

FARM

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Lights up on Maeve and Kim on stage. They are going through boxes in their parents attic.

KIMMY

God. I can't believe your mom and dad sold the house so quickly.

MAEVE

I know. I'm not ready to say goodbye.

KIMMY

It is fun going through all this old stuff though. We have had so many good memories here.

MAEVE

God, I'm going to miss this place. So many good memories.

KIMMY

Oh my god, look. I found Jimmy the goldfishes old bowl.

MAEVE

Ugh! Jimmy! God that bowl is so small. I bet he's enjoying his bigger one now.

KIMMY

Huh?

MAEVE

The one he's living in on my Aunt Carol's farm in Poughkeepsie.

KIMMY

What?

MAEVE

What.

KIMMY

You mean to tell me you think our childhood goldfish from almost 20 years ago is living on your Aunt Carol's farm in Poughkeepsie?

MAEVE

Yes.

KIMMY

Maeve, you have a college degree.

MAEVE

Yes, thank you. So what?

KIMMY
Jimmy died.

MAEVE
tearing up
WHAT?! Why did nobody tell me?!

KIMMY
You obviously can't handle it!

MAEVE
overreacting
I can handle it!

KIMMY
Oh my god ok ok calm down ok?

MAEVE
Ok. Can we just not talk about this anymore?

KIMMY
Sure.

They sit in silence, unboxing more memories.

KIMMY
I know you don't want to talk but I found something that will make you happy.

KIMMY holds up a dog collar

MAEVE
Ah! Charlie's dog collar!

KIMMY
I miss Charlie.

MAEVE
Yeah, me too. But at least he has more room to run around at Aunt Carol's farm in Poughkeepsie

KIMMY
Good one.

MAEVE
What?

KIMMY
You're serious?

MAEVE
ABout what?

KIMMY
Maeve. Charlie died.

MAEVE
Oh no.

MAEVE starts to cry

KIMMY
Maeve, you were valedictorian! You have got to be kidding me!

MAEVE
Jimmy and now Charlie?! This is too much.

KIMMY
You're a nurse! How is this coming as a shock! He was like 12!

MAEVE
They can live until 14!

KIMMY
He'd be like 20 now!

MAEVE
Why did nobody tell me the truth!

Maeve begins to break down

KIMMY
I'm sorry! I just thought it was obvious!

Maeve begins to sob

KIMMY
Comforting Maeve
Hey, hey. Listen. No more pet talk. Here, let's keep unpacking and take your mind off of it all. Look, here's a box of cozy sweaters.

MAEVE
AWW those are my grandma's. I should call her.

KIMMY
Oh no. Oh no, Maeve, did nobody tell you about your grandma?

MAEVE

What happened to grandma?

beat

KIMMY

She went to live on your Aunt Carol's farm in Poughkeepsie.

MAEVE

Oh good, she loves fresh air.

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