

prologue: *Darkness. Spot up on DEB, 24.*

DEB

So

*Spot up on WILL, 24.
He rolls his neck.*

*Spot up on CHANG, 24.
He does a sort of Lamaze-type breath, looking straight ahead.*

Three simultaneous spots up on DEB, WILL and CHANG standing in a row stage front.

DEB	WILL	CHANG
hi, you guys	hi, you guys	hi, you guys

Spot only on DEB (from here on out, except where noted otherwise—spots are solely on current speaker).

DEB

So, *my* name is Deb Gigantelli.
Like the dance plus the British word for TV.
'Jig-*and*-telly!'. ...aha.
It's an Italian—Italian name. Yeah. So I'm gonna start small, and kind of work my way up

CHANG

I'm gonna tell you some stories from my life. Not *all* the stories of my life, but a

WILL

whole lot of stories from one particular section of my life. Listen carefully—not

DEB

because my life is so interesting—but because we're gonna ask

CHANG

you to tell *us* stories from your life later. We wanna hear from you.

WILL

uh, so, the rock bottom

DEB

and that's the thing is, you always think you can manage one more and

WILL

so I'm—I'm doing lines—do you kids know what 'lines' are?—I'm doing lines off a porta-potty seat—can you *imagine*? isn't that gross?

CHANG

(laughing)

I *did* some shit. oh sorry. we're probably not supposed to say shit.

DEB

and I looked at myself, in the mirror and I thought: is this who you wanna be?

WILL

so you should ask yourself:

CHANG

you know, who you wanna

DEB

we don't say done.

WILL

you know I'm not *done* I'm never *done*

CHANG

we say I am *recovering*. notice

DEB

...the "ing". Do you guys know what that's called?

WILL

And what does a gerund always

CHANG

mean?

DEB

That's *right*—action! Present! Now!

CHANG

and just, before we go, guys

DEB

It's important to remember

WILL

the crazy stories are—are fun to tell. they're fun to hear. but the

CHANG

problem with telling the crazy stories sometimes is that it makes it all seem like this great madcap adventure, and

DEB

it's, it's really not.

Spots up on all three:

DEB
ok

WILL
ok

CHANG
ok

DEB
there's one thing we do here, to

CHANG
top off every single telling of a story

WILL
it's just—a good—we call it the shake-out.

CHANG
cuz

WILL
it looks like

DEB
this

Spots up on all three:

they shake their bodies, vigorously, crazily, goofily.

Spot up only on Deb. Still shaking. She stops. She smiles. She nods.

ok, yeah.

(Lights out).