

INT: HOOPER'S STORE. ALL SESAME STREET CHARACTERS ARE GATHERED AROUND AN EMPTY CHAIR.

Elmo - Cody (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gt6cHooI6M>)

Ernie- Daniel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biAMh-xdvJc>)

Bert- Nkechi (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biAMh-xdvJc>)

Grover - Molly ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnGzpoDK\\_xQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnGzpoDK_xQ))

Oscar - Sarah (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1SiSUrVUnk>)

Cookie - Gabe (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhUFxaauNTE>)

Big Bird - Noa (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzFXfvZuLK0>)

Oscar sits in a trash can off to the side, not yet making an appearance.

BIG BIRD

Ok, just remember, we're all here to support him. We want him to change, not to feel bad.

COOKIE

Oh, Big Bird. Elmo not feel bad. He not have emotions anymore.

ERNIE

He's a sociopath.

BIG BIRD

I don't believe that. There's still some good inside him, we just have to bring it out. Everyone have their letters?

Elmo enters, yelling to his fans. He turns and sees everyone and looks surprised.

ELMO

Nope. Elmo out of here.

BIG BIRD

No, Elmo, don't go, we just want to talk to you. We're your friends, we just want what's best for you.

BERT

We're just here to support you.

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COOKIE

Also if Elmo stay, he get a cookie.

Elmo reluctantly sits.

BIG BIRD

We've brought you here, gathered here today to talk about your attitude. You're out of control. You may be the most popular monster on Sesame Street, but we're all important too.

GROVER

Yeah. Grover is a monster and also a superhero, and Elmo does nothing but say hurtful things about Grover's crimefighting.

ELMO

That's because SuperGrover is a bitch.

GROVER

That is not nice. Not nice at all.

BIG BIRD

We've all written you letters to tell you how we feel. Cookie, will you go first?

COOKIE

Elmo, Cookie know exactly how you feel. Cookie understand the rush of addiction better than anyone in this room. Addiction can be overcome, though, whether for cookie or for attention. Cookie here to help.

ELMO

Cookie had to lay off cookies only when they started destroying your brain, Cookie. Listen to yourself.

BIG BIRD

Ok, Bert, Ernie, will you please go next? They've written a joint letter to you.

ERNIE

Elmo, I love you more than my rubber duckie. Elmo, you're the one.

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ELMO

ERNIE SAID YOU WOULDN'T TALK ABOUT  
ELMO AND ERNIE IN THE BATHTUB. IT  
WAS ONE TIME.

BIG BIRD

Just hear them out, ok?

BERT

I'm a pretty organized guy, and  
when I see you letting your life go  
down the drain like this, it really  
hurts. Ernie cries every night  
wondering why you hate yourself.

ERNIE

I wonder why you are doing these  
terrible things. You're sleeping  
with all your groupies. You  
pressured Maria into tickling you  
so often that she's been forced to  
retire.

ELMO

Elmo never did anything Maria  
didn't love.

ERNIE

Maria has PTSD.

ELMO

Maria has more than that. Elmo  
spent more time at the Chelsea  
Clinic after her than Maria ever  
did at Hooper's.

BIG BIRD

OK MOVING ON. Oscar, will you  
please go?

Oscar pops up out of the trash can. He begins unfurling  
papers.

OSCAR

Your total is \$110, payable on the  
9th.

BIG BIRD

That's your cable bill.

Oscar rifles through some more. He pulls out a banana.

OSCAR  
I'll kill you.

BIG BIRD  
That is a banana you've written  
threatening messages on.

Oscar rifles through some more, finally pulling out his  
letter.

OSCAR  
I don't really care what you do.  
You have no effect on my life.

BIG BIRD  
No effect? None at all?

OSCAR  
I get to use the drugs he hides in  
my house.

BIG BIRD  
Goddamnit. Grover, you go.

GROVER  
Elmo, there are other monsters on  
Sesame Street, and you are giving  
all of us a bad name. Grover will  
never forget walking in on you with  
that underage boy. What is Grover  
supposed to do about that? Grover  
wrote whole book about a monster at  
the end, and it was supposed to be  
a sweet kind monster, just Grover.  
Grover knows who the real monster  
at the end of the book is. It's  
Elmo.

BIG BIRD  
Thank you, Grover. I'll go now.  
Elmo, you used to be very kind and  
sweet. You used to help children  
learn letters. Learn how to be  
safe. Learn to laugh even when  
times are hard. But now, you've  
become the monster you used to  
teach children about. Mr. Noodle  
won't be on set with you anymore.  
You've replaced Dorothy's fish food  
with coke so many times that we've  
had to send her to rehab. All we  
want is for you to take a break for  
a while and think about the pain  
you're causing everyone.

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ELMO

Take a break? Elmo is the most popular fucking character in the world. Elmo is the character they have on Sesame Streets around the WORLD, you assholes. You think Elmo doesn't know about Dorothy? Elmo did that on purpose. No one steals Elmo's spotlight.

BIG BIRD

Elmo, calm down.

ELMO

Calm down? Do you think Elmo is gonna sit around and take this shit from a bunch of losers? Look at all of you. Grover, you sad sack piece of shit. You're not better because you wrote a book. Bert, Ernie--I've seen you both at that sex club. I've seen you do some messed up shit that even I wouldn't do. You think we don't know you're gay? Cookie, you ain't fooling anyone with that "cookies are a sometimes food" rhetoric. You've moved on to harder stuff. Elmo saw you shooting up brownies an hour ago.

BIG BIRD

Elmo, stop!

ELMO

AND YOU. You're the worst one of all. Elmo knows about Snuffalupagus. ELMO KNOWS.

Everyone gasps.

ELMO

Oh don't act all surprised. Sesame Street has been this way forever. It was never the squeaky clean paradise you thought it was. You're mad because ELMO RUN THIS STREET. THIS IS ELMO'S WORTH BITCHES. You can all step off Elmo's giant furry red dick and go jump up your own armholes.

Elmo storms off.

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GROVER

What do we do now?

OSCAR

I told you all this wouldn't work.  
All we gotta do is make a call to  
that neighborhood, and the man in  
red will just sweep it under the  
Sesame rug.

Oscar waves the Banana around.

BIG BIRD

I'm done with his bullshit. Go  
ahead. Call Fred Rogers, put a  
price on Elmo's head.

BLACKOUT.