

8-12 YEAR OLD GIRL

MADISON

Daddy!

DAVE

Hey, sport!

MADISON

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?

Madison's face says everything. She's heard it before.

DAVE

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

MADISON

Yes.

DAVE

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

Madison 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?

MADISON

(reluctantly) Fat lady.

DAVE

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

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

MADISON

Can we play a game? Can we play therapy?

JEREMY

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

MADISON

I'm bored.

JEREMY

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

MADISON

Because you're boring.

Madison laughs. Jeremy is flustered.

MADISON

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.

MADISON

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?

MADISON
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.

MADISON
You told me you could fix people.

DAVE
I can. I do.

MADISON
Then fix you and mommy.

Dave is speechless.