

"A GROWN-UP'S THING"

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Pages: 2+

Characters:

Greg, 30+

Ally, female 12

Synopsis: Greg takes his niece Ally to the park, but is distracted by his own financial worries. Ally tries to give him advice.

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EXT. PARK BENCH - DAY

GREG sits at a chair while his niece ALLY (12) sits next to him. Greg is a bit distracted, not really paying attention to Ally.

ALLY

Thanks for taking me to the park.

Greg is still not paying attention but answers anyway.

GREG

Uh huh.

ALLY

Did you want to throw a frisbee or something?

Still distracted.

GREG

Uh huh.

Ally notices his answers.

ALLY

Is it okay if I go over to that strange man and get inside his van?

GREG

Uh huh.

Ally starts to get a bit upset.

ALLY

What is wrong with you Greg?!

Greg turns to see her.

GREG

Nothing. You having fun?

ALLY

No, I'm not! What's going on with you?

GREG

What are you talking about?

ALLY

If you didn't want to go to the park you shouldn't have asked me!

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GREG

Ally, I'm sorry. I just have a lot on my mind.

ALLY

Did you want to talk about it?

Greg shakes his head.

GREG

You wouldn't understand.

ALLY

Why, because I'm too young?

GREG

Something like that.

ALLY

Grown-ups suck!

GREG

Hey now, don't let your mom hear you say that. She would kick my butt.

ALLY

So tell me what's going on or I will tell her. I'll tell her that you told me how to curse in 5 languages.

Greg is a bit shocked.

GREG

What has gotten into you?

ALLY

It's not me I'm worried about.

(beat)

Please uncle Greg.

He looks at her. Shakes his head. Lets out some breath.

GREG

I'm just in a little bit of trouble is all.

ALLY

What kind of trouble?

GREG

Money.

Ally looks down. She looks up and back at him.

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ALLY

I have like a hundred dollars at home. You can have that.

Greg looks at her. He smiles.

GREG

You know, your mom did alright.

ALLY

I know.

They get up to leave. He puts his hand on her shoulder. They start to walk away.

GREG

If you ever try to get into a van for real I will hurt you myself...

FADE TO BLACK.