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EXCERPT FROM
MY BEST MYSELF
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AT RISE: MEGAN and KEL are girls of about 5 or
6 years old. They are standing with their backpacks,
waiting for the school bus.

MEGAN
That is so not your badge.

KEL
It is too.

MEGAN
Prove it.

(pause)

KEL
What do you want me to do?

MEGAN
I don't know.

KEL
Well, how can I prove it?

MEGAN
I don't know. Do something.

(pause)

KEL
Should I do a cartwheel?

MEGAN
Is that how you got your badge?

KEL
No.

(pause)

MEGAN

Sure. Do a cartwheel.

(KEL pauses for a moment, then puts her hands on the floor)

KEL

I don't know how to do a cartwheel.

MEGAN

See? I told you!

KEL

But the badge isn't for that. It's for...s...s...skill building.

MEGAN

Yeah, you definitely can't do that.

KEL

But I did!

MEGAN

What did you build?

KEL

I don't know.

MEGAN

Then you didn't build it. Or you'd know.

KEL

You don't have to know after you do it.

MEGAN

Ugh. The badge doesn't even say "building" on it.

KEL

You don't know how to spell "building!"

MEGAN

Yes, I do.

KEL

Prove it.

MEGAN
You prove it.

(pause)

KEL
How do I prove you can spell it?

(pause)

MEGAN
Your badge just says “My Best Self.” I can read that.

KEL
It was for My Best Myself.

MEGAN
That’s not a “building!”

KEL
It’s “skill building.” My Best Myself was my skill.

MEGAN
How is that a skill?

KEL
What’s a skill?

MEGAN
I don’t know! I’m not a Brownie!

KEL
I think it’s something you’re good at.

MEGAN
So you’re good at being yourself?

KEL
My best myself.

(pause)

MEGAN
That’s pretty dumb.

KEL

It's not dumb. I had to, like, talk to a doctor and ask her questions, and try new foods like crunchy peanut butter noodles and stuff. It was fun.

(pause)

MEGAN

It sounds pretty dumb.

KEL

It wasn't.

(pause)

MEGAN

Well...I'm glad my mom won't let me be a Brownie.

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