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Prompt #25: "The very least you can do in your life is to figure out what you hope for." – Barbara Kingsolver / "Animal Dreams")

Title: H.O.P.E "Hustle On Push Everytime" (Song + Music Video)

I found myself completely drained of my creativity and saw no necessity in trying to gain it back. Once I had fully read the prompt and really sat with it, this seemed like the perfect opportunity to get back on my feet and actively regain some sense of hope.

In order to have any sense of hope, one needs to have a clear sense of their values. Before I was aiming for status rather than what actually fulfilled me.

So what gave me fulfillment? It wasn't flaunting fancy work trips or pictures of complex camera rigs. It was telling stories. Not just any stories, but stories about real people —the people that have something meaningful and positive to say. This realization gave me an inkling of hope. But how do I live in that hope, and not view it from afar?

Having the opportunity to create and collaborate with another artist has really helped me get back on my feet. It's only now, writing this artist statement, that I see the irony in how applicable this prompt is to my own experience.





