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Chapter 1

Logan was on the bus. The bus had just arrived at school. Logan got off the bus. Drake and Paige got off behind him.

All three were good friends. And they all lived at Grayson Apartments.

Logan said, "I need to go. See you both at lunch."

Drake said, "Good luck, Logan."

"Thanks," Logan said. "I'll need it."

"Why? Where are you going, Logan?" Paige asked.

"I'm going to Mrs. Scott's room," Logan said.

Mrs. Scott was an English teacher.

She also helped with the drama club.

“Why are you going to her room now?”
Paige asked.

“The members of the drama club are meeting there. We’re going to find out who’ll be in the new play. I want to find out which part I got,” Logan said.

“Do you still want the clown part?”
Paige asked.

“Yeah,” Logan said.

The play was about a clown. And the clown part was the best.

“Do you think you’ll get the part?”
Paige asked.

Logan said, “No. I think Kyle will get it. He’s a good actor. He always gets the best part in all of the plays.”

“Good luck. I hope you get it,” Paige said.

“Thanks,” Logan said.

“See you at lunch,” Drake said.

Logan hurried into the school. And he went to Mrs. Scott’s room.

Mrs. Scott said, “Hurry and get a seat, Logan. We don’t have a lot of time. So we need to get started.”

Logan was glad to see Brooke. He quickly sat down next to her.

Logan liked Brooke. He wanted to date her. But she dated Tucker. Tucker was in Logan’s math class.

Logan hoped Brooke and Tucker broke up. So maybe Brooke would date him.

Mrs. Scott said, “I’ll read all of your names. Then I’ll tell you which part you got. Some of you will have back-up parts.”

Logan was sure that he got a back-up part. He didn’t think he would get a star part.

Mrs. Scott said, “Back-up parts are

also important. You have to be ready to go on if someone isn't here. So study your part. And learn it well."

Logan could hardly wait to find out who got to play the clown.

Mrs. Scott said, "Logan, you'll be the clown."

Logan couldn't believe it. He got the part he wanted. And it was the best part in the play.

Mrs. Scott said, "That will mean a lot of work for you, Logan. But I'm sure you can do it."

"Yes. I can do it," he said.

Then Mrs. Scott called Kyle's name. She said, "Kyle, you'll be the back-up for Logan."

Logan wished he could see Kyle's face. But he couldn't see Kyle.

Mrs. Scott said, "Brooke, you'll be the clown's wife."

Logan hoped Brooke would be the clown's wife. And he knew she wanted that part.

Mrs. Scott told the rest of the students what their parts would be. Then she talked about how they could help with the play.

Then Mrs. Scott said, "Time to go. I'll see you at rehearsal after school. Don't be late."

The students got up to go.

Kyle came over. He seemed mad.

Kyle said, "Mrs. Scott should've given that part to me, not you. I'm the best actor. And you know that."

Logan said, "Yeah, you're the best actor. But Mrs. Scott thinks I'm the best actor for this part."

"I don't think you are. And Mrs. Scott will find that out when we start to practice. And then she'll give the part to me," Kyle said.

“Don’t count on it,” Logan said.

Logan was going to work hard. He would show Kyle that he was the best one for the part, not Kyle.



Chapter 2

It was two weeks later. Logan was on his way to lunch. He'd just heard some very good news. Brooke and Tucker had broken up.

Logan went into the lunchroom. He saw Drake. Drake was sitting at a table.

Logan got his tray. Then he went over to the table. And he sat down with Drake.

Logan said, "I just heard some good news."

"What?" Drake asked.

"You know I want to date Brooke. I just heard that she and Tucker broke up. So I'm going to ask her for a date," Logan said.

“Are you sure that they broke up?”
Drake asked.

“Three or four people told me they did,” Logan said.

Drake said, “You better make sure before you ask Brooke for a date. You don’t want to ask some other guy’s girl for a date.”

“Okay. I’ll make sure before I ask her,” Logan said. He would ask Tucker and make sure. He didn’t want to ask Brooke.

Paige came over to the table. Jack and Lin were with her. They sat down at the table.

Then Willow came over, too.

They were all good friends. Jack and Lin rode the bus with Logan, Drake, and Paige. Willow rode a special bus. It had a wheelchair lift.

“Do you like the clown part, Logan?”
Paige asked.

“Yeah,” Logan said.

“I can’t wait to see your play,” Willow said.

“Me, too,” Jack said.

“And me,” Lin said.

Then all six started to talk about the new play. They ate lunch. And they talked. Then lunch was over.

Logan put his tray away. Then he started walking to math class.

Logan saw Tucker. Tucker was walking down the hall in front of him. Tucker was on his way to math class, too.

Logan said, “Wait, Tucker. I’ll walk with you.”

Logan wanted to ask Tucker about Brooke. He wanted to make sure they really had broken up.

Tucker stopped and waited for Logan.

Logan asked, “Did you and Brooke break up?”

Tucker seemed mad that Logan had asked him that.

“Yeah, I broke up with Brooke. Why do you want to know?” Tucker asked.

“I want to date her. Is that okay with you?” Logan said.

“Why should I care? I told you I broke up with her,” Tucker said.

They got to math class. So the boys didn't say any more to each other. They hurried into the classroom. They were almost late.

Logan was glad Tucker broke up with Brooke. So it would be okay with Tucker for Logan to date her.

Logan worked hard in math class. But he was glad when class was over.

He hurried out to the hall. Tucker was right behind him.

Logan was looking for Brooke. Then he saw her. Logan hurried over to Brooke.