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Onboarding

The user will enter the space by walking through a tunnel. Once all audience members have entered the space near the eye, the lights will begin to flicker.

EXT: Patio (helpers open doors)

Heartbeat sounds play then slowly end.

INT: TUNNEL

Lights flicker, then turn off. Visitors hear Management as they walk through the tunnel. Expect users to hear 1-2 Onboarding statements as they walk through.

MANAGEMENT

(VO calm welcoming)

Take a moment to look around and breathe. I can sense you're nervous. Know you are not alone.

MANAGEMENT

(VO tranquil)

Listen to my voice; I am Management. Breathe in and walk forward. This is a safe space. I am here to guide you in your transition.

MANAGEMENT

(VO mild soothing)

Calm your mind. Breathe in. Take a moment to reflect on where you are. I am the steward of The In Between, Welcome.

MANAGEMENT

(VO peaceful)

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All is well. Take a deep breath. Then a step forward.
I am Management, your guide. I will be here for you
throughout your journey.

MANAGEMENT
(VO hopeful)

You are welcome here. Calm your mind. Deepen your
breaths. I am here as your guide. I'm here to help you
on your path.

MANAGEMENT
(VO Calm and centered)

Take a moment to pause. Listen to my voice. All is
well. I am Management, your companion on this journey.

MANAGEMENT
(VO mild soothing)

Focus on my voice. I will guide you. Now pause and
notice your breath. After your next breath, move
forward.

MANAGEMENT
(VO Reassuring)

Look around. Take a deep breath. I am Management, and
I will help navigate you on this journey.

Helpers open the curtains to move users into the main
space.

INT: THE EYE

MANAGEMENT
(VB compelling, determined, direct)

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This is The In Between, a space to embark on your personal journey of self-reflection, an opportunity to rest into nothingness or find yourself in the universe. You are not alone, you carry those you love in your heart, and I am here to guide you.

Take time to explore your memories, and you will be rewarded with a piece of a token. Each token is the currency of time. You must contribute your memories to the collective knowledge of The In Between before you can move on.

At a point in time in this space, the Eye will set in motion the beginning of the end. This is a celebration of your life. Use your time here wisely. Welcome to The In Between.

Notes:

Multimedia:

Design look of Management (design skills needed)

Partner with Dev team to create a video of Management's welcome speech (video editing skills needed including possible voice over)

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Self

The user will be guided into the self activation. They will walk through a multi-mirror setup and be directed by Management via headphones. Users will pause, reflect, appreciate and reminisce over themselves, their memories, and key moments in their lives.

INT: Self

HELPER

(Poised Informational)

Welcome, I'm glad you can join us today. Here you'll use these headphones and Management will guide you as you walk through this reflective space. If you have any questions please wave and I will come to your assistance.

If you would prefer not to wear headphones, please feel free to walk and ponder. (write out questions on mirrors and incorporate on set)

Audio:

MANAGEMENT

(VO Positive and Reflective)

Open your mind and focus on my voice.

Recall a time you were proud of yourself (Pause).

You hold the power to shape your own story. Show me the strength you hold, strike a power pose in front of the mirror and embrace your accomplishments.

(Short Pause. Next Mirror)

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Take a journey within your mind to a time where your heart is filled with love and appreciation.

(Long Pause.)

Put your hand over your heart and allow the memories to wash over you... the warmth of the embrace, the sparkle in the eyes of the one who showed you compassion, the words that made you feel whole. Allow yourself to feel the love as if it were happening in this moment.

(Pause. Next Mirror)

Do a funny dance and LOL.

Remember, life isn't always serious. Your laughter shows others the inner you. Not everything in life will go your way and sometimes you have to laugh it off. Time will go by, and you will hold the **strength** to move on.

(Pause. Next Mirror)

Recall a time you felt lost. Look in the mirror and clench your fists as tight as you can... hold it, now release.

