

60-Second Monologue: THE BABEL PROJECT

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ELECTRICIAN 1 can be Female or Male; no specific age.

Electrician 1 is talking to Electrician 2. They are both working with live wires, wiring an impossibly enormous tower.

ELECTRICIAN 1

Where does all this shit go? What does it do? Why are we in here messing with all this shit? Who are we? Who are we, messing with all of this shit? Whose shit is this, really? Why are we in here messing with it?

Will we get respect? Who will respect us? Who are we? Where is all this shit going to go, really? Can the wires hold the current forever? Won't the electricity survive without us? Who are we? Who are we to say where electricity can and can't go? Can we control this shit any more than we can control a lightning bolt?

And who can sleep when volts and amps are chargin' up their ass faces?

Not me.

What if we replaced all this wiring with electric eels? Let the eels run the tower. See if a pattern emerges-- one just might if we're listening closely. Even the eels have something to say, don't you know, if we listen closely.

Just listen.

You hear that?

Bzzz bzz bz. Bzz bzz bz.

It's something, isn't it?

Listen.

I respect us.