

**REVOLUTIONS: LAUNDROMAT**

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*Prompts:*

*Beth Hauptle: The spinning starts when there is nothing to do but to do something.*

*David Kanter: the world stops revolving for a day, to see how it feels to be still*

**Two dryers. One spinning. One not.  
Two people staring at them.**

JILL

Do you want some quarters?

JIM

No, thanks. I'm good.

*Beat.*

JILL

Are you just going to watch it not spin?

JIM

Are you just going to watch it spin?

*Beat.*

JILL

Do you know how this works? This is a laundromat. That is a dryer. You put the money in and press the button to make it go. Otherwise...

*Beat. It is very hard for her to  
sit idly by and watch him do  
nothing.*

YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING, YOU CAN'T JUST SIT THERE. What are you waiting for?! You have to make it happen! Those are your wet clothes, man, take some responsibility. What if everyone acted like that, like you, what would this country be like? People walking around in damp clothes, dripping on everything. Puddles on the carpet, soaking car seats and couches, wetting the bed. Everyone with pneumonia and sniffles. That's great, really rational, really mature. Huh, you think you can just sit there and do nothing, let time go by and -- Wait, are you crying? Hey, I didn't mean to -- Oh god, I'm sorry, I'm really -- I always do that, get on my high horse and -- Shit. Don't listen to me, okay? You just be you. That's cool. Are we cool?

*Beat.*

JIM  
Okay. So can I borrow a quarter?

JILL  
It's 75 cents. Here.

*She gives him quarters. He takes them.*

*He puts the quarters in his pocket.*

JILL  
What are you doing?

JIM  
Thanks for the quarters.

JILL  
But ---

JIM  
You wanted to give me quarters. Do you feel better?

JILL  
I gave you quarters so you can make the DRYER SPIN.

JIM  
I think I don't want to. No. I'm sure I don't want to. I'm sure I don't want to make it spin anymore.

JILL  
Then it won't work! Nothing will happen! Nothing will get done!

JIM  
Maybe. But it's nice. To have it not spin. Don't you think? To have it not go round and round and round. Too many circles. Too many revolutions. Too much spinning.

*JILL looks at him; looks at the dryer.*

JIM  
If I give you back your quarters, will you sit with me? Just sit with me and watch it ... not spin?

**End of play.**