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### Abstract

This is a film review of *I'm Here* (2020), directed by Julia Orlik.

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**I'm Here (2020), dir. Julia Orlik**

This animated short film is the story of a woman who is paralyzed and dying. Her husband and her daughter are trying to figure out how best to take care of her. The woman cannot respond to the conversations carried on by her husband and her daughter, but she hears those conversations. What she would like to say is: "I'm here." How frightening it must be to see and hear the world around you and yet not be able to interact with that world. How alone one must feel. It is in its own way a kind of death. A death before death.