

Garden State

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Andrew

Uh, it's... Titembay, right?

Sam

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Andrew

Stop doing that.

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Andrew

Wow.

Sam

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Sam

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Andrew

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Sam

Tickle's my favorite thing in the whole world. It's all that's left of Nanny, my blanket.

Andrew

Tickle's all that remains.

Sam

Mm-hmm.

Andrew

Was there like a hurricane or something?

Sam

Shut up. No, I mean, I've had this since I was a baby. It's what they brought me home in from the hospital.

Andrew

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Sam

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Uh, the Wailing Wall s like this, uh... It's like the most holy place for Jews to go and pray in Israel. It's all that's left of this enormous temple that was destroyed by the Romans.

Sam

So you're like, really Jewish.

Andrew

What?

Sam

You are, aren't you? You are.

Andrew

No, I'm not. I-I'm Jewish, but I'm not really Jewish. I don't do anything Jewish. I don't go to temple or anything. But I don't know any Jews that go to temple. The Jews I know, they go on one day. It's Yom Kippur, the Day of Repentance.

Sam

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Andrew

Did you know that most temples are built with moveable walls... so that on the one day of the year when everyone comes to repent... they can actually make the room big enough to hold everyone?

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Just Tickle.

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Oh, I believe in Tickle. We're not gonna make out or anything.

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Oh, my... I am so lame. That was like really... I am... I'm sorry. Forget I just said that. I am... You know what I do when I feel completely unoriginal?

Andrew

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Sam

[Making a noise and moving around] I make a noise or I do something that no one has ever done before. And then I can feel unique again even if it's only for like a second.

Andrew

So, no one's ever done that?

Sam

No, not in this spot. No. You just witnessed a completely original moment in history. It's refreshing. You should try it.

Andrew

Oh, no. Thanks.

Sam

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Andrew

Uh... [making a noise, while moving around his index finger] How was that?

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