

THE ORB

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Chris Kluebber, known as "CK" (19), in nightclub attire, stumbles into the dark kitchen, turns on a light.

CK opens the refrigerator to see...

A glowing green ORB.

CK closes the fridge, looks around, calls out to another part of the house.

CK  
Yo, HB! Did you put a fucking glow  
stick in the fridge?

Silence.

CK (CONT'D)  
HB!

Still no answer. CK re-opens the fridge and stares at the Orb. CK makes a phone call.

HB (O.S.)  
CK, what's up, can't talk right  
now.

CK  
(into phone)  
What is this thing?

CK reaches in the fridge and pulls out the Orb.

HB (O.S.)  
What?

CK  
In the fridge.

HB (O.S.)  
Close the fridge!

CK examines the Orb closer, holds it close to their face.

CK  
Too late.

HB (O.S.)  
Don't touch it. Just keep the  
fridge closed so it stays cool.  
What color is it?

CK  
Um, green? What if I did touch it,  
hypothetically?

CK continues to hold the Orb, fascinated and freaked out by it.

HB (O.S.)  
No! So listen-- let me walk you  
through it...

2 INT. BEDROOM - DAY (FLASHBACK)

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HB (19), a homebody, enters the messy room with a strange package. Stumbling around, and making big steps in the cluttered floor, HB goes straight to their bed.

HB (V.O.)  
...in the alley behind work, this  
dumpster diver old dude pops up and  
hands it to me. Mumbles some shit.

HB stares at the box.

HB (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
The box was unopened and addressed  
to somebody so I was going to do  
the right thing...

The box's shipping label is illegible. HB stares hard and shakes their head.

HB (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
I tried to be careful with it.

HB shakes the box.

HB (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
You know me, I'm very patient with  
things, but there's a limit.

HB rips open the box. Fog rises as the green light of the Orb illuminates HB's face. HB stares at the Orb, picks it up.

HB (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
It was cold and it had a weird  
feeling holding it, like it was  
vibrating. But other than that...

HB shrugs and puts it on the nightstand.

HB (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
I was kinda disappointed.

3 INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT (FLASHBACK)

3

HB sleeps, the Orb's green light visible on HB's face. The light on HB's face turns red.

The Orb glows red.

ORB

Homebody, it's you! Homebody!

HB wakes from deep sleep.

HB

How do you know my real name?

ORB

I KNOW you. I see you. The you no one else sees.

HB

What are you?

ORB

Are you afraid of me?

HB

Hell no.

ORB

You just peed yourself.

HB

How did you--?

ORB

I know everything. Let me tell you something else about you.

HB (VO)

And then the Orb talked to me like no one has ever talked to me. Nonstop. For hours.

While HB's VO continues, a series of shots: HB intently talking to the Orb, listening, cycling through intense emotions.

HB (VO) (CONT'D)

I truly believe the Orb is my soulmate. We're working on reaching the next level -- mind meld.

4 INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT (FLASHBACK)

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HB's hands place the red-glowing orb in the refrigerator.

HB (VO)  
Orb said I need to let go of my  
self construct. And stuff.

5 INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

5

CK peers into the green-glowing Orb while on the phone.

HB (O.S.)  
So that's what I'm doing.

CK  
Where the hell are you?

HB (O.S.)  
Dude, sunrise meditation circle  
with Yoga Club.

CK  
Oh damn. Mad respect.

HB (O.S.)  
Gonna be one with Orb. Just keep  
the fridge closed til I get home  
and DON'T TOUCH IT.

CK tosses the Orb back and forth.

CK  
You have absolutely NO faith in me.

The Orb's color suddenly changes to red.

ORB  
Hello.

CK  
Uh... hey. What up.

ORB  
How was "Fisheye" tonight?

CK  
How'd you know what club I went to?

ORB  
I see everything.

HB (O.S.)  
Dude, are you talking to the  
fucking Orb right now?

CK hangs up the call and stares into the Orb's red glow.

CK  
Yo, you're low key beautiful.

ORB  
Thank you. I would never have  
rejected you like that fool in the  
mesh top tonight at the club.

CK  
If I tossed it to you, you would  
have hit the "woah" with me?

ORB  
Yes... if I had arms. I would have  
done it... in spirit.

CK  
Your one curve is perfect. And your  
red glow is fire.

HB tries to call. CK turns the phone over and gazes at the  
Orb.

CK (CONT'D)  
So... tell me more about yourself.

FADE TO BLACK.