

Preston

What's your name?

Mary

Mary O'Brien

Preston

Well Mary, you can either wait and tell the technicians at the Palace of Justice, or you can tell me now - who are your friends?

Mary

I'm wondering - if you have any idea at all what the word "friend" means.

Preston

There's nothing you don't feel? Guilt?

Mary

If I've done something wrong. But I haven't.

Preston

You've taken it upon yourself to cease your Enerval. You've broken the law.

Mary

What law would that be? The law of nature says I should feel. That every atom of me was built for it. It's a crime I don't use chemicals to crush myself? To stop myself from feeling because you're afraid what I feel might be dangerous?

Preston

Excuse me, are you at all aware...

Mary

"Of the history of suffering from out of the emotional nature of man"? The Manifest Doctrinals. Man's inhumanity to Man - all because he can hate and lust - rage and covet.

Preston

You speak as though it's somehow inaccurate. Do you deny he's tortured, mutilated his way through his existence? That until Librium, genocide had been the very legend of Man? Look at you - a blister. Fear, anxiety - you like that? Feeling that?

Mary

Let me ask you something. Why are you alive?

Preston

I'm alive... I live because... As a cleric and citizen I have function.

Mary

What function?

Preston

To ... Safeguard the continuity of this, This Great Society. To serve Libria.

Mary

It's circular. You exist to continue your existence. What's the point?

Preston

What's the point of your existence?

Mary

To feel. Because you've never done it, you can never know it. But it's as vital as breath. And without it, without love, without anger, sorry - breath is just a clock - ticking.

Preston

And you're willing, by virtue of your own selfishness, to be a seed in the downfall of a functioning society?

Mary

I'm willing to be a lot more than the seed, I can tell you. I'm willing to be the soil. I'm willing to be the sun - the very water - if necessary.

Preston

Then I have no choice but the remand you to the Palace of Justice for processing.

Mary

"Processing?" You mean execution don't you.

Preston

Processing.