

BEN

Hello, Jack. You know what's crazy, Jack? A week ago, you and I were in exactly the opposite situation. I was the one locked up, and you were the one coming in for visits. And I know that you were angry that I lied to you about who I was, but... hell, do you blame me? I mean, let's face it, if I'd have told you I was one of those people you and your friends have been calling Others all this time, it would've been right back to Sayid and his.....fists. Wouldn't it?

JACK

What do you want from me?

BEN

I want for you to change your... perspective. And the first step in doing that would be for me to be decent enough to introduce myself honestly, so...Hi. My name is Benjamin Linus, and I've lived on this island all my life. You're not gonna shake?

JACK

Where are Kate and Sawyer?

BEN

They're fine and they're close. That's all I'm able to tell you right now.

JACK

You can tell me anything you want.

BEN

Fair enough. It's all I want to tell you. I'm gonna make this really simple, Jack. If you cooperate, we send you home.

JACK

With what?

BEN

When the time is right...

JACK

You tell me now.

BEN

Patience, Jack. Patience.

JACK

Home. Is that where you sent Walt and Michael?

BEN

Yes.

JACK

If you could leave this island, why would you still be here?

BEN

Yes, Jack. Why would we be here?

JACK

You're lying. You're stuck here just like we are. You don't have any...

BEN

Your flight crashed on September 22nd, 2004. Today is November 29th. You've been on our island for 69 days. And, yes, we do have contact with the outside world, Jack. That's how we know that during those 69 days your fellow Americans re-elected George W. Bush, Christopher Reeve has passed away, Boston Red Sox won the World Series.

(off Jack's laugh)What?

JACK

If you wanted me to believe this, you should've picked somebody else besides the Red Sox.

BEN

They were down three games to none against the Yankees. Then they won eight straight.

JACK

Sure. Sure. Of course they did.

BEN

That's home, Jack, right there on the other side of that glass. And if you listen to me, if you trust me, if you do what I tell you when the time comes, I'll take you there. I will take you home.