

GIVE ME A G
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CAST
CHELSEA - 40s, A guidance counselor
GRACIE - 11, A student
JACK - 10, A student
BROOKE - 8, A student

(The guidance counselor's office.)

CHELSEA
Hi, everyone! Welcome to our first ever meeting for the school's new Grieving Club!

GRACIE
I don't want to be here.

JACK
Yeah, I don't like talking to guidance counselors.

BROOKE
I don't even know why I'm here.

CHELSEA
Well, however you're feeling, I'm here to help you! Back when I was a cheerleader in high school, I was great at cheering people on when they're going through something tough! Like you, Gracie!
(Chanting and clapping)
I'm here to help with self-expression,
Because you were diagnosed with clinical depression!

GRACIE
Who told you that?

CHELSEA
Your therapist. Anyways, did the cheering help at all?

GRACIE
It made it worse.

CHELSEA
Well, you know what they say! Sometimes things get worse before they get better!
(Chanting and clapping)
I know that life is really hard

CHELSEA (cont.)

Since your brand new cat was hit by a car!

GRACIE

Oh my God.

JACK

Hard and car don't even rhyme.

CHELSEA

Well, what about you, Jack? Anything you want to share that's going on in your life?

JACK

Absolutely not.

CHELSEA

Oh, come on. That can't be true!

(Chanting and clapping)

Keep it up, Jack, you're energetic,
I can barely tell that you're diabetic!

BROOKE

Jack's diabetic?

JACK

I didn't want anyone to know about that, I'm self-conscious.

CHELSEA

Oh, you don't have to be worried about that! What's said in this room stays in this room, right?

GRACIE

Wrong.

BROOKE

I've already texted half of the grade about it.

CHELSEA

Jack, how are you feeling about all of this?

JACK

Very on-edge!

CHELSEA

Oh, I understand.

CHELSEA (cont.)

(Chanting)

I know insulin is hard to afford, because Dad doesn't have a job anymore!

JACK

Again, afford and anymore don't rhyme.

GRACIE

I don't feel like any of this is helping.

JACK

If anything, I feel worse.

CHELSEA

I get that you're all having some type of grieving going on, but you can cheer up! Look at Brooke!

(Chanting and clapping)

Brooke is in a good mood of course,
Even though her parents are getting a divorce!

BROOKE

My parents are what?

CHELSEA

Oh my God, I thought you knew.

BROOKE

No. I didn't. I thought I was just here because my grades are low.

CHELSEA

Ohhh.

(Chanting and clapping)

You're worried about your education
Because you're on academic probation!
If we dig deeper, we'll find the source,
Because, again, your parents are getting a divorce.

BROOKE

Yeah, I get it.

CHELSEA

(Chanting and clapping)

You're probably feeling really bad
Because your mom was cheating on your dad!

BROOKE

But my mom loved my dad.

CHELSEA

(Chanting and clapping)

Watching you grieve is hard to see
She cheated on your dad with me.

GRACIE

Woah. I'm sorry, Brooke.

JACK

Yeah. That's a lot.

BROOKE

You helped my mom cheat on my dad?

CHELSEA

What can I say, she has a thing for cheerleaders.

(Blackout.)