


ENGAGE [2] Science

# BAD DATE




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Stacy pulls out her phone.  
She sends a text to Lena.  
Lena is her best friend.

“How was your date? **Tell me!**”



A photograph of a clothing store with racks of clothes. A black text box with a rough, hand-painted edge is overlaid on the center. The text inside the box is white, except for the words "next door" which are in yellow. The background shows racks of various clothing items, including jeans and sweaters.

“Where are you?” Lena texts back.

“Off from work in five,” Stacy texts.

“Okay. Meet me **next door.**”


Stacy sells clothes at a shop.

Next door is a burger place.

Lena is in a booth.

She waits for Stacy.

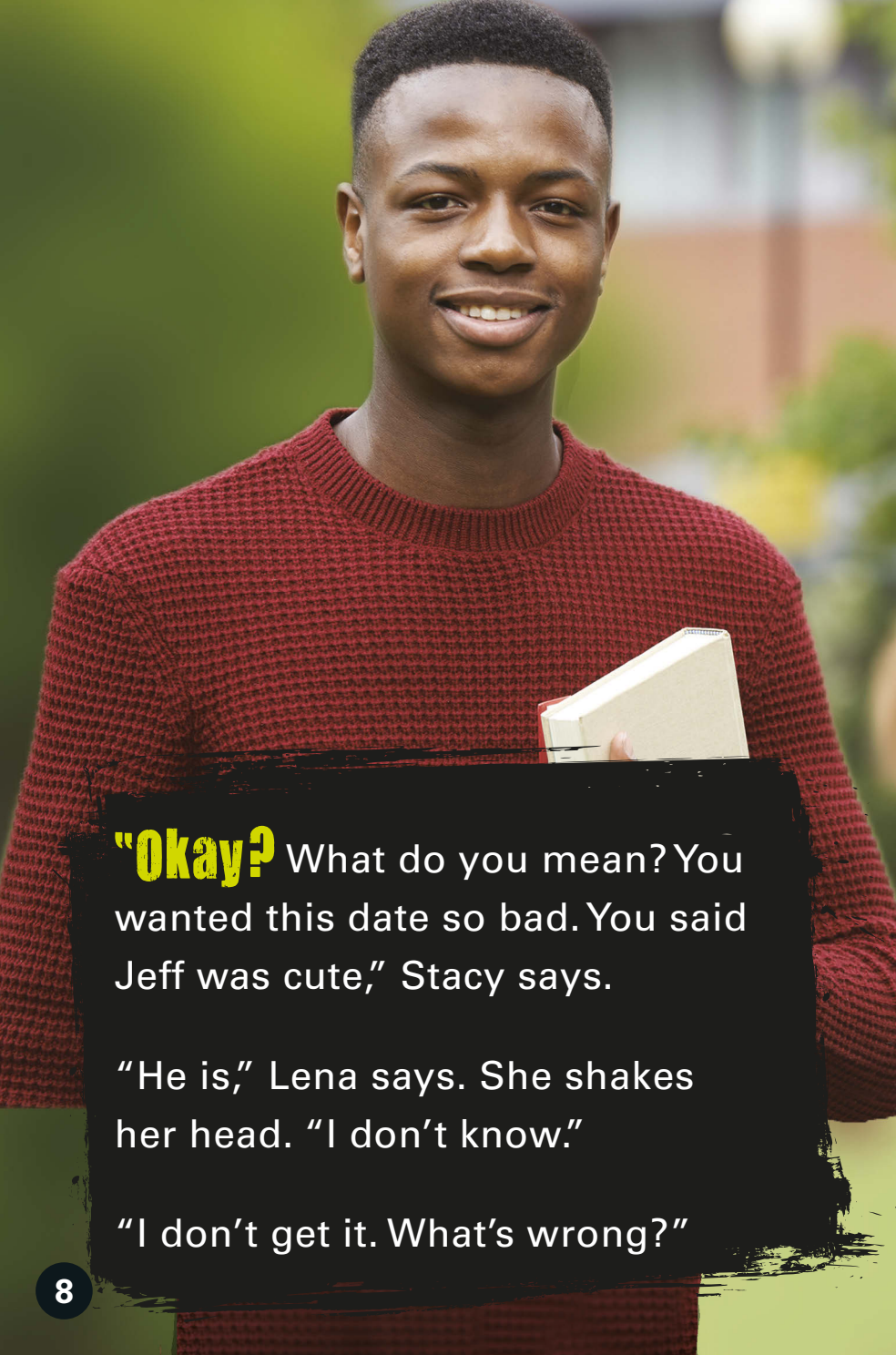




Work is done.  
Stacy finds Lena.

“How was your date?” Stacy asks. **“I can’t wait!”**


Lena sits there.  
She looks at her drink.  
“It was okay,” Lena says.



**“Okay?”** What do you mean? You wanted this date so bad. You said Jeff was cute,” Stacy says.

“He is,” Lena says. She shakes her head. “I don’t know.”

“I don’t get it. What’s wrong?”



Lena had liked Jeff a long time.  
They went to the same school.  
They had the same friends.  
He was good-looking.  
He liked her too. She knew it.



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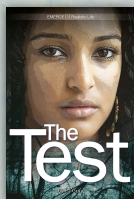
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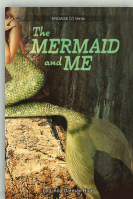
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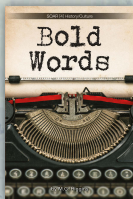
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