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(TABS steps on the floor, wired earbuds in. Music blasts from them in a muted sort of way. They don't see MAGS, sitting rod-straight, until they do. Some sort of informal, nonverbal greeting from Tabs. MAGS tries to replicate it. Oof that was bad. TABS' bag drops with a huff.)

Beat

Beat

Beat

MAGS
They're lining us up

Beat

MAGS (continued)
They're—

TAB
WHAT

MAGS
THEY'RE LINING US / —up—they're lining us up

TABS
You don't have do be so loud

Beat

TABS (continued)
Oh
(gasp) Uuuugghhhh

MAGS
Yup

TABS

Reeaalllyyyy?

MAGS

Sadly

TABS

But we did this / laaast weeeek

MAGS

And the week before

TABS

(gasp) I'm getting serious deja-vu like every Monday for the past MONTH is ramming into today's Monday

MAGS

I think it's just like an every week / kinda thing

TABS

For how / loooooonnnngggg

MAGS

(oOoO like a ghOoOst) ForeEeEverRrR—

TABS

Ok stop.

MAGS

Ok

TABS

Like serious

MAGS

Like after every meet

TABS

But those are / eeeevverrrryyyy weeeeeeeek

MAGS

I think it's supposed to help us grow / or whatever

TABS
Grow?

MAGS
You know, like, learn from our mistakes and shit?

TABS
Like literally?

MAGS
Literally

Beat

TABS
So then—

MAGS
Ya so—

(NAILS creeps onto the floor, but TABS and MAGS are in their own little world.)

TABS
So the mistakes we need to grow from are just get thicker skin like literal thicker skin cause like it's not my fault I got a rip during the HEIGHT of my giants like how was I supposed to predict that?

MAGS
Like last week they told me to get rid of my stink face but like what else do you expect like that stink face got me a 9.85 and if it ain't broke don't fix it, you know?

MAGS
Wait I didn't know that

TABS
I literally wouldn't shut up about it last week

MAGS
Rips bleed all the time

TABS
RIGHT?? That's what I'M saying!

But no like I LITERALLY can't believe they said THAT to you like isn't that a microaggression / or something

MAGS

No it totally is

TABS

You should fight it

MAGS

Oh I've got a list

TABS

(*gasp*) You've got a full on list?

MAGS

A shit list

TABS

Tell me everything

NAILS

Am I intruding or...

MAGS

NAILS!

Ohmygod you're back!

TABS

NAILS!

Literally how are you already here?

NAILS

Ya- / I'm back

TABS

I swear you still / had another month in that boot

MAGS

(*to TABS*) No wasn't / it the shoulder-

NAILS

I guess I'm just a superhealer like that

TABS

(*to MAGS*) I swear it was / the toe-

Cause last time it took you like four months just for the shoulder thing, right?

NAILS

Ya it was the / toe but also—

MAGS

(to NAILS) PB&J really missed / you—we all did—

NAILS

They did?

MAGS

Ya—They're so excited for you to get back on the mat. We all miss your Floor. Right, / Tabs?

NAILS

You were / betting on—

MAGS

Your Floor was always my favorite. It's so fun and atmospheric. Right. / Tabs.

MAGS

(to NAILS) And that's why they're a vaulter. No flexibility needed

TABS

All CORE beBEeeeeee

Beat

NAILS

And... Frankie?

Beat

MAGS

We're lining up

TABS

TABS

(*gasp*) Mags, remember the bets? Rands still owes me like four bucks—for the amount of months—

(to NAILS) Ya and we were all super confused why you weren't here that whole time and just like sitting on the edges of the floor and conditioning or doing pt or whatever you normally do so that we were

(to MAGS) OW—

(to NAILS) Ya no I seriously don't know how your leg gets up there

NAILS

Ya thought so—

(gasp) RIGHT

NAILS

What?

MAGS

Lining up?

TABS

She wasn't / here

MAGS

(to TABS) She wasn't! That's right!

(to NAILS) We line up now. Before / warming
up

NAILS

I wasn't

TABS

(to NAILS) On Mondays

Beat

Beat

NAILS

What—is it like conscription / or something

MAGS

Nothing like war

TABS

HA noooo literally why would you think
that

NAILS

I dunno!

I guess it's where my mind goes / when I think of lining up

TABS

Your mind goes to war?

MAGS

My thought would be more so like assembly lines, / you know?

(RANDS sees NAILS and stops at the foot of the floor)

TABS
(to MAGS) No assembly lines makes SO
MUCH more sense!

MAGS
(to TABS) Right?

NAILS
Oh–Hi

RANDS
I didn't know you were coming back

NAILS
I'm here, aren't I?

RANDS
What is that, a world record

TABS
(to RANDS) Nope. Level 7 wrist sprain was
the fastest comeback

NAILS
Ok so not conscription, but–

RANDS
(to NAILS) Nails?

NAILS
Sure, I guess–

RANDS
(to TABS) She was only gone for the half of practice and won / all around literally the next day
that doesn't count

TABS
So-rry I thought we were just going off of any injury

MAGS
Well if it's any injury then it's Rands' vertigo / that was actually a concussion that takes the cake

TABS
(to RANDS) (*gasp*) Remember how you just continued with practice complaining every few
SECONDS / but you just wouldn't listen–

RANDS
It was more like minutes

TABS

Nope. SECONDS.

NAILS

(to RANDB) I'm—

MAGS

It's not like she was sick, Rands

NAILS

(to MAGS) What do you mean we're lining up?

MAGS

it's this new thing they started last month where instead of warming up with them for 45 minutes we spend double the time to get one on one conversations with them about the meet from the day before and talk about everything that went on and how we can like improve and stuff but it's already gotten like super toxic like last week they told Kayls that them being poor is getting in his way and then also my stink face made me lose .05 points but like I've tried to put energy into not stink-facing and that's when I got a tired 7.325 like what else do you want me to do but also it's kinda nice because while each person is off with PB&J chatting and stuff wasting an hour and a half of our practice just get to chill and warm up with Franks so—

NAILS

Really?

MAGS

Ya! Like isn't that so horrible! How could they say that shit to us. It's seriously so

RANDB

(to NAILS) But seriously. How you feeling?

RANDB

(to MAGS) No—I know that

TABS

(to RANDB) That's literally not what you Oh were saying

RANDB

Right it's just that being hurt takes up so much of your energy

TABS

And we only have so much energy

RANDB

Right especially considering how Nails is constantly injured like imagine how she is

TABS

And like you don't know maybe Nails IS sick like isn't constant injuries like a chronic illness at this point

RANDB

Right like isn't chronic pain a chronic illness Like that would technically / make me chronically ill at this point, right

TABS

fucked up but like it's only because they want us to do better right? Like isn't that what Franks always talked about when she was a level 9? That they just like love us and care so much?

NAILS
Right.

Beat

Beat

Beat

TABS
Should we like stretch or something

MAGS
Ya practice technically started like two minutes ago

RANDS
(to MAGS) A whole two minutes. Woww

NAILS
Where's Frankie?

MAGS
(to NAILS) She gets here about seven minutes after practice starts

NAILS
And PB&J?

TABS
Off in the seeecrreeet roooooommm

Beat

NAILS
Ok sometimes I can translate Tabs but I just can't translate this one

RANDS
The watch-window

And we're all ALWAYS sore so that means (gasp) we're like ALL chronically ill

RANDS
Ohmygod you're literally so right (to NAILS) They're so right, right?