the early evening. Everyone's already had a long day at that point. So then I was going to call that weekend, but a friend who I hadn't heard from in a while wanted to make plans and I didn't want to miss that opportunity in case we didn't have any time in

common for a while. So I did that instead. And now I'm signed up for another one this coming week. Well, I'm planning to sign up for it, but the time is blocked out on my calendar already so it should be fine.

B
Is it on a weeknight again?

A
Yes, but I'm going to make it a priority this time and really try to conserve my energy that day.

B
Okay.

A
What's your excuse?

B
I don't like the idea of phonebanking. I get annoyed when I get a call from a phonebanker. I don't want to be that person for someone else.

A
Yeah, I agree, but we should still do it.

B
Why?

A
We might influence the election.

B
Will we? Most of the calls are dead-ends. I never pick up.

A
It encourages people to take part in the democratic process.

B
I don't think I've ever heard of someone really doing anything different with their life after receiving a cold call from a stranger on a random number from a distant area code.

A
You might not have, but those people exist.

B
Where?

A
I don't know.

B
I don't know either.

A
Then why not be optimistic instead of cynical?

B
I'm not trying to be cynical, just realistic.

A
What if you convinced one person?

B
To do what? Vote for someone I'm not even that passionate about?

A
To vote. Period.

B
Everyone votes.

A
That is wrong and you know that that is wrong.

B
Who am I gonna convince?

A
I don't know. But that's something worth trying for, right?

B
Yes.

A
Okay then.

B
What's your excuse?

A
I just told you.

B
So what's your next one gonna be?

A
No more next ones. I'm doing it. I will do it. I'm going to do it.

B
Give me something you care about.

A
What?

B
Put it in this box. Give me the box. And you can have it back when you do it.

A
You're asking for collateral. What are you gonna give me?

B
I'll do the same thing. Clearly we need something to elevate our level of motivation to make this happen.

A
Okay, fine. Here.

B
And this is for you.

A
Alright. We're gonna do this.

B
We're gonna do this.