

1 **JUSTIN:** Hey baby! I'm really sorry, but we have to break up. I'm
2 sorry. But I can't date someone when I'm not the only
3 person. *(Hangs up. He looks like he's about to cry.)*
4 **JONATHAN:** This night stunk. I'm done with girls like that. I
5 thought she was great until this. She probably lied about
6 other stuff too. I'm glad we're done with her. Well, I have
7 to get home. My mom said I had to be home like two hours
8 ago, so I guess I won't see you guys for a while. Call me
9 later.
10 **CAMERON:** Yeah. Me too. I have to be home in a few minutes
11 anyway. We should do this again, except without the
12 backstabbing girls. They're so annoying. I'm glad we broke
13 up with her. She could've ruined our friendship. Well, I'm
14 going. *(Walks to one side of the stage then stops. JONATHAN*
15 *walks to opposite side of the stage and then stops. JUSTIN*
16 *smiles really big. He grabs his phone.)*
17 **JUSTIN:** Hey Lexi! Sorry I hung up on you so fast earlier. I miss
18 you, too. I really, really love you.
19 **CAMERON:** *(When JUSTIN is finished speaking)* Hey, Lexi. About
20 that call earlier ... I was just kidding. You know I love you
21 baby ...
22 **JONATHAN:** *(When CAMERON is finished speaking)* Hi, baby! I'm
23 sorry about earlier. You know I was just playing. That's
24 me. Class clown, right? Anyway, can you go out Friday
25 night?

The BB Gun Incident

(4 Guys)

CHARACTERS:

Jacob: Guy who was too afraid to fire his BB gun.
Knows for sure that he didn't shoot Wes in the
eye by accident.

Keith: Doesn't see the point in trying to figure out
who did it because knowing won't change the
outcome.

Mason: Upset about Wes but afraid of getting in
trouble.

Tanner: Accuses Jacob of lying. Tends to panic a
lot about the situation.

SETTING:

The four guys are sitting around talking. They
are upset that their friend Wes has lost one of
his eyes from a BB gun pellet. One of them did
it. They just don't know which one.

1 KEITH: I don't get what the big deal is.
 2 JACOB: Wes loses his eye and you don't think it's a big deal?
 3 KEITH: Of course that's big. But why does it matter who did it?
 4 It's not going to change anything. It's not going to give Wes
 5 his eyeball back.
 6 MASON: I guess he just wants to know. Wants somebody to
 7 fess up.
 8 TANNER: How are we supposed to know? It was dark. The BBs
 9 were flying. Could have been any one of us.
 10 KEITH: Really. It was crazy that night. How are we supposed to
 11 know for sure what happened?
 12 MASON: I got three welts on my legs. It's not like I could tell
 13 you who shot me either.
 14 TANNER: I know. It was so dark. I couldn't see anything.
 15 KEITH: There's no way to know who shot Wes.
 16 JACOB: I know it wasn't me.
 17 MASON: What? How can you know? We were all there! Same
 18 time. Same place. It could've been any one of us.
 19 TANNER: Really. We all had the same kind of guns. Same BBs.
 20 The one that hit Wes could've come from any of us.
 21 JACOB: Look. I *know* it didn't come from mine.
 22 MASON: What are you? Psychic?
 23 KEITH: Did you have some kind of dream where you saw who
 24 did it? And you just happen to not be it? How convenient!
 25 TANNER: Really. You just don't want to feel guilty like the rest
 26 of us. Wondering if it was you who did it.
 27 JACOB: I know it wasn't me because I never fired my gun.
 28 MASON: What? You're lying! We *all* fired our guns!
 29 JACOB: I didn't.
 30 KEITH: Why not? Why would you be out there playing war with
 31 us and not firing your gun? That would be idiotic!
 32 JACOB: (*Looking embarrassed*) I was afraid.
 33 MASON: Afraid? Of what? The BBs? They sting a little, but
 34 they're completely harmless.
 35 JACOB: Really? Tell that to Wes.

1 MASON: Oh. Yeah. Well, that's just a freak accident. We've
 2 done it before and no one got hurt.
 3 KEITH: Everything's fun until somebody loses an eye.
 4 JACOB: Dude! That is so not funny!
 5 KEITH: Sorry. It's just something my mom always says and it
 6 just popped into my head.
 7 MASON: (*To JACOB*) So you didn't fire your gun at all? Not even
 8 once?
 9 JACOB: No. Not one single time.
 10 TANNER: What'd you do the whole time?
 11 JACOB: (*Looking away*) Nothing.
 12 MASON: He's lying. Look at his face!
 13 TANNER: Really! Why you turning so red, Jacob? What'd you do
 14 that night if you weren't firing your gun at us?
 15 JACOB: (*Obviously embarrassed and upset*) I hid, OK? I found a
 16 great hiding spot and I stayed in it the whole time. I didn't
 17 come out. Not one time!
 18 KEITH: You hid? Like a little girl? Crouched under some bushes
 19 afraid of your own shadow?
 20 MASON: Is Jacob afraid of the dark? Did Jacob need his teddy
 21 bear? Or his Mommy?
 22 TANNER: We should've known you weren't man enough to play.
 23 JACOB: Say what you want. At least I've got both of my eyes
 24 and I'm not eaten up with guilt thinking that I hurt Wes! I
 25 don't have to face his parents when they come to talk to
 26 everyone today. To find out what happened to their son.
 27 Our best friend! (*Silence while the other boys look at each
 28 other guiltily.*)
 29 MASON: It *is* going to be hard. What are we supposed to tell
 30 them?
 31 TANNER: Maybe we could say we didn't fire our guns either.
 32 KEITH: I don't think they'll believe that Wes was out there
 33 shooting all alone. That we all just ran around letting him
 34 shoot at us.
 35 MASON: Yeah. Me either.

