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“Keep Shooting”

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What	After missing what would have been the game winning shot Zoe is furious with herself, her mom, and the world when her team mate Trish finds her in the locker room. The conversation that ensues helps them both as they wrestle with the uncertainty of their lives and the solid footing that God has to offer them.
Who	2 female actors, 1 male actor
Why	Hebrews 12: 1-3, Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 2:8-10
Time	Approximately 6 minutes

SETTING: *In the girl's locker room at Southwest Christian School. The night of a girl's state semi-final basketball game.*

AT RISE: *Video roles on screen. It is snappy, gorilla style, the crowd, the clock, the sounds, the game. We hear the voice of the announcer, "Mountain High defeats Southwest Christian 80-78. Mountain Hight will Advance to the state finals. Light's up on COACH isolated, post-game. COACH is visibly upset.*

COACH

You really messed up Zo. You had one job. One. You cost us the game; we would have been at the state finals next week.

(Light down on COACH as lights fade up on ZO sitting on a bench in the locker room. There is a jacket on the far end of the bench. We see lockers behind her on the screen. ZO is still wearing her uniform. Her sneakers are off. The rest of the team is gone. She

yells.)

AHHH!

ZO

(ZO is fighting back tears.)

ZO

I'm so stupid. One job Zo. Put the ball in the basket. Game over. We win. See you at the finals. But no, you missed it. You missed it! Stupid!

(ZO hits the bench. We see her rage. This is probably what makes her a good player. Enter TRISH, she's wearing headphones post game like all athletes do. She's singing some new song.)

TRISH

Woah girl. You okay?

ZO

Yeah I'm good.

TRISH

Are you sure?

ZO

I said, I'm good!

We all miss shots...

TRISH

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ZO

I had one job. And I couldn't do it. I cost us the win.

It happens. It's just a game.

TRISH

Full

ZO

My last game.

TRISH

Our last game.

(There's silence. TRISH sits next to her on the bench.)

ZO

I thought everyone was gone already.

TRISH

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They are. Including Coach *and* Molly. Molly got tired of waiting for your jersey so she could wash it with the others. You know Molly has zero patience. Worst team manager in the history of team managers. Guess it's yours now. Southwest Christian School officially retires #20! The crowd goes wild!

ZO

No way. I could never look at this jersey again after today.

(Another silence.)

ZO

Why did you come back?

At

TRISH

Left my phone charger and my jacket. Plus I was just out in the gym taking pics with my family. Yours waiting on you?

ZO

No.

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TRISH

They went home?

ZO

They never came.

TRISH

You sure you didn't just miss your family in the crowd. It was a lot of people out there.

ZO

One, it is not a family. It's just me and my mom. Two, there weren't even that many people there... we can only have the gym at 50 percent capacity... She missed my final game. After she said earlier today that she wouldn't. But she probably... whatever.

TRISH

She probably what?

ZO

It's nothing. I'm good. Losing sucks. That's all.

TRISH

She probably what?

ZO

She's probably with this new guy she met. She's been spending a lot of time with him and when I usually get home, she's with him, and they've been drinking, and it's just a lot. So I'm sure that's what she chose to do instead of seeing her daughters final game.

TRISH

How long has it just been you and your mom?

ZO

Since freshman year. When my mom had me, we move in with my Grandpa, he helped raise me. He was an amazing man. He never missed a single one of my games... but he died right in the middle of my first year of high school. I've felt really alone since then.

(ZO'S GRANDPA appears, isolated in a pool of light to one side of the stage)

GRANDPA

Zo, don't beat yourself up... you played a good game out there today. I know your disappointed that you didn't win but you played well. You're getting stronger and faster. Scripture talks about running the race before you with endurance, and sure that applies to the game but it's good advice for your whole life. There are going to be days when you want to quit and throw in the towel, but remember that I am proud of you, and that God is proud of you, and loves you even more then I do. So chin up, keep shooting kiddo.

(ZO'S GRANDPA fades away)

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