

"I Don't Want to Be the Hero"

(Emotional and honest, with growth)

(Quietly, seriously) Everyone keeps saying I should be the leader. "You're brave," they say. "You always speak up." But they don't know how much I don't want to. They don't see how my hands shake before I talk, or how my stomach feels like it's doing cartwheels.

Being the hero sounds cool in books. But in real life? It's scary. People expect you to always know the right thing. To never mess up.

(Pause, breathing in) But maybe... being brave isn't about being fearless. Maybe it's just about showing up, even when you're scared. So... yeah. I'll try. I'll lead. But I'm not doing it alone. Heroes need teams too.