

"A Brother's Advice"

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Characters:

Charlie, younger brother, 16

Jeff, older brother, 25

Synopsis: Charlie asks for advice from his older brother, Jeff. He get's that and more, even though Jeff is dead.

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INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

CHARLIE walks into the living room from outside. He puts his bag down. He calls out.

CHARLIE
Mom? Dad? Anyone home?

No answer. He goes over and sits on the couch. He takes a big breath.

CHARLIE
Jeff? Man I wish you were here.

Suddenly JEFF appears in the chair next to him. Charlie does not see his ghost.

JEFF
I am here.

CHARLIE
I don't know what to do anymore.

JEFF
You aren't supposed to have all the answers buddy.

CHARLIE
Why are people the way they are?

JEFF
Why does it matter?

CHARLIE
See there's this girl.

JEFF
It's always about a girl.

CHARLIE
I don't know how to talk to her.

JEFF
Just go up and say hello.

CHARLIE
I wish you were still around to give me advice.
(beat)
It's not like I can just walk up to her and say hello.

JEFF
You should try it.

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CHARLIE

And it's not like I can talk to
Dad about this stuff.

JEFF

Why not?

CHARLIE

He would just make fun of me and
tease me.

JEFF

That's what Dad's are for. There
is usually a lesson in there
somewhere.

CHARLIE

How did you do it? I mean you
always had girls around you.

JEFF

Well not always. I just didn't let
a little thing like fear hold me
back.

CHARLIE

I'm just scared. I mean what if
she say's no?

JEFF

You move on.

CHARLIE

I don't know if I could handle
that.

JEFF

Believe me, you can.

Jeff leans in a bit closer.

JEFF

What's really on you mind?

CHARLIE

Why did you have to die?

JEFF

It was my time.

CHARLIE

It's not fair.

JEFF

Life isn't sometimes.

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CHARLIE

Why couldn't it have been me?

JEFF

Because you have more important things to do.

CHARLIE

Sometimes I wish it was.

JEFF

Don't say that.

CHARLIE

Things would be much easier then.

JEFF

You think this is easy? I can't even help you.

CHARLIE

I miss you.

JEFF

I miss you too.

CHARLIE

You know, there are times when I just ask myself, what would Jeff do?

JEFF

And what's your answer?

CHARLIE

And I realize you wouldn't let the little things bother you.

JEFF

That's right. Don't sweat the small stuff.

CHARLIE

You would probably tell me not to sweat the small stuff.

Jeff smiles.

JEFF

Now you're getting it.

CHARLIE

So is that what I should do? Stop worrying about it?

JEFF

It's a start. So is "Hello".

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Charlie looks around for a sign. He starts to shake his head.

CHARLIE

You know what? I am going to say
hello to Gretchen.

(beat)

Thanks Jeff.

Jeff gets up and puts his hand on Charlie's shoulder.

JEFF

No little brother, thank you for
hearing me.

Charlie turns and looks at his shoulder as Jeff
disappears. Charlie looks up with wonder.

CHARLIE

Jeff?

FADE TO BLACK.