And the world opened up....By Ngozi Anyanwu

CHARACTERS
SHE
THE WOMAN OUTSIDE THE DOOR
CHASE
THE PEOPLE
There is a room
It’s a kind of blue
A woman lies in her bed
And stares at the ceiling
Tears stream from her eyes and
Down her cheeks
And as they touch her pillows, the tears flow past the pillows and touch the ground
And with each word the water fills up the room

SHE
I think
if i just...
Dream
Wide awake
Anything might happen
Let me test this dream

A knock at her door is heard

THE WOMAN OUTSIDE THE DOOR
What’s that!!!!

SHE
Nothing
Test the dream

As her tears have reached the floor
The ceiling opens up
And a winged creature falls through the ground
The woman still lying down
The winged creature falls but floats just above the woman
It is an angel
Maybe
They’re name is
Chase
There faces meet so close
Their breathe
It’s
It’s
They’re almost kissing

CHASE
Hello

With the most excited whisper

SHE
Shhh

From outside the door
THE WOMAN OUTSIDE THE DOOR
What’s that
SHE
Nothing

CHASE
Why these tears girl

SHE
I’m a woman

CHASE
Okay
Well
Still
I have to ask
but
What you need outside that door

SHE
How can that be

CHASE
It’s always right beside you

SHE
How can that be

CHASE
Shhh
You only need to listen
What is it that I can do for you
How can I heal you
Girl

SHE
Woman

CHASE
Sure

SHE
Can you tell me what I’ve done wrong

CHASE
Nope

By now her tears have flooded
Her bed floating like a ship and the room had expanded

CHASE
Have to go
CHASE
I’m no comfort girl
Just your loneliness getting the best of you
Look to the door
Not the sky
There’s nothing for you up there
Also I don’t swim so....
Remember
Feet on the ground

CHASE
Good girl
Look to the door
I’ll be going now

Chase flies past the ceiling
A woman bursts through the door on a small boat to save the woman from herself

WOMAN FROM OUTSIDE THE DOOR
I’m sorry I don’t mean to interrupt your
Well
Whatever that was
I just have this for you

The woman get out a letter
And begins to read

WOMAN FROM OUTSIDE THE DOOR
Should you choose

SHE
I don’t choose

WOMAN FROM OUTSIDE THE DOOR
Don’t you wanna know what I have to say first

SHE
No not really

WOMAN FROM OUTSIDE THE DOOR
Well I read it anyway
Don’t shoot the messenger
Sorry I’m gonna need you to stop crying

SHE
Oh
Right
Okay

She does

WOMAN FROM OUTSIDE THE DOOR
And to sit up

SHE
....
You’re asking a lot

The woman stares at her

SHE
Fine

She sits up
The woman clears her throat
I kind of sonic buzz releases from her mouth
A kind of music
It’s
Well its beautiful

WOMAN FROM OUTSIDE THE DOOR
Did you get all that

SHE
Yes i think i did

WOMAN FROM OUTSIDE THE DOOR
Okay
Then WAAAAAKKKKKKKKEEEEEE UUUUUUPPPP

The room goes black
The girl is now by herself in a black room
Dressed in a gorgeous red suit
It’s my favorite color
She’s not sure what happened
It she manages to find a light and then the room is
A kind of stark white
The kind of white that would leave you mad if you were in that room for too long
Just then a door appears where the was none
And one by one
a person enters
Any kind of person really
And as each person enters
The room expands
Staring at the woman waiting
Waiting
She checks her pocket
An envelope
How did it get there
Oh well
She reads

SHE
Should you choose your mission
You’ll have to pen up
Stop being scared
You’ll have to expand your mind
You’ll have to put your petty squabbles aside
There’s no time for
Feet on the ground soldier

The room continues to flood with people
Any kind of people

THE PEOPLE
Yes maam

SHE
Don’t call me that
There are no hierarchies here
No signs of respect
There’s just us
You ready

The people still flooding in
The room widening still

THE PEOPLE
YES

SHE
I can’t hear you

THE PEOPLE
YES

SHE
That’s better
The mission should you choose to follow
Will lead you to places you’ve never seen
It’ll be scary at first
But its be worth it

SHE
Raise your hands

The people raise their hands
All the time still entering the room
Making it infinite

SHE
Repeat after me
I choose love

THE PEOPLE

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SHE
Still scared huh
I get it
It’s the only way though
Lets try this again
I

THE PEOPLE
I

SHE
Do solemnly choose

THE PEOPLE
LOOOOOOVVVVVVEEEE

SHE
......
Okay, now were getting somewhere

And alarm rings

SHE
It’s starting
You know you’re mission
Now go!

The room empties
As the alarm rings louder and louder
One by one each soldier goes on their mission of love