

**MCINTOSH**

*SETTING: A school hallway, about 30 minutes after the cast list has been posted for this year's musical.*

KERI

1 Congratulations on getting Dorothy. I'm so happy for you, Stacy.

STACY

2 Thank you, Keri. I was worried you would be jealous.

KERI

3 Jealous? Of Dorothy? Please! I wouldn't trade my part for the world.

STACY

(Awkwardly.)

4 I'm sorry, I forget which character you were cast as.

KERI

5 I'm playing McIntosh.

STACY

6 I don't remember a McIntosh being in The Wizard of Oz.

KERI

7 Well, the character is listed as "Tree #1" but I believe everyone has a name. No one goes through life as "Girl #2" or "Person #47."

STACY

8 So you gave him a name?

KERI

9 Her. McIntosh is a her. And I didn't just give her a name. I discovered it.

STACY

10 I'm happy you are happy with your part.

KERI

11 Well, it's the best part in the show.

STACY

12 Keri, let's be real. Tree #1 is just a bit character. It's has, like, two lines. Some productions even cut that part because it's not really essential to the plot.

KERI

13 Not essential to the plot! Did you even read the script?  
(Beat.)

14 I'm the first challenge the Scarecrow and Dorothy face as a team. When they meet me, Dorothy is hungry- starving- and my apples are her last hope. Without them, she has two options. She can die of starvation right there on the Yellow Brick Road-

STACY

15 She's obviously going with the other option.

KERI

16 Or she can kill and eat Toto.

STACY

17 Gross! Dorothy would never.

KERI

18 See! She needs McIntosh! I am the key to her survival. Without me, the Tin Man stays a rusted soup can, the Lion stays scared of his own shadow, and the Scarecrow would have never been missed most of all.

STACY

19 I never thought about it that way.

(Nervously.)

20 Hey, Keri. I feel weird asking but do you think you'd want to switch parts? Like, if you were cool with it, maybe you could be Dorothy Gale and I could play McIntosh?

KERI

(Thinks about it.)

21 No. You just aren't the right type to play McIntosh.

(Beat.)

22 But I do think you could be a great Granny Smith, McIntosh's grandmother. Since McIntosh's parents were uprooted, she's the only family she has left. She's listed as Tree #2, but-

STACY

23 Everyone has a name.

KERI

24 Yeah. Everyone has a name.

(Blackout.)