

# ***THE B-TEAM*** (a monologue)

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Character: Liz, 16

Tone: Dramatic

Setting: the schoolyard

**Liz:** Ally! Hi. Did you see that team placements went out?! What did you get? *(pause)* Oh wow. The A-team. That's really exciting. I am super happy for you. *(pause)* Me? Oh. I got the B-team. Again. But I'm also very excited. I mean, I'll be one of the best on the team at least. If I was on the A team I probably wouldn't be in the front as much you know? Because everyone else is just so good. No offense or anything. I'm sure you'll really be great. Plus I'm excited to be on the same team with Kelly and Anna again this year. *(pause)* Oh. They made A too? *(pause)* No. No. That's really awesome. Really, really awesome. I am so excited for them. *(pause)* It's kind of weird though don't you think? Just that I've been dancing here and on the B team for the last 5 years, and Kelly and Anna just came to the studio two years ago. Two years ago they joined the B team and now they are already on A. It doesn't really make sense right? I mean they aren't that much better than me, are they? Ally. Be honest. Do you think they are better than me? I know I am not the best dancer here. I can admit that. But I think I work the hardest. Or am at least one of the hardest workers. But I guess hard work doesn't really matter anymore, does it? I guess spending the majority of my life working my ass off on the same team means nothing because Kelly and Anna can just waltz in here and make the A-team. Did you know this whole summer I trained for 5 hours a day? I didn't even go to the beach with my family for our annual trip so I could practice. And now I am going to have to miss even more family events, and school dances, and football just for rehearsal. And maybe it would have been worth it if I made A, but for rehearsals for the stupid fucking B-team! For the sixth time! This has to be a joke! *(pause, she composes herself)* But yes. I am super excited for this season. I can't wait to get to work.