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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."

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 backup 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."

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 news. He had gotten a good grade on his math test.

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 was worried about my math test. I didn't think I was going to do well. But I did," Logan said.

“What did you get?” Drake asked.

“I got a 99,” Logan said.

Drake said, “That’s great. You did much better than I did. I did not pass. I heard other kids failed it too.”

“I wonder who else failed.”

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 how he did on the test.

Tucker stopped and waited for Logan.

Logan asked, "How did you do on the math test?"

Tucker seemed mad that Logan had asked him that.

"I did not pass. Why do you want to know?" Tucker asked.

"I was just wondering. I know some

other people who didn't do well either.” Logan said.

“Why should I care?” 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 surprised he did so well on the test. Especially since other people did not do as well.

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 stopped walking for a moment. He pulled his test out of his folder to look at it. His grade was in a big red numbers at the top of the page.

It was a great score. He was proud of himself. He had studied hard, and it had paid off.

Things were going really well for Logan. He had the best part in the play. And he had aced a test.



## Chapter 3

It was Monday morning. Logan was glad. He was ready for the week to start. The play would start on Friday. And he could hardly wait to play the clown.

Logan got to the bus stop. He was early. Drake was also there.

Drake said, “I guess you’re glad the play is this Friday.”

“Yeah, I can hardly wait,” Logan said.

“Your first play where you’ll be the star. How does it feel to be the star?” Drake asked.

“Great,” Logan said.

Logan really was the star. So he didn’t think Drake was joking with him.

“Is Kyle still mad because you got the clown part?” Drake asked.

“I don’t think so. He was at first. But he doesn’t seem like he’s mad now. He just wants the play to be good. We need to sell a lot of tickets. Then we can raise enough money for another play,” Logan said.

“I heard a lot people bought tickets,” Drake said.

Logan said, “I heard that, too. I don’t know if it is true. But I sold all of my tickets.”

Drake laughed. Then Drake said, “That doesn’t surprise me. You made me buy one.”

“I didn’t make you buy one,” Logan said.

“Just joking,” Drake said.

And Logan was sure Drake was joking.

Logan said, "We have to turn in the money at rehearsal today. Mrs. Scott will tell us then how many tickets are left. So I can tell you tomorrow how many were sold."

The boys just stood there for a few minutes. And they didn't talk.

Then Drake asked, "What did you do last night?"

"I went to a movie with my mom," Logan said.

"Which one?" Drake asked.

"The new action movie. And then we got something to eat," Logan said.

"Did you see Tucker? I heard he was at the movies too." Drake asked.

Logan said, "Yeah, he was at the movie. And then we saw him when we went out to eat."

"Did Tucker talk to you?" Drake asked.

“No. But I think he might be mad at me,” Logan said.

“How come?” Drake asked.

“I asked him about his math test. He didn’t do well,” Logan said.

Some more kids came to the bus stop. So Logan and Drake didn’t talk any more about the play or Tucker.



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Where Is Mr. Zane?

During rehearsal, someone wearing a clown costume is seen next to the ticket money box. Soon, Mrs. Scott realizes that the money is missing. Did the clown take it? Did someone else? Logan's dream of being the star fades, as many at Carter High believe he took the ticket money. Can he prove that there was more than one person in a clown costume that day?



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