

Drama – Gentleness

Characters

- Team Members x 3
- Team Captain
- Jo

[Jo and the three Team Members enter the locker room just moments after losing their grand final. The three Team Members are all angry at Jo, since Jo missed the last shot that would have won them the game. Jo is looking quite sad]

Team Member #1: Urrgh! I can't believe you've done this again to us Jo!

Team Member #2: Yeah, we never should have trusted you with the ball!

Team Member #3: This is the second grand final you've cost us! Why are you even on this team anyway?

Jo: I'm sorry. I...I just froze. I didn't mean to...

Team Member #1: Lose us the game? Yeah right! Are you sure you didn't mean to?

Team Member #2: Urrgh! You're so clumsy!

Team Member #3: I'm not playing next year if you are.

[The Team Captain enters the locker room, having not heard what's just been said to Jo]

Team Captain: Ah Jo! Are you OK? You must feel so awful. Listen, don't worry about what happened. We can always have another go at it next year.

Team Member #1: Next year? You're going to let Jo be on the team next year?

Team Member #2: Then we'll probably just lose again.

Team Member #3: And get embarrassed in front of everyone.

Team Captain: Hey hey, whoa! What's all this? We're a team! And we all played a part in what happened at the end there. It's not Jo's fault. It's just the way things turn out sometimes. Jo's actually a really good player. And if we want to win next year, we've got to all pull it together as a team and support and help each other.

[There's a silent pause as everyone stops to think, and realise what Team Captain is saying is true]

Team Member 1: Ah you're right. It didn't help that my pass to Jo wasn't that solid.

Team Member 2: And I also wasn't there to pass the ball to.

Team Member 3: Plus, I guess I also missed a few crucial shots throughout the game too.

Team Captain: Let's learn from this. And be gentle with each other. Otherwise, we'll never get better. You all right Jo?

Jo: Yeah I guess. Thanks for saying that. I felt pretty bad about what happened.

Team Member 1: It's all right Jo. We're sorry for giving you a hard time. Just an emotional moment I guess.

Team Member 2: Yeah, sorry Jo. I take it all back.

Team Member 3: You are actually a good player Jo. It was just bad luck at the end there.

Jo: It's all right. Thanks for trying to help. I actually feel a bit better.