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TERRA

I think they deserve a chance to live.  
No matter what.

TAY

You're a scientist.

TERRA

There isn't only one way to believe in something.

TAY

What do you believe in, exactly?

TERRA

Don't you see my sign?

HERMAN

Terra, we can't save them.

TERRA

If this was a person  
With a baby inside her  
Wouldn't you try to save them?

TAY

It's not a person.  
It's not a person with a baby –  
And even if it was -

TERRA

It's a life.  
It's a God-given life.  
We *must* save them.

TAY

You're supposed to be a scientist.  
You can't be –  
You sound like -

TERRA

What. I sound like what.

*A crack begins to form in the ice.*

TERRA

They're dying, Tay.

They're all dying  
 And I'm reading all these things –  
 And I'm getting so confused about –  
 About who I am –  
 And what I'm supposed to believe -

TAY

You're not –

TERRA

Can't I be a scientist and believe in something else?

TAY

You're not.

HERMAN

Tay, come on.

TERRA

You don't get to decide  
 who is and who isn't something.  
 We're supposed to think it's an either/or.  
 It's not.

TAY

God doesn't exist, Terra!  
 Scientists who believe in God don't exist!

TERRA

Please stop telling me that I don't exist.

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*The ice cracks between the three of them.  
 HERMAN trips and pierces TERRA through the ribs.  
 They all try to hold onto one another.*

ALL

Stop telling me that I don't exist.  
 Stop telling me that I don't exist.

*TERRA and HERMAN repeat themselves over and over,  
 a cascade heartbeat*

TAY

I came out on my 25<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 And my mother looked at me and said,  
 "So what, are you a man?"