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(completely breaking character)

Just have fun, guys! Just go out there, and make this game your own! You're kids! Kids should have fun! Win, lose, who cares - it's just a game. Right? Right? And remember, know, football isn't everything, no matter what some Grumpy Gus might tell you. Just get back to the joy. Run up and down that field like you were running through a sprinkler. I used to love running through sprinklers, just waiting to hear the bell from the ice cream truck, so I could get a Push-up Pop. Have you guys ever had a Push-up pop? So. Good. Between you and me, I never understood why they switched from Orange Sherbert to Rainbow Sherbert. I never liked Rainbow Sherbert...just a bunch of too sweet flavors mixed together so you can't distinguish the lemon from the raspberry, you know? Tell you what - while you all are playing, you know what I'm going to do, I'm gonna go out and fund find us some old fashioned push-up pops. It'll be your end of the game treat!

(Back in coach character)

Don't y'all look at me like that. I am your coach, the only reason any of you are breathing, is because I tell you when to breath.

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A player raises his hand.

Son, I'm sorry - don't think I don't believe in you. McRaney - make sure this guy gets his hand on the ball. Tell you what, anyone who hasn't played this season gets a turn at quarterback. Hey, McRaney don't give me that look - you've had the whole season! Let someone have a turn to throw a touchdown! Don't forget yourself, son - I am your coach! The only reason that your pituitary gland produces grown hormones is because I tell it to! Same goes for the rest of ya'll. You think you're mean, and tough, but when that other team is coming at you, go easy on them, k'guys? For your sake as much as theres - you push too hard, and you could really hurt someone! It's kinda amazing when you think about it. Maybe we should just skip this altogether and have a pizza party - who's with me!

Dead silence.

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