(Pause)

Your hands are the instruments of connection. It is through the physical sensation of touch that you can understand the beauty and mystery of being human. Express yourself through your hands, lightly touch the mirror and open the door to self-reflection. Claim your reward.

(Pause. Final Mirror)

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Meet your gaze in the mirror. Concentrate on your reflection. Now Smile. Acknowledge your presence. Take a moment of gratitude for yourself, and everything you did during your time. Before you continue exploring, remind yourself of the fleeting nature of life and approach it with a sense of curiosity.

When you're ready, hold these thoughts in your mind as you continue.

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Universe

The user will be guided to the VR station. They will meet with a helper who will get them settled with their headset. The user will sit down and follow directions from Management's audio.

INT: Universe

HELPER

(Pleasant Curious)

Welcome, you'll be using a VR headset for this experience. Have you used one before?

"Yes, I've used a VR headset before":

HELPER

(Guiding)

Okay, here's your headset. You'll be using your hands to control it. These are the motions you need to know **(Demonstrates)**. If you ever feel sick or dizzy, wave me over and we'll get you out of the headset. Let me know if you need any more help.

"No, I have not used a VR headset before":

HELPER

(Guiding)

Okay, You'll put the headset on like this. You can adjust it like this for a comfortable fit **(Demonstrates)**. You'll be using your hands to control it. These are the motions you need to know **(Demonstrates)**. Let me know if you need any more help. Do you mind if I guide your hands?

Audio:

MANAGEMENT

(VO)

What have you put out into the universe? How have your decisions created ripples that travel across space? Unearth your inner world by following your ripples

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across the cosmos. Along the way you'll be collecting items that will unlock the portal. Look for the **red stars** to help navigate.

This is the milky way. You are made of the same elements as stardust. There are more stars in the sky than anyone can count. Understand you are not alone, choose an item that tethers you to others.

This is our solar system. Although your life was only a moment in time, see past it to the wave of your existence. Choose an item to help you see your path.

This is Earth. The world you take care of and who takes care of you. Speak one of these words to connect to the world.

This is North America. Like the stars, love can be used as a guide. Choose the item that best represents love to you.

This is The United States. The choices you made throughout your life define who you are. The choices you make here define who you could be. Choose north, south, east, or west.

This is Texas. It's important to dream, and allow yourself to explore the paths not taken. Which choice, that you've made here, would you like to change?

This is Austin. Feeling safe and secure is crucial to human development. Choose an item that helps you feel safe.

This is where your body is. Use your items to unlock the door.

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AURA COLOR IS SHOWN

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Love

The user will be guided into the Love activation. They will listen to the helper's instructions to sit wherever they like and interact with other attendees until the lights dim and Management speaks. Users will be encouraged to interact with one another and use tools to sketch their interpretations of love.

INT: Love

HELPER

(Descriptive Instructing)

Welcome. Here is your paper. This is the section of the page you'll draw in. You may sit wherever you'd like.

Audio:

MANAGEMENT

(VO Inquisitive and directional)

What is love? Is it platonic? Familial? Romantic? Throughout time, you have experienced some form of love. Take a moment to think about what love looks like to you.

Think about how it makes you feel as you visualize and create on the paper in front of you. When you are finished, your love will be shared with the collective. There are no wrong answers here.

Testimonials begin

Notes:

Multimedia:

Instruction signage (design skills needed for a subtle, simple design of a black canvas with white/neutral colored words)

Production:

Design and fabricate the set.

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In charge of acquiring the glasses for love.

In charge of acquiring all props (paper/pens) and set where these will go.

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Nothingness

The user will be guided or walk directly to the Nothingness space/area. The user may enter a pod where further instructions on how to interact with the activation will be written out on the inside. User has agency on how long they want to participate in Nothingness.

INT: Nothingness

HELPER

(Patient Advising)

Welcome, you'll be entering one of these pods. You can take as much or as little time as you'd like. You can take this light to read the instructions Management has written inside the pod.

