



*Response to Octavio Paz's I Speak of the City by Darian Feakes*

and I wonder if I'm maybe doing the wrong thing.

"Is your device broken?" Susan asks looking towards Cora.

"No, I just" I pause searching for an excuse as to why I didn't ask Cora for my to-do list. "I just remembered what to do; I didn't need to ask" I reply desperately.

"Alright then" Susan says with a small smile before leaving. I look to Mary, but she is buried in her work once more. I get back to work as well, trying to forget about my little mishap. It's probably just weird for them to see me remember without Cora, but surely I don't ask Cora about everything.

At about 3:00 I am almost finished my work when the supervisor enters again with the officers. I try to ignore them and get back to finishing up.

"Hey Lily, I wanted to ask you about something?" I jump with surprise at Susan's sudden appearance but quickly recollect myself.

"Yeah, what about?"

"What do you think our next step for Project X should be?"

"Oh, well I think we should discuss the project further and consider its consequences before we begin experimentation." Susan looks at me worriedly and the officers turn tense.