

GIB N' GAB

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EXT. CAMPGROUNDS LODGE - DAY

PARENTS walk their KIDS up to the cabin as the CAMP COUNSELORS welcome them into the lodge.

While her dad fetches the bags, GABRIELLE, 10, small, but noble, sits in the back seat of the car as her UNCLE SEAN, 20s, Gab's personal black superman, opens her door.

GAB

I will empty my piggy bank if you tell Dad to let me stay home.

UNCLE SEAN

Good one.

GAB

Final offer.

UNCLE SEAN

I think I will survive without your whole \$3.19 offer.

Gab throws a mini, silent fit as Uncle Sean attempts to pull her out of the car.

GAB

Please. Don't make me go. I hate kids.

UNCLE SEAN

That makes two of us.

(beat)

Let's go.

Gab glares at him.

UNCLE SEAN (CONT'D)

Except you.

He sarcastically smiles.

GAB

You're my least favorite Uncle.

Gab finally gets all the way out of the car. She walks to the back of the car to meet her dad. Uncle Sean reflects on her statement, before--

UNCLE SEAN

...wait! I'm your only Uncle!

INT. CAMPGROUNDS LODGE - MOMENTS LATER

Gab stands in the doorway with her dad, LARK, Black-- late 30s. Lark holds her hand in his and her bags with the other as he skims the room.

LARK

And you belong... over here.

GAB

I belong at home with you and Uncle Sean.

LARK

Gab, please. We've gone over this a million times.

GAB

We've gone over it six times, Dad.

LARK

And you told me you understood.

GAB

Just because I understand, doesn't mean I have to li-li-li-like it.

Gab stutters for a moment, before collecting herself. Lark sets her bags down. He turns to her and grabs her face into his hands.

LARK

Listen, you're a special kid. I'd love to spend the entire summer with you, but I can't.

GAB

I could've just gone with M-m-mom.

LARK

Gab.

Gab rolls her eyes as she jerks her head out of his hands. ALICIA, 20s, stunning, camp counselor, walks up to Gab and Lark. Lark drools at her sight, causing Gab to roll her eyes harder.

ALICIA

You must be Gabrielle?

LARK

No, I'm Lark. And you are?

Lark extends his hand.

GAB
I'm pretty sure she was talking to me.

LARK
Right! Yes, this is Gab.

GAB
Dad, don't you have to g-g-g-get going?

LARK
I was just telling Gab, how much I wish I could stay here and spend the summer with her.

GAB
But, you can't.

Gab shoves him back out of the door. Alicia extends her hand to Lark. He graciously accepts her hand.

ALICIA
I'm Alicia, Gabrielle's camp counselor.
(Beat)
You'll be in my pod, The Hoppers.

GAB
Great.

Gab picks up her bags.

ALICIA
We will take great care of her.

LARK
Thank you.
(Beat)
For the record, I would've kept her the entire summer, but it's tough being a *single* dad.

Gab walks off towards her pod.

GAB
Bye, Dad!

Alicia waves to Lark as she follows behind Gab to The Hopper's pod. Lark watches the two of them leave as Sean jerks him out of the door.

INT. THE HOPPER'S POD

Gab walks into the pod. Alicia shows her the bunk bed.

ALICIA
This is all yours for the summer!

She turns to the other girls.

ALICIA (CONT'D)
This is Gabrielle--

GAB
Gab. It's just Gab.

ALICIA
Oh, sorry--Gab is new to Camp Rock.
I expect you all to give her a nice
warm Hopper welcome.

The girls jump in unison, while saying--

EVERYONE
Ribbit!

Gab jumps in shock.

GAB
Wow. Please, don't ever do that
again.

ALICIA
Gab, I know this is new for you,
but I want you to *try* to have fun.

GAB
Fine, th-th-th-thanks.

The girls all stare. JESSE-- 11, camp 'Old Head', shocked to
hear Gab's struggle.

JESSE
She stutters?

GAB
Um, where is the restroom?

ALICIA
Sure. It's right outside of the
pod... into the camp lodge.

GAB
Thanks. Ex-ex-exxc-- I'll be back!

Gab leaves the room and Alicia turns to the girls. Jesse genuinely intrigued.

JESSE
Well, she seems fun.

Off Alicia's expression.

INT. CAMPGROUNDS LODGE - CONTINUOUS

Gab looks around the lodge, she spots the bathroom, but walks right pass it. She heads out of the front door.

EXT. CAMPGROUNDS LODGE - CONTINUOUS

Gab stands outside and looks around the campgrounds. She spots a lake and walks over to it.

