

1. Denial (great hall - lunch - eating)

- a. Do you have plans for today? We could hang out if you're free.
- b. ...
- c. I got two letters from my parents today. One from my mum and one from my dad.
- d. They've been writing to me quite a bit these last couple of months. It sounds like there are more problems at home than usual, but I'm sure it is nothing they can't work out.
- e. **CHOICE:** Problems at home? What do you mean?
- f. Well...
- g. You know how some families go out to bbq's together or go on trips together or watch a movie together? My parents haven't done that in a while. Whenever I am home, they yell at each other quite a bit, but they always resolve things.
- h. This time feels different though - even in their letters - it feels a little more difficult for them to resolve it.
- i. Like - look here - my dad wrote "Your mother and I went to the cabin last week.", normally he writes "Mom and I", it is just little things like that that make it feel weird.
- j. That is why I like coming to this school. There is no shouting, no yelling, and I don't feel the cloud of unhappiness when I walk in a room.
- k. **CHOICE:** I'm sorry. That doesn't sound good.
- l. It'll all be fine. They have always resolved their issues before.
- m. Hey are you going to eat that?
- n. You feel like you understand Rhys a little more.
- o. (Level up)
- p. We should get going to class.
- q. (end scene)

2. Anger (great hall)

- a. Do you have plans today? I could use someone to talk to.
- b. ...
- c. Well... it is official, my parents are getting a divorce. They sent me a note this morning about it.
- d. I don't know what to do. I don't know what I can do. I don't want to move between two houses all the time. What should I do?
- e. **CHOICE:** I don't think you can do anything. I'm sorry. It is their choice.
- f. No! I refuse to accept that! I was their last kid! Everyone else has moved out! Why do this to me?
- g. It is like they forgot about my feelings in this. I have no where to go when they fight! I tried so hard for so long to deny this from happening, I didn't want it to be true!
- h. How could they do this?
- i. I hate them both.
- j. How can you love your kids but put them through this?
- k. It is not fair!
- l. **CHOICE:** Have you talked to them? In the long run, I'm sure this is best.

- i. Yes I have. They said it was a grown up thing and I shouldn't worry myself about.
 - ii. How? How could losing half of your family be for the best?
 - m. It just makes me mad. I just want to tear these up and throw them away.
 - n. Gah, it is so aggravating. They are supposed to have worked this out like they have every other time.
 - o. Why was this different?
 - p. Why now?
 - q. ...
 - r. Rhys fell into silence. You should probably say something.
 - s. **CHOICE:** Can you reach out to your siblings? You have friends here at least.
 - i. No, they all moved on. They don't talk to the family anymore. They are too busy with their careers and their own families.
 - ii. I don't have many apart from you. I was the loner. Now I'm more alone.
 - t. I'm sorry, I know you're trying to help, but I think I need to think on this more.
 - u. You feel like you understand Rhys a little more.
 - v. (Level up)
 - w. We should get to class.
 - x. (end scene)
3. Bargaining (dorm)
- a. Hey [MC], do you have time to talk today?
 - b. ...
 - c. I was doing some thinking.
 - d. I know I haven't been the best student, I'm not a great athlete, I'm not very social. I'm nothing like my siblings.
 - e. Maybe I'm the reason my parents are getting a divorce.
 - f. **Choice:** No, its not your fault. Don't blame yourself.
 - g. No, no, think about it - why would my parents who have been together for over 20 years - they have seen my four siblings graduate top of their class, a great footballistics player, one raising a family, and one who is teaching out west - then there is me -
 - h. A nobody. No friends. No skills. I'm the troublesome kid that broke the camel's back.
 - i. And now they want a divorce? When I'm the only one living at home?
 - j. Maybe me living at home caused this.
 - k. If I just don't go home, it solves everything.
 - l. **CHOICE:** This isn't your fault. The divorce sounded inevitable.
 - m. ... Maybe. But I still feel like I need to do something to fix things.
 - n. Maybe I should talk to the Headmaster about letting me stay over the summer.
 - o. Or, I can fail and go to summer school.
 - p. **CHOICE:** Both of those are bad. You could join a magic circus.
 - q. Hehe, youre right. I just - there has to be something I can do.
 - r. I'll keep thinking on it.

- s. Thanks again for talking with me. It is nice to be able to vent to someone.
 - t. You feel like you understand Rhys better.
 - u. (Level up)
 - v. I think the bell is about to ring. We should go.
 - w. (end scene)
4. Depression (great hall)
- a. Hi MC, do you have time to talk today?
 - b. ...
 - c. Can I ask - how do you be you? I mean - how do you carry charisma and not let the world pull you down?
 - d. It just feels like there is so much negativity going on in the world, people are disappearing, finals are coming up - it is all so much. How do you do it?
 - e. **CHOICE:** I just keep pushing. I get scared too.
 - f. You do a good job of not showing anything.
 - g. It is like these letters I'm getting from my parents. They are making me mad and sad at the same time.
 - h. They say things like "We still love you." and "This is good for everyone." - they aren't helping. They are making me feel worse.
 - i. Some days, I just eat to try to forget what is going on around me.
 - j. I don't have the motivation to work out. I'm tired of fighting all the time.
 - k. If my parents aren't fighting in their letters or calls, then I feel myself fighting against myself. I just want things to go back to the way they were before.
 - l. **CHOICE:** It will get better. This too shall pass.
 - m. It is just really, really hard, but it has to get better. It has to.
 - n. I might go and lay down before class to try and get a little energy. I feel tired all the time nowadays.
 - o. Thanks for listening to me. I know I can count on you.
 - p. You feel like you understand Rhys better.
 - q. (Level up)
 - r. I'll catch up with you in a bit.
 - s. (end scene)
5. Acceptance (dorm)
- a. Hi MC, do you have time to talk today?
 - b. ...
 - c. I was doing some thinking and I think I just have to admit it.
 - d. There will be points in our life that define who you are.
 - e. You may not have control over them, but that doesn't change that they happen.
 - f. I don't want my parents to divorce. I don't want to have to choose between them. I don't want to deal with the problems they are having -
 - g. but that isn't in my control.
 - h. I just have to live with it and hopefully I come out on the other end of it a better person.
 - i. **Choice:** That is a great attitude. I'm proud of you.
 - j. Thanks, but saying it is the easy part.

- k. The court date is set for right after term ends. This is happening.
- l. They've assured me it isn't my fault. I know I couldn't stop them, but maybe - just maybe - I could've done something to help them.
- m. It is too late now. The life I knew shattered on the floor and I have to pick up the pieces without getting cut.
- n. Stupid analogy, I know, but it is making me feel better.
- o. **CHOICE:** You're right, you need a better analogy. If it works, it works.
- p. Anyway, thanks for being there for me. It is going to be rough going through this, but I'm glad I have you as a friend by my side.
- q. I truly could not have asked for a better person to have gone through this with.
- r. Thank you.
- s. You feel a deep resolve from Rhys.
- t. (Level up)
- u. This is only the beginning, it'll get worse before it gets better, but it will get better.
- v. Let's head off to class.
- w. (end scene)