

NOSEDIVE

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CHARACTERS

MEG Has some serious issues.

GIA Sick of her friends schemes that always go
horribly wrong.

SETTING

A suburban garage somewhere in the United States.

TIME

A summer afternoon. The present, but like in the summer.

ACT 1

SCENE 1

A suburban garage.

Cardboard boxes fill the shelves.

A couch faces an old 90's TV.

*Two girls sit on the couch eating
popsicles watching old silent
reruns.*

MEG

But-

GIA

No.

MEG

I hate my nose.

GIA

Stop it, Meg!

MEG

I hate my nose.

GIA

Oh my god, here we go.

MEG

Please, it's like not that big a deal, I took five Ibuprofen's
before you got here.

GIA

Oh yeah, that'll do the trick.

MEG

Gia PLEASE. You have to do this for me.

GIA

(lightly laughing)

You know, now I'm suddenly like really concerned cuz I can't tell if you're joking anymore-

MEG

This is not a joke! Oh my goooooood.

GIA

You *seriously* want me to-

MEG

Here.

Meg puts a hammer in Gia's hand.

MEG (Cont.)

Just break my nose.

Please.

GIA

Oh my god, get that away from me-

*Gia shoves the hammer
back to Meg.*

MEG

Gia! Please! You're literally like my best... one of my best friends! You have to! Remember I pierced your ear in 7th grade for you!

GIA

I didn't ask you to!? I woke up to you shoving a needle through my ear during a sleepover!?

MEG

Yeah, but you *wanted* your ears pierced! You weren't allowed to, and my Mom won't allow me to get a nose job!

Look, if it's an "accident" they'll fix it for free!

GIA

That's not how it works.

MEG

Um, yes. It was on an episode of Grey's Anatomy.

*Meg holds out the hammer to
Gia again.*

MEG (Cont.)

Here.

GIA

I'm not going to break your nose so you can get a "free" nose job.

*Gia begins collecting her
things, then grabs her bag.*

MEG

No, Gia, please!

GIA

Nope!

Gia starts to leave.

MEG

No- Please- I..I..You...You Bitch!

GIA

Whatever. Break your own fucking nose.

MEG

(mimicking Gia)

Fine! I will break my own fucking nose!

Meg picks up the hammer.

Gia lingers to watch if she actually will.

Meg positions herself in front of a mirror.

She practice swings once.

Twice.

She musters up the courage for her final swing.

She starts to let out a gladiator battle cry before-

GIA

OH SHI- STOP!

Gia throws her bag down and runs to Meg who stopped just in time.

GIA (Cont.)

You really were going to- OKAY. I'll do it. Just, just give me the hammer. The last thing you need is anymore brain damage-

MEG

Oh my god, THANK YOU.

Meg hands Gia the hammer.

GIA

But if you like sue me if this goes wrong-

MEG

No! I promise. It's so simple. It's not like brain surgery.

GIA

Not yet.

Meg bounces to the couch and waits.

Gia is visibly nervous.

MEG

Okay, just do it! I'm too excited!

GIA

Wow, you're really freaking me out.

Gia positions the hammer by Meg's nose.

Gia shuts her eyes, not wanting to look, and almost swings.

Meg starts screaming.

Which makes Gia start screaming.

*They both sit there
screaming.*

GIA

WHAT? WHAT? I DIDN'T EVEN DO // ANYTHING?

MEG

//NOT LIKE THAT!

GIA

WHAT?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN NOT LIKE THAT?!

MEG

DON'T YOU KNOW HOW TO BREAK SOMEONE'S NOSE?!

GIA

(Beat)

NO!?!?

MEG

Oh my GOD, that could've gone so bad. Let me show you. Sit.

Gia sits on the couch.

*Meg positions the hammer
Gia's nose*

MEG (Cont.)

Okay. Place the hammer on the septum on the middle of the nose.
Not too far up near the eyes, but not too far down where you'd
only hit carterlidge.

GIA

Cartilage.

MEG

That's what I said.

So, then you practice swing twice, like this...

