

# 11 year old girl

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# Jane

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FOREMAN  
I'm not lying to her.

HOUSE  
Fine, keep your mouth shut, I still need you.  
(off his look)  
If it doesn't work, you gotta tie her down until we finish lying to her mom.  
(then)  
That actually does serve a medical purpose.

House opens the door to the patient room and--

HOUSE (CONT'D)  
(friendly)  
Jane, you got a moment?

20 INT. PATIENT WAITING AREA -- DAY

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House sits, talking gently to Jane. Foreman is nearby.

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JANE  
I have to lie because she trusts me?

HOUSE  
If you show doubt, the placebo treatment won't work.

JANE  
If it's just depression, that's good, right?

HOUSE  
There are a lot of great medications--

JANE  
So why can't you just give her those? Why do we have to lie to her?

HOUSE  
Because we might be wrong. Those medications take a long time to work which means they won't tell us anything until it's too late.

JANE  
(considers, then)  
...I think you're wrong. My mom's not depressed.

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HOUSE  
Maybe she's hiding it from you.

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JANE  
No, she wouldn't--

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HOUSE  
She's doing what a good mom should  
do; protecting her child from bad  
news she can do nothing about.

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JANE  
(scared)  
She's never lied to me.

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HOUSE  
(gentle)  
If you don't know how to lie, you  
don't know how to tell when you're  
being lied to.

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Jane thinks a moment; House seems to be getting through to her.

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JANE  
...Maybe you're right.

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HOUSE  
I know I'm--

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JANE  
(snaps out of it)  
I was lying. I know how to lie. I  
just won't do it to my mother.

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stop →

House is both impressed and annoyed. He turns to Foreman;  
Foreman turns to Jane, hates to do this, but--

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FOREMAN  
You wanna go play some games?

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He leads her away. Off House--

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21 INT. MAGGIE'S PATIENT ROOM -- EVENING 21\*

Taub moves to prep Maggie's IV and "medication"; it seems  
fairly involved.

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TAUB  
Until the treatment takes effect,  
Jane can't come back into the room.  
I've already been inoculated.

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Maggie's worried; starts to breathe more quickly.

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