

I Need To...

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Cast of Characters

ONE PLAYER: Any age, race, etc.

Scene

Anywhere

Time

Now

I NEED TO...

Lights up on PLAYER walking to front and center of stage. Stares directly at the audience with a look of concern on his face. After several uncomfortable beats..

PLAYER: I need to...

Before he can finish, he goes silent and starts frantically, almost violently grasping different parts of his body (specifically the heart, stomach, head, arms, groin) with deep pain on his face. This picks up in intensity and then suddenly stops.

The Player examines his body and then hugs himself lovingly.

PLAYER: Okay. Now can I...

The Player goes silent again, as if listening to something. He nods his head gently and looks up to the sky.

PLAYER: Oh my God.

The Player slowly lowers his gaze back to the audience and smiles.

LIGHTS.