1 TANNER: Maybe Wes shot his gun and it ricocheted off a rock
 2 or something and hit him in the eye. Maybe it was his own
 3 pellet that got him!
 4 KEITH: It could've happened that way. We don't really know.
 5 JACOB: I don't think they're going to be happy if we try to
 6 blame Wes for what happened. Do you? *(Pause)*
 7 KEITH: Well, who was closest to him when he started
 8 screaming?
 9 JACOB: I was. He was so close to where I was hiding. I thought
 10 he'd found me! I kept waiting for him to shoot me, and then
 11 he started screaming. I didn't know what was going on, but
 12 I ran right over to him.
 13 KEITH: Who came next? Both Tanner and Mason were there
 14 when I got to you guys.
 15 JACOB: I think it was Mason.
 16 MASON: No! Tanner was already there when I got there. *(They*
 17 *all turn to look at TANNER, like this has solved the issue.)*
 18 TANNER: Wait a minute! That doesn't mean anything! Just
 19 'cause I got there first — after Jacob — doesn't mean I
 20 shot Wes!
 21 MASON: Well, you would've been closest!
 22 TANNER: Maybe I just run faster! You guys got there just
 23 seconds after me! We were all right there! You are not
 24 pinning this on me! *(Panicking)* And who believes Jacob
 25 anyway? Doesn't it seem awfully fishy that he was the first
 26 one to Wes but that he didn't fire his gun? Not one single
 27 time? Doesn't that seem convenient? *(Now they all turn and*
 28 *look at JACOB.)*
 29 MASON: It is a little suspicious.
 30 KEITH: Certainly makes for a great alibi!
 31 JACOB: You're calling me a liar? First you call me a coward and
 32 now I'm a liar?
 33 TANNER: Well, it's not like you can prove your story, now is it?
 34 KEITH: And you *were* the first one there.
 35 JACOB: Guess what? I can prove it. *(Digs in pocket and then*

1 *slams down a handful of BBs onto the table.)* Go on! Count
 2 them! Exactly fifty pellets. The same number we all started
 3 with.
 4 TANNER: That doesn't prove anything! You could've gotten
 5 those at the store today. We could all go buy fifty pellets
 6 and then say that we didn't fire our guns either. Then who
 7 would Wes's parents believe?
 8 JACOB: *(Standing up, angry)* You know what? You guys are
 9 unbelievable! You can think and say what you want, but I
 10 know the truth and that's all that matters. And you know
 11 what? I'm not the one who's a coward now. It's you. All of
 12 you. Afraid to tell the truth. *(Leaves. They all watch him.)*
 13 KEITH: I don't know about you guys, but I think he was telling
 14 the truth.
 15 MASON: Me, too.
 16 TANNER: He was pretty angry.
 17 KEITH: Can you blame him? We got a little carried away.
 18 MASON: I guess paranoia can do that to you.
 19 TANNER: *(Looking at the group that's left)* So now it's down to three.
 20 KEITH: I guess it really was one of us who shot Wes.
 21 MASON: Yeah, but which one?
 22 TANNER: Should we just draw straws? Let somebody take the
 23 fall since we don't know who really did it?
 24 MASON: What's that going to prove?
 25 TANNER: I don't know. Maybe Wes's parents are out for blood.
 26 Maybe they want one of us to get arrested or something.
 27 MASON: I don't want to go to jail.
 28 KEITH: It was an accident. Even Wes told them that. They're not
 29 going to have us arrested.
 30 MASON: You don't know that.
 31 KEITH: I *do* know that. They're good people. They know we
 32 wouldn't hurt Wes on purpose. They just want to hear what
 33 really happened.
 34 TANNER: Even if we don't have the answer? The one who really
 35 did it?

- 1 KEITH: You know, I don't think it has to be *one* of us. We're just
2 going to have to take responsibility. All of us. Say how
3 sorry we are and live with the fact that it could've been any
4 one of us who did it.
5 MASON: Maybe ...
6 TANNER: You know, it could've been any one of us to lose an
7 eye, too.
8 KEITH: I know. It was pretty dumb to be shooting BBs at each
9 other like that. *(Pause.)*
10 TANNER: I wish I'd been afraid and hid like Jacob.
11 KEITH/MASON: Me, too.
12 TANNER: You know what? I bet Wes does, too. But that doesn't
13 change anything, does it? *(Stands up.)* Come on, we'd
14 better go talk to his parents.

Overbearing Mother

(2 Guys, 2 Girls)

CHARACTERS:

Danielle: Sierra's friend who tries to keep her calm about her grades and help her find a solution.

Sierra: Girl who gets a B and is freaking out because her mother expects only A's.

Alex: Acts like a goof-off but in the end thinks Sierra should just tell the truth.

Jordan: True goof-off who gets upset with Sierra's drama and believes the way out is to break the computer.

SETTING:

The two boys are talking in the hallway at school. Then the two girls come out of a classroom a few seconds later. Sierra is really upset.