

“Pants on Fire”

Two kids are sitting at the school computer.
ELLIOTT grabs the wireless mouse from
SABRINA.

ELLIOTT

C'mon, let me play with it! Uh-oh.

It drops, shatters. He puts it into her hand.

ELLIOTT (cont'd)

Here, take this!

SABRINA

Don't give it to me! What are we
gonna do? She's gonna find out and
know we broke it!

ELLIOTT

So, we tell her we didn't.

SABRINA

What?!

ELLIOTT

We tell her we were just coming from
the restroom and we found it like that.
She's been in the front of the room,
she won't know. We'll tell her we
weren't even here.

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SABRINA

That's called 'lying'.

ELLIOTT

Yeah, and your point is ...?
Look, just do it right and we won't
get in trouble.

SABRINA

I can't lie!

ELLIOTT

'Brina, we're not ...lying. Exactly.
We're acting. You always wanted to
be an actress. Just let me do the
talking, and you *'act'* like I'm telling
the truth.

SABRINA

No. I'm going to go tell her it was an
accident, and that my dad will get the
school a new mouse and that we're
sorry. That's the truth.

She gets up and walks to the front of the
room. He watches her go.

ELLIOTT

She's gotta learn how to act.

