

SHELLY

I hope he's okay. I mean, he's a teenage boy who's being forced to talk about his feelings to a total stranger.

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INT. OFFICE - LATER

Chris is still talking to the Counselor.

COUNSELOR

You want to talk about your family?

CHRIS

Sure. My dad is ex-military. Used to be Special Forces. One of those tough as nails bad-asses. I've only seen him cry once.

COUNSELOR

Once?

CHRIS

It was at my grandma's funeral. He was kinda hiding his face, y'know, so no one would see his tears... but I knew.

(beat)

My mom said that it's normal for a grown man to cry. But I haven't seen him cry since that day. He looked so sad. Like he was broken.

COUNSELOR

Broken?

CHRIS

Yeah. I think he was scared. I guess no matter how old you are, you feel lost when you lose your parents.