

SCENE 2: PINWOOD FALLS HIGH SCHOOL, HALLWAY

(STUDENTS assemble the high school upstage with efficiency and control, just as ELLIE imagines it. ELLIE checks her watch.)

ELLIE

I THINK I'M LOOKING FORWARD  
TO MY DAY, TO TELL THE TRUTH  
A DAY AMID THE ENERGY  
AND INNOCENCE OF YOUTH  
A THOUSAND FELLOW STUDENTS  
ALL EXCITED JUST LIKE ME  
A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS  
REALLY, HOW HARD COULD IT BE?  
HOW HARD COULD IT BE?

Scene change during this

exit audience etc.!

(Suddenly, the hallway erupts into a sea of harried STUDENTS and TEACHERS in their usual morning mayhem.)

STUDENTS

I GOT THIS (I GOT THIS)  
I GOT THIS (I GOT THIS)  
I GOT THIS (I GOT... THIS)  
I GOT THIS (I...)  
I GOT THIS!

(ELLIE makes her way through the frenzy to KARL and MONICA.)

ELLIE

(distracted)  
Good morning. Good morning.

KARL

You look like a newscaster.

ELLIE

(pleased)  
Well, that's an improvement.

MONICA

Hey, here comes the Listmaster.  
(ADAM enters.)

ADAM

Hey, Ell, what sandwich did you bring today?

**ELLIE**

Oh, I made— my mom made a ham and brie sandwich with homemade chutney.

*(ELLIE proudly pulls the sandwich out of her backpack. ADAM grabs and unwraps it and takes a giant bite, then looks at her shyly. A moment of sweet awkwardness. ELLIE is confused why Adam would just eat someone's lunch.)*

**ADAM**

*(with mouth full)*

So, you prepped for the Hunt?

**ELLIE**

The Hunt! Again with the Hunt! Does no one worry about their grades?

*(ADAM gives an odd look to ELLIE, who remembers the situation and quickly switches to a "cool kid" mode.)*

Ha ha, kidding! Grades and tests are bogus! Am I right?!

*(beat)*

*Punch him. It hurts a little.*

But seriously. Explain the obsession with the Hunt to me.

**ADAM**

The Hunt is epic! Y'know, my brother was pretty much the school's legendary Listmaster until he graduated. So... now that I'm the Listmaster, I feel some pressure to live up to his hype. And I really wanna make the Hunt super community-building... bring people together.

**ELLIE**

That's surprisingly mature.

**ADAM**

*(finishing the sandwich)*

Mmmmm! Your lunches make life worth living. Tell your mom that she's a sandwich genius.

**ELLIE**

*(flattered)*

I will tell her!

**ADAM**

Catch you later.

*(ADAM exits.)*

**KARL**

Okay, Ellie, breaking news. We just heard that Savannah is trying to get people to drop out of the Hunt.

MONICA

Ellie, during last year's Hunt, Savannah freaked out a girl so bad that she hyperventilated, and then Savannah posted it on social media and it went viral and I heard that the college the girl was going to actually rescinded her acceptance!

ELLIE

Honey, that's absurd.

KARL

"Honey"?

MONICA

*(gasps)*

There she is!

#11 - I Got This (Part 2)

Savannah, Kitty, Students, Ellie

*(SAVANNAH enters with her minion, KITTY.)*

SAVANNAH

Ellie Blake.

ELLIE

Good morning.

SAVANNAH

Someone said that you said you thought you could win the Hunt.

ELLIE

Someone said what?

KITTY

*(loud)*

That you thought you could win the Hunt!

SAVANNAH

But you won't. Because I'm going to win.

I GOT THIS

I GOT THIS

I'M THE QUEEN OF THE HUNT

YOU'RE GREEN, YOU'RE A GRUNT

I GOT THIS

YOU'LL LOSE, GIRL

IF YOU CHOOSE TO REFUSE

GIRL, TO SEE

*That I got this*