EXT. CAMPGROUNDS LAKE

Loud MUSIC plays as a town of rocks throw a party. There are a few different rock groups:

- the slaters--old rocks, if you will, sit around the lake watching the pebbles play in the water.
- the rockers, jump around and yell.
- the marble rocks pamper themselves.
- the silent rocks practice yoga.

Off to the side sits a lonely rock, GIBRALTAR, better known as GIB. The rocks spot Gab walking over to the lake.

Music SCRATCHES as RANDY, one of the rockers, yells out to the rock family.

RANDY
Hey! Someone's coming! STIFFEN UP!

All of the rocks stiffen. Few rocks drop mid air.

EXT. CAMPGROUNDS LAKE

Gab approaches the rocks, she picks one up. It's a tiny pebble rock. One of the slaters, GRANNY ROCK blinks her eyes and whispers...

GRANNY ROCK
Not the baby...

Gab skips the rock in the water and all of the rocks take a small gasp. Gab hears the sound and looks around.

GAB
Who's there?

Silence. Gab bends down and picks up another rock.

GAB (CONT'D)
(mocking Lark)
You'll have f-f-f-fun. Everyone is different, just like you Gab.
(beat)
This place sucks. There is no one here *just like me*.

Gab skips the rock. RUBY ROCK whispers.

RUBY
I'll see you at the bottom, Stone!

Gab looks around again.

GAB
Who said that?!

Silence. Gab looks around and walks over to Gib.

RANDY
(whispers)
He's a weirdo anyway.

Gab picks up Gib.

GAB
I just want my life back to normal.

She winds her arm up to throw Gib and he SCREAMS. Gab SCREAMS in response. She looks down at the rock.

GAB (CONT'D)
Wait, did that come from you?

GIB
Please don't skip me, I have a lot of rock life to li-li-li-live.

EXT. CAMPGROUNDS LAKE - LATER

Gab sits down with Gib.

GAB
So, let me get this straight, your name is spelled Gib? But it's not gib? It's jib?

GIB
Yes, Jib with a G!

GAB
Hmm... that's almost weirder than the fact that I'm talking to a stuttering rock.

Gib feels the embarrassment.

GIB
I know, stuttering is weird.

GAB
No, stuttering isn't weird. YOU ARE A TALKING ROCK!

GIB
Oh, yeah. Well, there's that.

EXT. CAMPGROUNDS LODGE - DUSK

Alicia and Jesse stand out in the lodge foyer.

ALICIA
She did say she was using the restroom right?

JESSE
Right. It's been an hour.

Alicia panics.

ALICIA
Oh my god! How am I going to tell them I lost a kid on the first day! What do I do? What do I--

Jesse smacks Alicia's face.

JESSE
You stop hyperventilating and act like the adult here!

ALICIA
Right! ADHD. Let's--uh, go look for her!

JESSE

Well, duh.

The two of them leave out of the door.

ALICIA (O.C)

GAB! GAB!

EXT. CAMPGROUNDS LAKE

Gab can hear Alicia calling her name. Gib notices her sadness.

GIB

What's s-s-s-so wrong with your camp?

GAB

I'm different t-t-t-to.

Gib smiles at Gab.

GIB

You're p-p-perfect.

Alicia and Jesse show up. Gib stiffens.

ALICIA

Hey there! We were worried about you!

JESSE

Who were you talking to?

GAB

No one.

JESSE

Look, I'm sorry about what I said back there. I was just excited to have someone l-l-like me.

Gab looks up at Jesse.

GAB

You stutter too?

JESSE

Yeah, look there is something different about all of us.

GAB

Really?

ALICIA
 Actually it is. ADHD, here. This is
 a camp for kids and adults that are
 different, *just like you.*

GAB
 Wow. So, my dad was right?

ALICIA
 Yes, and cute!

Both Gab and Jesse squirm.

GAB	JESSE
Ew! That's gross!	Yuck! You could've saved that!

Alicia rounds up the girls.

ALICIA
 Alright, alright! Let's go back
 before we get in trouble.

Alicia turns around and looks completely lost.

ALICIA (CONT'D)
 Um... I think camps this way. Oh my
 god! How am I going to tell them I
 lost myself and *two* kids on the
 first day?

Jesse smacks Alicia.

JESSE
 Camp's this way.
 (to Gab)
 She does this... A LOT.

The girls begin to walk off. Gab turns around to Gib, who
 winks at her. She smiles back.

The end.