

BENJY'S MONOLOGUE *HANDFUL OF DUST*

GENDER:	Male
STYLE:	Dramatic
AGE Range:	Young Adult
ERA:	Contemporary
CHARACTER:	Benjy
SOURCE:	Handful of Dust by Laramie Dean

During an apocalyptic pandemic, Benjy desperately sneaks into an abandoned theatre, and tries to ingratiate himself to the people he finds inside.

When this whole thing started, you remember, not too long ago, I had to pay my water bill. I had to go in person 'cuz my check bounced. It's just been hard to keep money in my account, you know? ...

And the bitch – 'scuse me – the girl behind the counter, she was like, "We can't take your pennies, you can't just give us pennies in a box", and I was like, "Do you want the money or not? 'Cuz this is all I got..."

There mighta been some nickels too. And a quarter. But yeah, pennies. She said they weren't shutting the water off, 'cuz of the virus, no one's been able to pay, but I hadda make sure, you know? ... She was laughing at me. Not with her face, but with her eyes, you know? Judging me. Just 'cuz that friggin check bounced. I've never been good with money, but that's not my fault. I try to keep track, I really do. My ex, she's always raggin' on me too. Just like that bitch at the water department. I can always tell when people are laughing at me with their eyes.