

INERTIA - Tony

TONY

(laughing at points)

Ever since I found out trees live longer than us, I got so mad. You need to live more than one lifetime to do anything. Ya know? Trees get all the chances. To change what they do, to change themselves. Thinking about that drives me crazy. It helps me too, though. I'm still mad but it taught me a lot.

AURORA (V.O.)

Like what?

TONY

Like to learn from your past.

AURORA (V.O.)

Oh?

TONY

Ya know? You can learn a lot about trees and their environments by reading the rings of a tree: how old it is, the temperatures and availability of water in certain years. So trees remind me to ask about my past, and how it informs my current level of self awareness.

AURORA (V.O.)

Hmm.

TONY

You know it's easy to search for happiness in the places we found it previously. But there comes a point when certain people need to stop being people you know and become people you knew. You know? Get rid of the toxic.