

TABITHA struggles to nod.

NICOLE

Okay her ears work yippee

GILLIAN

Can you shut up

NICOLE

I'm SORRY I'm NERVOUS

IMOGEN

Gillian help me sit her up

GILLIAN and IMOGEN grab TABITHA's shoulders and push her up against the wall. WINNIE returns with water. IMOGEN pours water into TABITHA's mouth. TABITHA struggles to swallow.

TABITHA

More

IMOGEN

Oh ok

(she pours:)

You have a burn on your cheek.

That could form a scar

TABITHA

I want my mom

START

IMOGEN

Option 1

Your mom will be here tomorrow okay

NICOLE

Wait what

~~TABITHA~~

~~I want my mom~~

NICOLE

We're going home tomorrow?

IMOGEN

Yea it's been a week

NICOLE

TOMORROW.
And we haven't written a *thing*.

IMOGEN

We failed, didn't we.

NICOLE

Ohhhhh no ma'am no we did not. Not YET
I have never gotten anything below a B- in any of my subjects ever and I'm going to be an INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER AT MIT IF THE WORLD DOESN'T GET DESTROYED BEFORE I GET THERE so honestly? "Failing" isn't even in my vocabulary thank youuuu.

(grabbing TABITHA'S face)

Listen here drama queen you are either with us or not. But we have a job to do and I am not letting you mess this up *again*.

IMOGEN

Nicole she's literally not breathing

NICOLE takes a couple calculated steps back, still raging.

NICOLE

I am going to pick up this pen and I am going to *write* until my brain explodes
And you're all going to join me
Because we're a FAMILY
And I will also need help with my spelling.
Tabitha that means you too. It is CRUNCH time baby
WOO
Okay
Okay
Okay
How do we start
How do we start guys how do we start
...
...
...
AAAAAAAUGHH!!!!

NICOLE chucks her notebook at high velocity at the wall.

NICOLE

WHY CAN'T WE COME UP WITH ANYTHING????

I HAVE SO MUCH I NEED TO SAY

BUT

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY IT

I don't know how to say it

END

Silence. Then TABITHA speaks... with all the strength she can muster.

TABITHA

When

When Winnie had that dream

Um

I felt a piece of me... breaking off

Like I can *pretend* to be okay and confident but

That dream...

Was too real.

It was a dream

But it was too real.

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I wanted to be in charge of this project

And I wanted to be a good leader

Which is why I left because I

Knew I had to either be in charge

Or gone.

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I remember one time I was at the store with my mom and we were in the parking lot

and I don't know what happened but she pushed me into the car and looked scared

which like she's never scared she's my mom, and I didn't know what was going on

and she wouldn't talk to me until we got home

I thought I was in trouble

My mom said that people

"Some people"

Think that other people shouldn't exist

Because of like who they are

And I'm really confused by that?

Like, why would anyone wish

For someone else not to exist?

And I asked her

Is that how people feel about us?

Is that how...