Written Message:

MANAGEMENT

(Written- No Tone)

What is nothingness? I would recommend you read this message, then turn off your light, close your eyes or rest your gaze, and try following my instructions.

1. Take a moment to settle into a comfortable seated position. Try to find stillness.
2. Bring your attention to your breath, but there's no need to change it.
3. Notice your thoughts. Let them flow naturally.
4. See if you can find a small pause between your thoughts- a moment without thought. Explore it.
5. What does it feel like? Sit with this nothingness as long as you would wish. When you are done, exit the pod.

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Notes:**Multimedia:**

Design of written message (subtle to resemble nothingness; black background, white/neutral colored text)

Production:

Design set of each box/room. Work with Light and Sound to incorporate minimum lights where needed.

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Halfway

The user is being reminded that their time in the In Between is almost done. The cue from Management will gently nudge them to participate in their final activation before the Celebration of Life.

Video:

MANAGEMENT

(VB Gently Reminding)

The time has come for you to move into the final stages in your journey. Choose your last minutes in The In Between wisely. Will you reflect on the different forms of love or nothing? Will you look inside yourself or gaze into the universe?

Before making your way into the Celebration, connect your pieces to make a full token. Collectively you've awakened the eye. Your token will be the key that unlocks a message.

Notes:

Multimedia:

Management video

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The Eye

The user will watch a video of Management explaining how the tokens and eye work. The users will stand around the eye and wait one by one to insert their coin in the machine slot and physically shake the eye. This will present the user with their cause of death that will appear on the machine screen. After receiving this, the User has completed their journey in the In Between and can move forward to the Celebration.

INT: THE EYE

MANAGEMENT

(VO Informational Instructive)

Throughout your journey here, you have gathered at least two tokens. If you haven't already, please lock them together. To activate the eye, insert your token into the slot below, pick it up and shake the ball. Take a moment and let the screen clear. You may be feeling excited or nervous, but this is natural.

You will now see what brought you to The In Between. Think about what this means to you as you end your journey and transition to a celebration.

Notes:

Multimedia:

Management video

Production:

Design and fabricate the eye.

Work on logistics on how it can be shaken

Design and fabricate tokens that will break up into 3 and come together

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Celebration

The user will be able to choose a drink. User will be able to interact with others, have some food/drink, and take photos. User will return their props as they are exiting the space.

Notes:

Multimedia:

Management video

Production:

Design the set and decorations of this room.

Design and fabricate "reflection board" In charge of acquiring props such as the reflection papers and board

In charge of acquiring bar props (glasses, menu, chairs, etc).

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Offboarding

The user will watch the time update video of Management. This will be a gentle nudge for attendees to wrap up their conversations and exit the In Between. When the second video plays users will leave the experience.

Video:

MANAGEMENT

(VB Gently Reminding)

You are almost out of **time**. Please begin making your way towards the exit.

Video:

MANAGEMENT

(VB Insistent Reminding)

Your **time** in the In Between has ended. You are now required to leave the In Between.

Notes:

Multimedia:

Management videos

Production:

Second tunnel?

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OLD MATERIAL BELOW

OLD SELF COPY

HELPER

(Poised Informational)

Here are some headphones to hear Management as you move through the tunnel of self-discovery.

If you would prefer not to wear headphones, please feel free to walk through the tunnel and ponder.

Audio:

MANAGEMENT

(VO Positive and Reflective)

Reflect on who you are, pausing as often as you wish during this self-discovery. As you walk through the space, take note of how you feel. I'll be prompting you to reflect at a few different times.

Think about a time when you were proud of yourself
(Long Pause).

Now think of 3 things you like about yourself
(Long Pause).

Remember a time you felt loved or appreciated
(Long Pause).

Pause and look at yourself in the mirror. Smile. Take a moment of gratitude for yourself, and everything you did during your life. When you're ready, hold these thoughts in your mind as you exit.