

From The Audition

CARRIE

Okay.

(CARRIE approaches the audience again.)

My life: by Carrie. My life is the most wonderful thing.

(she stops.)

My life is the... when I was ten years old I got cast in the school play. We were doing this play our teacher wrote about Winnie the Pooh. I was Tigger. Probably because I was pretty hyper. I even got to sing a song about Tiggers. I was so excited I stayed after school every day, and I learned my lines in the first week, and every night at home I'd sing my song about Tiggers and how they were made out of rubber and everything. Our school didn't have a lot of money, but my friend's Mom made me a costume and we had a lot of fun. And I felt really good about it. I mean, I felt... amazing. It was like my whole life I was looking for something I was good at, and then all of a sudden here it was, I was good at being Tigger. I couldn't run fast, I wasn't good at math, I couldn't even spell, but when I sang that Tigger song, I was proud. So the day of the show came, and I was backstage in my Tigger costume, and I was really nervous, I had to pee like every five minutes, and then I went out there on the stage, and the lights were really bright, and I could see the outline of all these heads out there, and I could hear them, and I did my song—and I just put everything I had into it, and I wasn't nervous any more, I was happy, and when I finished... the whole audience applauded for me. For me. I had never been applauded for anything my whole life. And then after the show, all the parents were coming up and hugging their kids, even the kids who played trees, I remember this Dad came up and he was like, "you were the most realistic tree of all of them" and everyone was there. And everyone was getting hugged. And there were all these flowers. And I looked around for my Mom... and I kept looking around for her... and I kept looking. And then everyone started to go home. And I was still there. And I was still in that stupid Tigger costume. I asked her later why she didn't come to my show, and she said, "what show?"

(Pause)

I was really good, too.

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