

This is a play with a plan.
You'll need a paper, a pen, and another person.

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Bear in mind that it doesn't tell you what to do or when or how to do it.
You'll have to decide that for yourself.

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A
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B
What kind of plan?

A
What kind of plan do you need?

B
A plan to get me through the end of the month. Or a little bit further.

A
How do you mean?

B
You know.

A
I don't.

B
With everything going on right now?

A
What's everything?

B
You know.

A
I don't.

B
The climate is so hostile these days.

A
The weather?

B
No. The environment. Here.

A
So, the climate?

B
Yes.

A
But not the weather?

B
No. The political climate.

A
What about it?

B
It's hostile.

A
I'm sorry. I guess I agree with you.

B
I just need to get through the next few weeks.

A
And then what?

B
Well, then we'll know, you know, what the future looks like.

A
How so?

B
Don't make me say it.

A
Say what?

B
I just think the next few weeks are going to determine how the next few years go.

A
What makes you say that?

B
You know.

A
I don't. You have a nasty habit of talking around what you want to say.

B
It's not that hard to avoid it all.

A
That's clear.

B
Thank you.

A
So what are you going to do about it?

B
About what?

A
Don't flip the script on me. I ask the questions around here.

B
Well, I can vote.

A
One second. Let me write this down.

B
Are you taking notes?

A
Yes, for you. Okay, how are you going to vote?

B
Well, I meant to request a mail-in ballot but I didn't.

A
Why not?

B
I forgot.

A
Really?

B
Maybe.

A
Okay, so you forgot or you just didn't. So what's next?

B
Well, I could vote early.

A
What does that mean? As in early on Election Day? Bright and early? 7 AM?

B
No. During the early voting period for the rest of this month.

A
So that's what you meant when you said you needed to get through the rest of this month. You were trying to avoid voting early.

B
No.

A
So where do you do that? How do you do that? It seems suspect.

B
Don't say that so loudly. Someone might believe you. It's simple. You just show up to one of these early voting locations and vote in a booth. Like Election Day. But early.

A
That sounds very simple.

B
Doesn't it?

A
Well, are you going to do it?

B
Of course.

A
When?

B
Soon.

A
Sure.

B
I will.

A
What if you don't?

B
I can't imagine that. I can't imagine what it would be like to sit at home on November 3rd. Nothing to do. Nowhere to go except to vote. But instead, you just sit there and read a book. Or watch your favorite TV show. What would it feel like to just let that day pass over you quietly? What if you just called it Tuesday and not Election Day? What kind of person just lets that day and that opportunity just pass them by?

A
What if you're a person who can't vote?

B
Why not?

A
Because someone or something told you that you can't.

B
I would hope that someone else would tell you that you can.

A
I would hope so too.

B
Can you?

A
I can.

B
And how are you going to do that?

A
Let me check our list.