

KATE

Hey, I'm Kate, alcoholic.

GROUP

Hi, Kate.

KATE

I've heard that your best day
drinking is worse than your worst
day sober.

(beat)

Well...that is SO not true! I had
amazing times drinking, dancing,
and laughing...feeling like the
most adorable, charming girl in the
world. And I was adorable.

(beat)

I'd piss my pants, but I was still
cute.

People in the crowd LAUGH a little bit.

KATE (CONT'D)

When I first tried getting sober, I
figured that as long as I didn't
drink...everything else would just
magically work out. But it didn't.

(beat)

My marriage fell apart. I got fired
from my job. And that shit happened
SOBER! I never read that in any
pamphlet...

(shakes her head)

...that isn't what I signed up for.

(beat)

Um...so, I relapsed. Another shitty
slogan I've heard in the rooms is
that when you're sober for a bit
and drink again "the disease waits
for you, picks up where it left
off."

(beat)

I'm sorry you guys, but I HATE
those slogans. They all sound like
bumper stickers. But, I have to
admit...for me, that last one is
pretty damn true.

(beat)

When I drink...I become another
person. And that person is a pretty
big asshole. Well, unless you want
to give me drugs or buy me drinks --

then that person is awesome.

People knowingly LAUGH.

KATE (CONT'D)

I wasn't happy being the "good-time girl," though. And honestly, I wasn't very good at it.

(MORE)

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KATE (CONT'D)

(beat)

My life is really different than it was a year ago. I live alone. I'm bored a lot more. I have a job that pays a lot less.

(beat)

I'm thankful for the program -- for my friends in here who took the time to help me and give a shit about me.

Kate glances at Jenny and Mr. Davies.

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KATE (CONT'D)

There are people that used to be a part of my life that I miss -- a lot -- but...

(long beat)

...I'm really grateful for this boring new life of mine.

Kate smiles and steps down from the podium as people CLAP.