

Magic and Ian walk with take-out cups. (Note: this will intercut with footage from Magic's original QUANTUM LEAP episode that we have found on 35mm film and will rescan to make HD).

IAN

Magic. You know I'm not going to judge you. Whatever is in your file. People aren't perfect. Sometimes I think the world needs to remember that...

Magic laughs.

IAN (CONT'D)

What? You've walked me out of the headquarters and into a park. If we were romantically involved I'd think you were about to break up with me.

MAGIC

You know I was in Vietnam, right?

IAN

Of course.

MAGIC

That's where I got the name "Magic". My commander gave it to me. Said I had a sixth sense. A way of always keeping the platoon out of danger. I took a lot of pride in that...that my commander thought I was responsible for keeping everyone safe.

IAN

Of course. That's incredible.

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MAGIC

Then one day...I'm on patrol...and I feel a...it's hard to explain, but a nudge. Not from someone touching me. I felt it here.

(re: his heart)

Like I was standing on one side of a door, and someone on the other side had gently pushed against it.

IAN

I don't understand...

MAGIC

I said yes to the nudge...I let that person in. Everything went black. Came to a day later, couldn't remember what had happened. I chalked it up to battle fatigue. But in the meantime I had somehow saved my entire platoon again...including my Commander: Lieutenant Tom Beckett.

IAN

Wait...are you-- are you saying--

MAGIC

Sam Beckett leaped into me, Ian. Saved my life, his brother's life...our whole platoon really.

IAN

Oh my God.

MAGIC

After it happened, I would have vivid dreams of this man, a man I had never met.

IAN

Sam.

MAGIC

When I made Admiral, I heard that my name was in some Top Secret file attached to this moth balled science program the military had funded. I pulled some strings...got the files and that's when I finally learned about Quantum Leap...and that's when I finally saw a picture of Sam.

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MAGIC (CONT'D)

The man I had been dreaming about ever since I blacked out in Vietnam. And it suddenly all made sense.

IAN

What was your original history?

MAGIC

Killed in action. Me, Tom, every soldier in the platoon.

(exhales)

When I realized they'd shut down the program, that Sam was still out there, that he had never made it home. I knew I had to start the project up again. The Navy Seals have a credo...nemo resideo.

IAN

Leave no one behind.

MAGIC

(nods)

So that's what's in my file and that's why we restarted the program. I don't know if it will ever be possible to get Sam Beckett back. But after what he did for me, did for so many others. I had to try.

Off Ian we CUT TO: