

Janus ' Black Box

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BLACK SCREEN

Velvet Underground's "What Goes On" starts to play and continues throughout film.

SUPERIMPOSE: "JANUS' BLACK BOX"

BLACK CONTINUES

FADE IN:

INT. ROOM.

JANUS, clad in white, sits motionless in a chair.

We push in on the BLACK SQUARE on his forehead.

IMAGE: An egg in the middle of the screen.

TITLE: Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

INT. UNDISCLOSED SPACE (B&W)

WHITE JANUS sits on one side of a couch. He turns to his right.

WHITE JANUS  
The chicken came first, right?

BLACK JANUS sits on the other side of the couch and gives an EXASPERATED SIGH.

BLACK JANUS  
It's egg.

He turns away from White Janus, annoyed.

FADE TO BLACK

TITLE: Egg it is.

IMAGE: Quick push in on the egg.

TITLE: Right??

STILL BLACK

TITLE: Now...

IMAGE: A glass filled with water only up to the middle. On the upper half, a title appears: HALF FULL? On the lower half, it reads: HALF EMPTY?

INT. UNDISCLOSED SPACE (B&W)

White Janus looks at Black Janus once more.

WHITE JANUS  
(peppy)  
I say the glass is half full.

BLACK JANUS  
(stern)  
Half empty.

WHITE JANUS  
But--

BLACK JANUS  
Still half empty.

CUT TO BLACK

TITLE: "And what about creation vs. evolution?"

INT. UNDISCLOSED SPACE (B&W)

White Janus is still on the couch.

WHITE JANUS  
What do you think of the creation  
theory? I mean, isn't it obvious  
that God created everything?  
(beat)  
Right?

BLACK JANUS  
Are you serious?

White Janus looks at him confused.

BLACK JANUS (CONT'D)  
There's God and then there's  
Charles Darwin. It's science,  
buddy. Read up on it. It's not  
that hard.

He picks up some papers and resumes reading.

White Janus doesn't look convinced.

CUT TO BLACK

INT. ROOM.

We pull back on the black square on Janus' forehead. Suddenly, his body disappears. And his clothes are left lifeless on the chair. The black square is also left behind.

CUT TO BLACK

INT. UNDISCLOSED SPACE (B&W)

White Janus stares at the camera and then looks at Black Janus.

WHITE JANUS

I miss home.

BLACK JANUS

Home? Are you serious?

Black Janus hawks and spits at White Janus.

White Janus recoils and wipes the spit off his face.

CUT TO BLACK

BEGIN END TITLES