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JEAN: You can't quench some people's spirit.  
JODY: Yeah, you can't keep a spirited person down.  
JEAN: Some people, though, just don't appreciate a couple of misfits lending their support.  
JODY: (Does a very clumsy cheerleading jump) Can't understand that!  
JEAN: The Spirit's the Thing.  
JODY: By Peg Ratliff  
JEAN: Jumping and pumping her arms) Go! Yes! Whoop!  
JODY: (Doing the same) Go! Nice move! Boy, Max knows what he's doing.  
JEAN: He must practice a lot.  
JODY: Look at him. Boy, is he a hunk.  
JEAN: (Excitedly) Oh my gosh! He waved! I'm in love. (Laughs and snorts like a real nerd)  
JODY: Actually, he may have been signaling for us to be quiet.  
JEAN: No way.  
JODY: You're right. He must be showing us that the team is grateful for us keeping their spirits up.  
JEAN: And, anyway, that's nothing. Last week he came over and shook my hand. (Laughs clumsily, snorting occasionally)  
JODY: (Leaping) That's the way! Good move! Haven't seen that one in a while. (Stops and looks around at the ground around her)  
JODY: Jean, help me find the lens out of my glasses. It fell out while I was jumping.  
JEAN: That's the second time this week. Can't you leave them off while we cheer?  
JODY: Oh sure, I only need them to see.  
JEAN: I think I found it. No, wait, it's only the plastic top to a potato chip tube. Mmmmm, they're about the same size.  
JODY: (Steps, gets a funny look on her face. The audience knows that she has stepped on her lens.) I found it.  
JEAN: (Not noticing) Good. Let's get back to cheering.  
(Jody proceeds to cheer, but she must squint and be clumsier without her glasses.)  
JODY: This is hard when my glasses are broken.  
JEAN: You don't need them to see really, do you? How bad IS your vision?  
JODY: (Turns her back to Jean) Oh, not too bad, I guess.

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