

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

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

START

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.
 ...
 ...
 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.
 ...
 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...

TABITHA (CONT.)

When the government people came to my parents they,
 They called me a “diversity candidate”.
 Did any of you...?
 So anyways I’m a “diversity candidate”. Which I didn’t know what that meant so I
 asked my mom and she told me it meant I’m *special*.
 And at first I thought it was cool. I was the *special* person.
 But I don’t feel special.
 Actually, I do. I do feel special. But not in a *good* special way. In more of a...
 I feel like I don’t fit in. With you guys.
 I mean even Imogen fits in and she’s so quiet and cries a lot because of her dreams

~~IMOGEN~~

~~(I don’t)~~

TABITHA

Part of me wants to be like you guys
 But part of me knows how dangerous that is
 Because I need to...
 Exist?
 ...
 I just want to exist
 And I
 I think I want to write about that.
 I want to write about that.

END

WINNIE

...
 ...
 ...
 ...
 ...
 ...
 I think pads should be free...
 I think like pads and tampons should be free...

IMOGEN

Yeah...

WINNIE

Like come on Walmart

GILLIAN

Yeah