

GIB 'N' GAB

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EXT. CAMPGROUNDS LODGE - DAY

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

While her DAD fetches the bags, GAB FERRIWINKLE, 11, brown skinned-- with sealed coils, tiny but noble, sits in the back seat of the car.

INT. CAR - DAY

UNCLE SEAN, 20s, her personal black superman, opens the passenger side door. He walks to Gab's door and opens it.

GAB

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

UNCLE SEAN

Good one.

GAB

Final offer.

UNCLE SEAN

I think I'll survive without your three dollars and nineteen cents.

Gab throws a mini, silent fit.

Uncle Sean attempts to pull her out of the car.

GAB

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

UNCLE SEAN

That makes two of us. Let's go.

Gab glares at him.

UNCLE SEAN (CONT'D)

Except you. Of course.

He smiles.

GAB

You're my *least* favorite Uncle.

Gab gets all the way out of the car.

EXT. CAMPGROUND LODGE - DAY

She walks to the back of the car to meet her Dad. Uncle Sean catches her wit.

UNCLE SEAN

Wait! I'm your only Uncle!

Gab smiles as she waves to him. Uncle Sean laughs as he waits by the car.

INT. CAMPGROUNDS LODGE - MOMENTS LATER

Gab stands in the doorway. LARK, late 30s, her dad-- a Howard University urbane man, 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 said you understood.

GAB

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

Gab stutters, before collecting herself. Lark sets her bags down. He grabs her face into his hands.

LARK

Listen, you're a special kid. Maybe the most special Gab and there is nothing I'd rather do than to spend the entire summer with you, but I can't.

GAB

I could've just gone to London's Summer Fashion Week with M-m-mom.

LARK

Gab.

Gab rolls her eyes as she jerks her head out of his hands.

ALICIA, 20s, ADHD thriving, camp counselor, walks up. Lark drools at her sight. Gab rolls 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 I wish I could 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 accepts her hand.

ALICIA

I'm Alicia, Gabrielle's camp counselor. 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. 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 them as he hangs onto the door, Sean swings the door open and jerks Lark out of the door.

INT. THE HOPPER'S POD - MOMENTS LATER

A green frog themed room, with wooden bunk beds, frog-like plushies and GIRLS huddled in their own world laughing and babbling. Gab follows Alicia to her bunk bed.

ALICIA

This is all yours for the summer!

She turns to the other girls.

ALICIA (CONT'D)

This is Gabrielle--

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--

EVERYONE

Ribbit!

Gab jumps in shock.

GAB

Wow.

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, the 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. In the camp lodge.

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

Gab leaves and Alicia turns to the girls. Jesse is 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 looks around the campgrounds. She spots a still lake and walks over to it.

EXT. LAKE - SAME TIME

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 lone 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:

RANDY

Hey! Someone's coming! STIFFEN UP!

All of the rocks stiffen. A few floating rocks drop mid air.

EXT. LAKE - MOMENTS LATER

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

GRANNY ROCK

Not the baby!

Gab skips the rock in the water. The rocks below take a small gasp. Gab is startled by the sound. She rotates her surroundings to find nothing.

GAB

Who's there?

Gab picks up another rock. She mocks her dad's voice.

GAB (CONT'D)

You'll have f-f-f-fun. Everyone is different, just like you Gab.

Gab gets in windup position.

GAB (CONT'D)

This place sucks. There is no one here *just like me*.

Gab skips the rock. The gorgeous, RUBY ROCK whispers.

RUBY

I'll see you at the bottom, Stone!

Gab looks around again.

GAB

Who said that?!

Gab looks around and walks over to Gib. Randy whispers.

RANDY

Now, he can go--

Ruby Rock bumps Randy, knocking him over. Gab picks up Gib.

GAB

I just want my life back to normal.

She transitions to windup position and GIB 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. LAKE - LATER

Soft MUSIC plays as the Rocks continue their party. Gab sits down holding 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.

INT. 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. LAKE - MOMENTS LATER

Gab can hear Alicia calling her. 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

Ew! That's gross!

JESSE

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 she's 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. She does this-- A LOT.

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