

CATCH

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EXT. PARK - DAY

A group of friends is playing catch. One friend, MIKE, is eating by the picnic table. When AUDREY shanks a throw, he gets hit in the back with the ball and begins to choke.

JAKE

Oh my god he's choking

HANNAH

Somebody do something. Either of you know the heimlich?

AUDREY

Yes. Yes me I do. Yes.

JAKE

Oh thank God.

There is a small sigh of relief from Hannah and Jake as Audrey steps forward. She is very confident but hesitates her first move. The friends exchange glances

HANNAH

Audrey? Do it, he's choking

AUDREY

Yeah no I know I'm just... looking for the right angle.

She hesitates still, looking for the "right angle". But it becomes increasingly clear that she doesn't know what she is doing

JAKE

Audrey... do you know the heimlich?

AUDREY

Yes, yes of course that's why i'm up here. I said yes so clearly I meant yes.

HANNAH

Oh my god, you don't.

AUDREY

It's just that... well my new years resolution was to say "yes" more often, ya know? I felt like I was missing out on all of these really fun experiences and new things because I'm shy and... i'm gonna go for it

She pumps herself up and awkwardly hugs Mike who is somehow worse off for it. Hannah tries for another park goer

HANNAH  
(yelling)  
Help! Help! Does anyone  
know the heimlich!

AUDREY  
I already said yes!

Mike hits the ground.

AUDREY  
You know, it's really important to  
keep resolutions. If we don't, what  
does that say about us as a society  
and our ability to discipline  
ourselves. You're just mad at me  
because I am not letting the  
bystander effect take me over.

HANNAH  
Oh shut up i'm not being a  
bystander, I'm just not overvaluing  
what i'm capable of because of some  
stupid principal

JAKE  
New Year's resolutions don't grant  
you new abilities they just cause  
you to get your hair braided in  
Cancun.

AUDREY  
(touching the braid in  
her hair)  
That was personal. Look, I vowed to  
say "yes" more this year and I feel  
like I've already grown so much as  
a person.

JAKE  
That goes for rollercoasters and  
gas station sushi not life or death  
situat--

They all look at Mike, who has stopped moving on the ground. They glance at each other. At Mike's very last second we see a random park goer swoop in, pick him up, and perform a perfect heimlich on him.

MIKE  
Oh my god, thank you

AUDREY

See. See what happens when you're  
the first person to take a stand.  
To say "yes". Others get the  
courage to follow.

With furious stares coming from every direction

AUDREY (CONT'D)

I think we've all learned something  
here today about courage.