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# Chapter 1

Logan was at school. He walked down the hall. He was on his way to his locker. His friend, Drake, was with him.

Logan saw his friend, Willow. She was talking to a girl. Logan had never seen the girl before.

Logan asked, “Do you know that girl, Drake? The one who’s talking to Willow?”

“No,” Drake said.

“Have you ever seen her before?” Logan asked.

“No. She must be new here at Carter High,” Drake said.

“Yeah. She must be. I think I’ll go over

to them,” Logan said. “And I’ll find out who she is. I might want to ask her out.”

“Why aren’t I surprised?” Drake asked. Then Drake laughed.

Logan liked to date many girls. And Drake liked to joke with him about that.

“Talk to you later,” Logan said.

“Okay,” Drake said. Drake walked on down the hall.

Logan went over to Willow and the girl.

The girl said, “Good-bye, Willow.” Then the girl hurried down the hall.

Logan asked, “Who’s that girl? Is this her first day at Carter High?”

“Yes. Her name is Quinn. And she’ll be in my math class,” Willow said.

“I want to talk to her. I’ll see you later, Willow,” Logan said.

Then Logan hurried after Quinn. Logan was glad Quinn had to stop at her

locker. Logan walked over to her. Logan said, "Hi. My name is Logan." He smiled. Then he asked, "Is this your first day at Carter High?"

"Yes," Quinn said.

"Do you know how to get to your first class?" Logan asked.

"No," Quinn said.

"Do you want me to show you where the class is?" Logan asked.

"No. I can find my own way," Quinn said. She shut her locker. Then she started to walk down the hall.

Logan started to go after her. But then he stopped. He was sure he would see her again. And he could talk to her then.

Logan walked on down the hall. He saw Drake. Drake was at his locker. His locker was next to Logan's locker.

Logan stopped at his locker. He got

his book for his first class. Drake got his book, too.

Then Logan and Drake walked to class.

Drake asked, "Who's the new girl? Where's she from?"

"Her name is Quinn. But I don't know where she's from," Logan said.

"I'm surprised you didn't walk her to her first class," Drake said.

"I asked her if she wanted me to show her where her class was. She said no. She said she could find her own way," Logan said.

Drake laughed. He said, "Too bad, Logan. But I know you. You won't give up. You'll talk to her again."

"Yeah. But first I have to see her again," Logan said.

The first bell rang.

"We need to get to class," Drake said.

“Yeah,” Logan said.

The two boys hurried down the hall.

Logan was thinking about Quinn. How would he find her again? He couldn’t just stand around her locker and hope he would see her again.

Logan and Drake got to their classrooms.

Drake said, “See you later.”

“Yeah. See you later,” Logan said.

Drake went into his class. And Logan went into his class.

Then Logan got a surprise. He saw Quinn. She was sitting in the front row. Maybe he could talk to her after class.

But Quinn stayed after class to talk to the teacher. So Logan didn’t get a chance to talk to her.



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