

MONICA

(takes ELLIE's hand)

We're not going to let you down.

(ELLIE is moved. Ding! KARL checks his phone.)

13b. Lucky Nine Lanes **KARL**

But now it's time for the group challenge at Lucky Nine Lanes!

(STUDENTS assemble as ADAM enters with a hand mic.)

ADAM

Hey hunters! As you probably guessed, you're not here to bowl... You're here... to dance. It's a dance-off!

(STUDENTS cheer!)

Get out there! Jump in, juke it, and bust a move!

(STUDENTS cheer then take turns dancing. SAVANNAH is already mid-strut down the middle. She means it. KITTY follows suit. But MONICA is terrified.)

MONICA

No! Ellie, I told you we were going to have to do something humiliating! I—don't—dance!

(MONICA gestures to SAVANNAH, who is whispering with KITTY and pointing at them: it's clear she's poised to mock them. KARL's confidence fades.)

KARL

I changed my mind, I'm with Monica—I don't need anyone ridiculing me and my body. I'm husky! So what?

MONICA

I'm a weird blob with arms and legs!

ELLIE

Whoa whoa... hold on! You guys! Your bodies—our bodies are all perfect! Listen to me. Do not squander this time of your lives being ashamed of your bodies!

(feels her lower back)

Because this is as good as it gets!

KARL

(not believing ELLIE)

Come on...

ELLIE

(sincerely)

Karl, you're perfect.

KARL

(quietly)

Thanks.

ELLIE

And Monica, you are going to dance! We are all going to dance! And it's going to be immortalized on video – and we are going to watch that video and love ourselves!

KARL, MONICA

Yes!

ELLIE, MONICA, KARL

IT'S NOT THE FINDING
IT'S THE SEARCHING
IT'S THE HUNT FOR WHO YOU'LL BE
NOT THE SEEING, BUT THE LOOKING
FOR THE THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T SEE

ELLIE

THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T SEE

(During the following, ELLIE and MONICA watch KARL lead the way with a crazy confident dance. STUDENTS cheer. Then ELLIE goes with some old-school moves – welcome back to the 1990s! – but STUDENTS clap anyway. Then... it's MONICA's turn. She takes a deep breath and does the weirdest, freakiest dance of all. She owns it and has fun! Shocked STUDENTS cheer! MONICA, exhilarated, hugs KARL and ELLIE.)

ADAM, STUDENTS

GO!
COME ON AND
GO!
HEY, HERE WE GO!
GO – GO – GO – GO!
COME ON AND
GO – GO – GO – GO!

STUDENTS

GO WHERE YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D GO
GO WAY TOO FAR
WHERE THE THING YOU HAVE TO FIND
CAN BE FOUND
GO THERE
GO THERE
AND BE WHERE YOU ARE
BE WHERE YOU ARE!

(SAVANNAH trips ELLIE and stands over her).

SAVANNAH: I like winners.

KITTY: Byeeeeee!

(Whistle! ELLIE gets up. KARL and MONICA approach.)

Monica
+
Karl
C.B
#1

31 32 **KARL:** 33

Ell, tell us what you're do - ing.

Ooh

Ooh

34 **MONICA:** 35

Say you have__ a plan.__ You

KARL:

You're set to do__ the Hunt now?

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could-n't, now you can? And now you asked Sa-van-nah to be part-

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- ners, Ell, for real? What's the plan? What's your deal?

- ners, Ell, for real? What's the truth? What's your deal?