

CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

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1. INT. LOCKER ROOM. AFTERNOON.

THIS IS A UNISEX ADAPTIVE READING. Please read the role of ASHLEY. Director's notes are minimal. Please provide 3 interpretations of emotion in your audition.

A COACH pours into a player just before the big game. The player is nervous. There is no tomorrow and the coach sits down with the player for one last chat before heading out to play for the championship.

DISSOLVE TO

COACH

Ashley, Are you ready?

ASHLEY

I...I'm not sure coach.

COACH

What do you mean? We've been working all season for this? YOU have been working all season for this. You were so excited at our last practice! What happened?

ASHLEY

I don't know. (space out for a moment). I...(sigh) My mom just got placed on Hospice care.

COACH

Oh my God. Ashley, I'm...I'm so sorry. I had no Idea things had gotten that bad.

ASHLEY

When she went in for the surgery Monday to cut the cancer out, the doctor said that the cancer had spread

everywhere much more than the original tests showed. They had to close her back up and basically...basically She has tumbled downhill this week and last night the doctor said there is nothing more that they could do. I've been coming to practice because I just couldn't look at her. What kind of person am I? I want to be here, but I shouldn't. I want to be with her and feel that's the only place in the world I should be but I can't look at her. MY MOM IS DYING!

COACH

Ashley you really should be there with her. This is just a game.

ASHLEY

And my last chance to win a championship while she's here in this world. She always wanted me to win a championship. It meant the world to her. You know she's been at every game. How can I let her down? It just seems no matter what I do today it's wrong. She wasn't even conscious much this week to tell me what SHE wanted. It's like we are losing a phone signal faster than we can finish our conversation. Why does this have to be so hard?

COACH

Because life isn't easy. But hard times make strong people if they are flexible enough to understand that. You can

go out today and give your best for your mom or you can go and give your best by her side. I will support whatever you decide. Either way you can show her how much you love her. I am not judging you for being here or there. I understand. Life is complex especially during times like this. Sometimes the answer is inside. What you really feel. I know you want to be there and here but what is the prevailing feeling in YOUR heart? What do YOU want?

ASHLEY

For my mom to be here.

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