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SENIOR YEAR



WORST *Year Ever*



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Chapter 1

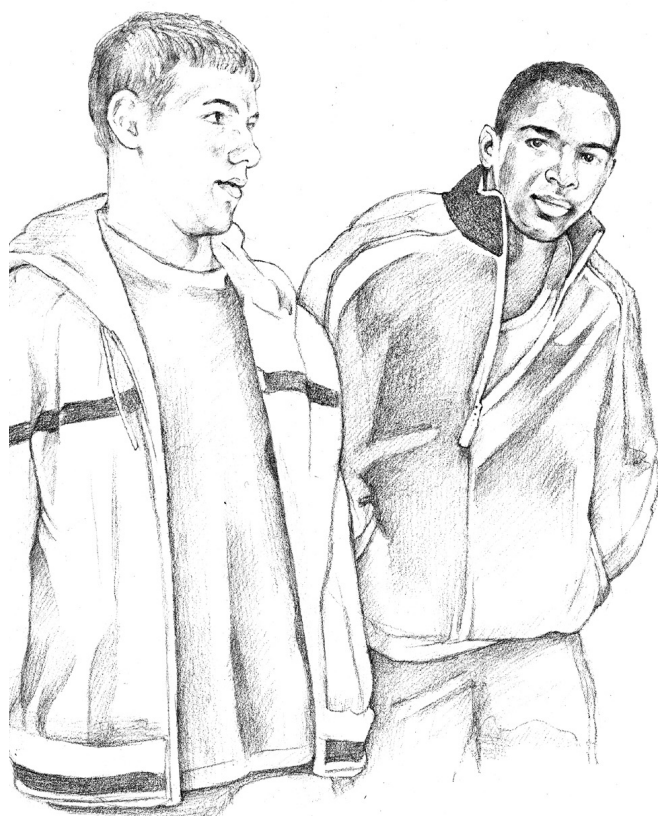
It was the first day of school. Griff had just arrived at school. He was very early. It was the first time he was ever early to school.

Griff could hardly wait for school to start. It was his senior year. And he waited a long time to be a senior.

He started to go in the school.

Steve came out the door. He had been in some of Griff's classes last year. And Steve had run with Griff during the summer.

"Hi, Griff. Why are you here so early?" Steve asked.



“I waited a long time to be a senior. And I can hardly wait for this year to start,” Griff said.

Steve said, “I feel the same way.”

“Where are you going?” Griff asked.

“I’m going to the track. I found out who my first teacher is. So now I am going to run some laps,” Steve said.

Steve was on the track team.

Griff had tried out for track last year. But he didn’t have the grades to be on the team. It was all because Mr. Reese had failed him. Mr. Reese was his science teacher.

Steve asked, “Who do you have for your first class? Do you know yet?”

Griff said, “No. I am going to try to find out now.”

“I have Mrs. Dodd,” Steve said.

Griff didn’t know who she was.

“Is she new?” Griff asked.

“Yes,” Steve said.

Griff hoped he didn’t get her. He didn’t like new teachers. He wanted to know how much work they made students do. But there was no way to find that out.

Steve asked, “Do you want to run some laps with me? You can go find out who your teacher is. I will wait for you. Then we can run some laps.”

Griff knew he had time to run laps with Steve. Maybe he should do it. He was worried about the first day of school. And maybe it would help him to run some laps. Then he wouldn’t worry as much about school.

But Ben called out to Steve. Ben was Steve’s best friend.

Ben said, “Steve, come with me. I am on my way to the track.”

Griff didn't like Ben. Last year Griff had liked Laine. He had wanted to ask her for a date. But he couldn't make himself do it.

Then Ben had asked Laine for a date. They started to date. It was too late for Griff to ask her.

Griff thought they still dated. But he didn't know that for sure.

Steve asked, "How about it, Griff? Do you want to run with us? We can wait for you."

"No," Griff said.

Griff didn't want to run with Ben. Last year, he sometimes ate lunch with Ben. But he didn't want to do that now. Not after Ben dated Laine.

Steve said, "OK. Maybe you'll join us next time. I need to get to the track. I will see you later."

Steve ran over to Ben. The two boys

ran off to the track.

Just his luck. School hadn't even started. And Griff had already seen Ben.

His year wasn't getting off to a good start.



Chapter 2

Griff went in the school. He saw Mr. Reese.

Mr. Reese was walking down the hall. He had some class cards.

Griff looked the other way. He didn't want to speak to Mr. Reese.

Mr. Reese said, "Hi, Griff."

Mr. Reese stopped. He acted as if he wanted to talk to Griff. So Griff had to stop too.

Why did Mr. Reese want to talk to him?

"Hi," Griff said.

But Griff didn't sound glad to see Mr. Reese.

Mr. Reese had failed him last year. That meant Griff couldn't be on the track team. Griff had to go to school all summer. He took the science class again.

Griff was glad Mr. Reese didn't teach summer school. And he was glad Mr. Reese didn't teach seniors. He would never have Mr. Reese for a teacher again.

"I am glad to see you, Griff," Mr. Reese said.

"Why?" Griff asked.

"I wanted to talk to you before school started," Mr. Reese said.

"Why?" Griff asked.

But he wasn't sure he wanted to know why.

"You are in my first class this semester," Mr. Reese said.

"I am?" Griff asked.

“Yes,” Mr. Reese said.

Mr. Reese had to be wrong. Griff couldn’t be in his class.

“But I went to summer school. I took that science class again. And I passed it,” Griff said.

“I know you did, Griff,” Mr. Reese said.

“Then I can’t be in your class. I am a senior now,” Griff said.

“I am teaching seniors this year,” Mr. Reese said.

“You can’t,” Griff said before he could stop himself.

Mr. Reese said, “But I am, Griff. And Coach Mann is going to teach seniors too. He will be a P.E. teacher this year.”

Coach Mann was the track coach. He found out Griff didn’t have the grades. So he took Griff off the track team last year. Griff had him for English too. He gave Griff a hard time.

Griff hoped he wouldn't get Coach Mann this year. His luck couldn't be that bad.

Mr. Reese said, "I want you to study a lot, Griff. You are smart. You should have passed my class last year. But you didn't study."

Griff did study. He studied a little. But Mr. Reese made his students study too much.

Why did he have to have Mr. Reese again?

So he would have Mr. Reese for science again. But it was worse. He would have him for his first class. Griff's day would get off to a bad start.

Griff could go to the office. He could try to get a new teacher. But it wouldn't do any good. He tried that last year. He didn't get out of Mr. Reese's class. So he