

FIRMLY, DEEPLY ROOTED

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Two men, CHIMER and FIROE talk on a New York City subway platform.

CHIMER

What do you think it looks like?

FIROE

Right now, it's probably small, black, there's hair on it...I see some white leakage but nothing major because it's gonna keep growing.

CHIMER

Disgusting.

FIROE

It's so dark that if you threw it in the woods during nighttime, you wouldn't be able to keep your eyes on it.

CHIMER

Why don't you do that?

FIROE

Do what?

CHIMER

Throw it in the woods during nighttime?

FIROE

...It doesn't feel...(sighs)...I want to, but I don't think I can.

CHIMER

Why not?

FIROE

Because it's firmly, deeply rooted.

CHIMER

That's no excuse.

FIROE

I want it out but I can't seem to remove it on my own.

CHIMER

I can help.

FIROE
No, no you can't.

 CHIMER
How so?

 FIROE
Only I can remove it.

 CHIMER
I see. One of those.

 FIROE
Yes, one of those.

 CHIMER
I pity you.

 FIROE
I pity myself.

 CHIMER
Pity won't get anyone anywhere in
life.

 FIROE
I know.

 CHIMER
What are you going to do?

 FIROE
I don't know, Chimer.

 CHIMER
You need to know. You must decide.
You can't leave it there. If you
leave it there it will grow and
change, becoming more distorted
and evil and dark, it will grow
and begin eating away at you,
until you are gone and only it
remains.

 FIROE
Don't you think I know all that?

 CHIMER
So what will you do?

 FIROE
I'm trying to figure it out.

CHIMER

Figure it out faster, sooner,
quicker before it's too late.

FIROE

Isn't it already?

CHIMER

You are a fool of mankind. The
purest and truest fool I've ever
encountered. It is never too late.
As long as you are alive.

FIROE

Just let me be. Do me a favor,
don't visit me anymore.

CHIMER

But I have to. There is nothing I
can do about it.

FIROE

Why?

CHIMER

He leaves me no choice. I will
always be here until you remove
it.

FIROE

Piss off.

CHIMER

Yes, I know but you are in the
business of effing yourself, not
others.

FIROE

I don't need to hear this crap
anymore. You are a waste! You
haunt me in my dreams, while I'm
awake and now you are demanding
dialogue with me. Who the hell
needs you?

CHIMER

You.

FIROE

I don't need you. I've never
needed anyone!

CHIMER

Hmmm. How is that working out for
you my boy?

FIROE
...I try...I try so
hard...always...I need a break.

CHIMER
No, you need to give yourself a
break. You need to release your
own self-imposed burden.

FIROE
Am I crazy?

CHIMER
Yeah.

FIROE
Right.

CHIMER
But it doesn't matter. Crazy is no
excuse.

FIROE
I want to kick your ass.

CHIMER
You should. Maybe it will do you
some good. (laughs)

FIROE
The reason I did this to myself is
because it was all too easy. Do
you understand? I didn't deserve
it, I didn't want what I didn't
earn.

CHIMER
Hmmm.

FIROE
Why should it be so easy? Who the
hell am I?

CHIMER
You know who you are.

FIROE
It's not fair!!

CHIMER
You make a valid point and you've
certainly taken your time but at
what point do you think it is time
to finally get on with it as it
should be?

FIROE

Let me decide on my own time.

CHIMER (LAUGHS)

Yeah, your own time, eh? The dish
has been fully seasoned my boy.
Time to come out and play.

FIROE

Alright you prick, just let me be.

CHIMER

For now.