*Meg swings the hammer twice,
like a golf practice swing.*

MEG (Cont.)

...to make sure you know where to hit your mark. Then you actually hit it the third time!

*Meg is so caught up in her
lesson that she accidentally
actually swings it and hits
Gia's nose with the hammer.*

*Gia screams, turns from the
audience and turns back with
her new bloody and probably
broken nose.*

They both scream.

GIA

HOLY SH- OH MY GOD.

MEG

I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY-

GIA

WHAT. THE. FUCK.

MEG

I JUST WAS TRYING TO SHOW YOU- OH MY GOD- I WAS JUST SO ANXIOUS
AND SWEATY ABOUT YOU BREAKING MINE, I DON'T KNOW, I JUST-

GIA

YOU BROKE MY FUCKING NOSE.

MEG

I KNOW, I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO-

GIA

HOLY SHIT- Oh my god, Meg, I'm, I'm gonna pass out!

MEG

What?? No! No, no, no, no. You're fine! You're fine! Just like..
put your head between your knees for a sec! It'll be // fine.

GIA

Okay, okay.

*Gia puts her head between her
legs.*

Meg nervously pets her back.

MEG

That's it. Just take a breath.

Gia stops moving.

MEG

Gia?

Giiiiiaaa?

Meg pats Gia.

Gia!?

Meg shakes Gia.

GIA.

*Meg swings Gia's torso up and
snaps poor, broken Gia out
from unconsciousness.*

*Gia winces, hovering her hand
over her nose. She looks BAD.*

MEG

Okay! So that was a BAD idea!

GIA

I'm gonna throw up.

MEG

Oh god, ew, please don't.

GIA

When are they coming?

MEG

Who?

GIA

The- the nine-one-one, the like EMT's, the ambulance, when is the ambulance gonna be here, god ow.

MEG

What ambulance?

GIA

Did you- you didn- call 9-1-1, Meg!?

MEG

But...

GIA

WHAT!?

MEG

You... you you haven't broken my nose yet...

Beat.

GIA

Are you kidding me?!

MEG

You *promised!*

GIA

Oh my GOD-

MEG

It won't take very long! That took like what, 5 seconds!? Just do it now!

GIA

What? No!!

MEG

Gia please-

GIA

CALL 911!!!!

*Meg picks up GIA's backpack
and pulls out her phone.*

MEG

Gia... I'm not calling 911 until you break my nose.

GIA

Give me my-

Gia reaches for her phone.
Meg stands and holds it high
above their heads.

MEG

Gia. Neither of us are calling 911 unless we both have broken noses! You PROMISED.

GIA

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?! I need to go, I need help...

MEG

Ha! Can you even get up?

Gia tries to stand.

She's dizzy, and can't find her balance, but slowly makes her way out.

Meg lightly pushes her which sends Gia to her hands and knees.

Meg patronizingly lowers herself to the same level.

MEG

I don't like seeing you like this, G.

GIA

You're really fucked.

MEG

I hope I get more fucked when you break my nose, cuz no one is calling 9-1-1 or leaving until you BREAK MY NOSE!

GIA

I CAN'T!

MEG

JUST DO IT.

Meg again gives Gia the hammer.

GIA

FINE!

Gia sloppily picks up the hammer and randomly swings it at Meg.

The hammer completely misses Meg's nose.

But it smashes Meg's hand against the floor.

*Both scream again, but then
get weirdly calm and just
stare at the hammer crushing
Meg's hand.*

A couple seconds of silence.

MEG

That was my hand.

*Gia wipes the blood from her
face.*

GIA

Yeah. I see that now.

MEG

It hurts.

GIA

Yeah.

MEG

Like a lot.

GIA

I get that.

MEG

I'm... I'm gonna call 911 now.

GIA

Please do that.

MEG

Okay.

*Meg pulls Gia's phone from
her pocket and dials 911 with
her good hand.*

*They sit there in awkward
calm silence while we hear
the phone ring.*

911 OPERATOR

9-1-1, what's your emergency?

(Blackout.)