

The Unwritten Letter

Supernatural · Two-hander · 3 min · Female role · Adult · Intermediate

(A doorstep. The postman holds out an envelope. The handwriting on it is hers.)

LE FACTEUR

Registered. Sign here.

ELLE

That's my handwriting. On the envelope. And the postmark says... the postmark says three weeks from now.

LE FACTEUR

I know. I sometimes deliver early. Rarely this early. You're a special case.

ELLE

I never wrote this letter.

LE FACTEUR

Not yet. But you will. And when you post it, it'll take three weeks. Or zero, depending how you count.

(She opens it. She reads. Her face changes.)

ELLE

...It's a letter to someone I haven't met yet. I tell them "thank you for staying."

LE FACTEUR

Then you know what's left for you to do, in the three weeks: meet them. Otherwise the letter will never have a recipient. And I'll have delivered emptiness.

What you can do with it

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