

DEAD Talks – Synopsis

Ben and Sylvie, two recently departed souls, find themselves stuck in 'purgatory' - a strange and mystical place that houses a mass library of every book ever written. Ben is an arrogant and highly successful CEO of Ben Bergen Books, and Sylvie is a young troubled feminist writer.

As disembodied souls, they must compete with each other in order to be given the chance at a fresh life - - and to be reincarnated into a new baby back on earth so that they are able to live again.

Sylvie, the latest dead arrival in purgatory, struggles to remember vital information about her past life, including past mistakes and how and why she died. Ben, frustrated and angry that he has yet to 'move on', objects to this intrusion by the feminist-minded Sylvie, revealing his own troubles with personal relationships.

Eventually they both realize that they knew each other in their last life. Ben used his position and influence to compulsively bed as many young writers as he desired. Sylvie, one of his conquests, was a hopeful writer trying to get her first book published. Ben, the accused perpetrator (Harvey Weinstein type) and Sylvie, his supposed victim, must come to terms with a sexual assault incident that deeply affected both of them.

An enigmatic Guide helps these new souls adjust to the rules of purgatory, delivering a series of witty and inspirational DEAD Talks that helps to motivate and guide Ben and Sylvie to seek redemption for past sins and to let go, so that they do not carry the mistakes of their past into their next life.

During their 'time' in purgatory, both Ben and Sylvie are forced to confront people or 'souls' from their past. Through a series of encounters, Ben and Sylvie must deal with the choices they made and the direct consequences. In order to be considered for reincarnation, they have to write their own 'life-book', reflecting their understanding of their past and their intentions to be a better 'soul' in the next life.

What happens in purgatory determines whether Ben and Sylvie get a shot at a fresh life or whether their souls end up downstairs... in the fiery abyss.