

# Memory

## SYNOPSIS

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In some far-off field in a far-off time and place, there stands a large, overpowering tree – and, under the tree, there is a figure as mysterious as the scene itself. He is joined soon by a man and a woman, who, the figure reveals, are destined to meet again and share true peace – and then the moment expires, for it is but a dream.

Before long, we are transported to a similar tree in a similar field with a similar figure underneath it – and, in good time, there comes a similar woman... but now we are very much in reality. The woman, who vividly cherishes the dream, recognizes the tree before her and soon comes face-to-face with a familiar-looking man. The woman, overcome by the moment and the realization of dreams coming true, exits hastily.

About a month later, the woman returns to the tree and finds the man she previously met is waiting for her. He, in turn, finds her intriguing and beautiful and implores her to open her mind and speak to him. The woman reveals the dream, although the man cannot remember it – but the woman believes he will learn. Just as the man and woman connect, however, the woman reveals she must leave for a long time.

Over the next year, the man and woman stay in touch and grow in closeness, until the day comes when they reunite. The man is enchanted by the prospect of advancing the relationship to the next level, but the woman wants to retain a certain spiritual distance – a distance of no expectations and mutual comfort and understanding. The man can't accept this and demands more – and, distraught, the woman leaves, never to return.

Repeatedly over the next few weeks, the man comes back to the tree in the field, ashamed that he lost the woman and feeling empty without her. One time, however, he notices the mysterious figure under the tree, who explains that the woman is never coming back. The man wonders where she has gone – at which point, we learn the woman is up in the tree, looking down upon him. From her perch, she comforts the man and urges him to learn from what they have shared and continue on with his life.

Then the man wakes up - because the entire experience for him was a dream.

...but, then, don't dreams come true? For the man, they do – because, when he next appears, it is as a suppliant of sorts, looking for the tree in his dreams, like the woman before him – and, like the woman before him, he finds it... and not only that, but he finds a similar-looking woman underneath the tree. She doesn't remember any dream – but, for the man, it is more than reality... and, with that, he

and the woman exit together, so he can share with her the dream and the destiny they share together.