

KOALAS
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Edited from pgs. 90 - 92. To be read as a monologue.
The italicized dialogue is for context only.

You hit me?
You didn't hit me. You pushed me.
Hard.
I had a bump on my head for, like, a week.

I'm sorry.

Are you gonna give me my stuff back?

Yeah. I am.
Okay then.

Are you sorry about that time -

Nope.

It's not just for attention. I know everyone says body parts make you what you are, but that's not true. Snails can be both boys *and* girls at the same time. Maybe I'm like a snail. Or earthworms are the same way -
- and, and, and there's these fish that switch back and forth between boys and girls and other ones that are split down the middle and one side's a boy's and one's a girl's and maybe I'm like these fish or, or, or -
I don't - I don't know. I don't know. Dad? Dad?
I don't know what's ... what's happening? I can't. Catch my ...
I can't. Breathe.