

**8-12 YEAR OLD BOY**

MICHAEL

Daddy!

DAVE

Hey, sport!

MICHAEL

Can we go to baseball camp, now?

DAVE

It's basketball. And of course,  
but Daddy's just got a little work  
to do first, 'kay?

Michael's face says everything. He's heard it before.

DAVE

Okay, I know you're upset, but  
let's examine why. Now, you know  
Daddy loves you, right?

MICHAEL

Yes.

DAVE

And you also know it's Daddy's job  
to fix people.

Michael reluctantly nods.

DAVE

See that woman over there? She  
needs me to help her stop eating  
sweets. So, you both need me for  
something. Now I can either help  
her now and then take you to  
camp... or we can leave now and I  
can help her when we get back.. If  
her heart hasn't exploded. So,  
what's it gonna be champ?

MICHAEL

(reluctantly) Fat lady.

DAVE

(hugs Michael). Thanks, pal. I  
gotta get into makeup for the show.  
But we're gonna have a great  
weekend. Just you and me, buddy.

Dave crosses off. Jeremy (Dave's assistant) and Michael  
stare at each other.

MICHAEL

Can we play a game? Can we play therapy?

JEREMY

Therapy's not really a game, but sure. (therapist's voice) So, Michael, what seems to be bothering you today?

MICHAEL

I'm bored.

JEREMY

Okay, that's a perfectly normal feeling. Let's examine why. Why are you bored?

MICHAEL

Because you're boring.

Michael laughs. Jeremy is flustered.

MICHAEL

Okay, my turn. (therapist's voice) What's wrong with you?

JEREMY

Well... I started a new job today, which I was excited about because I thought I'd get the chance to help people. But as I sit here I'm realizing that I'll never get that chance. Because, as it turns out, my boss is the one who's most in need of help. (realizing what he just said) Holy crap, I think I just cured myself.

MICHAEL

No you didn't. You're still boring.

END OF 1st SCENE

LATER IN THE  
AFTERNOON

A little while later....

DAVE

Michael, what's wrong?

MICHAEL

Are you and mommy getting divorced?  
Are you going to divorce me?

DAVE

What? No, of course not. Son, no  
matter what happens, your mother  
and I still love you very much and  
we'll always be in your life.

MICHAEL

You told me you could fix people.

DAVE

I can. I do.

MICHAEL

Then fix you and mommy.

Dave is speechless.