

Fighting Words

INT. THE STAGE OF THE THEATRE

Tony is sitting on stage when Rich enters. There is a great deal of tension between them.

RICH

Hey.

TONY

What do you want?

RICH

Nothing.

TONY

Then get out of here.

RICH

Hey, it's not my fault Britney doesn't like you.

TONY

I think it is.

RICH

Well, it's not.

TONY

I think you're lying.

RICH

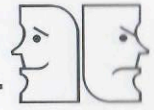
Look, just because she wants me instead of you doesn't mean I told her what a jerk you are.

TONY

I should just beat you up right now.

RICH

I'd like to see you try.



TONY

I'm warning you.

RICH

Tony, she doesn't like you because she doesn't like you. I don't know what the big deal is. You didn't even like her until last week.

TONY

The deal is you told her I was a jerk. You made her not like me. You are the reason I'm mad.

RICH

I didn't tell her!

TONY

(Pulling a note out of his pocket) Oh, yeah? Then what's this?

Tony throws the note on the ground.

RICH

Where did you get that?

TONY

Did you write it?

A beat.

RICH

Yeah.

TONY

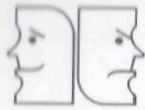
Then you're a liar.

RICH

I guess so.

TONY

Why?



RICH

'Cause I wanted her to like me instead of you.

TONY

Well, you got what you wanted.

RICH

I guess I did.

Rich starts to walk out.

TONY

Rich.

RICH

(Turning around) Yeah?

TONY

I'm going to get you back.

RICH

I know.

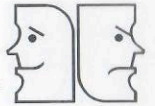
TONY

You better watch out.

RICH

Don't worry, I will.

Rich exits.



Lunch

INT. THE LUNCH ROOM

Charlie is sitting in the lunch room when Gwen walks up.

GWEN

Excuse me. I'm Gwen King. Student Council Vice President and Editor of the Yearbook.

CHARLIE

Yeah...?

GWEN

You're new at Andrew Jackson Middle School, aren't you?

CHARLIE

Yeah.

GWEN

Welcome. (Sitting down) Mind if I sit down? Thank you. Now I noticed you were sitting here in the lunchroom by yourself and I thought I would just...

CHARLIE

What, bug me?

GWEN

I'm sorry, I just thought...

CHARLIE

What?

GWEN

Well...that you might want to meet somebody on your first day here.