

## ARCHIE & EVAN 1

ARCHIE Oh, hi! You're the new kid, right?

EVAN (looking around) Oh yeah, hi. I'm Evan.

ARCHIE I'm Archie. I pass by your house every morning when you're waiting for the bus. See, I'm on the special needs bus. „Cause of my crutches.

EVAN Bummer...

ARCHIE It's okay, at least nobody makes fun of me on the special needs bus. That'd be ironic.

EVAN So, it's been really great meeting you, Archie...

ARCHIE Are you looking for Patrice?

EVAN You know Patrice?

ARCHIE Sure, she's like my best friend. Also my only friend.

EVAN Do you know where she is?

ARCHIE Why? You wanna do something else to publicly humiliate her and ruin her life?

EVAN Oh. You know about that, huh?

ARCHIE Yeah, it's already on Youtube. But I think I can help.

EVAN Really? That would be amazing. I'd totally owe you.

ARCHIE And then, you can do something for me? A deal, of sorts.

EVAN (tentative) Wait a second. What kind of deal?

ARCHIE A small deal. A no-big-deal deal. I need a date!

EVAN Uh. Okay. And is there anyone specific you want a date with?

ARCHIE Kendra.

EVAN Kendra? Are you on crack?

ARCHIE She wants me.

EVAN Come on. There's no way I can get Kendra to go out with you.

ARCHIE Fine then. I'll just sit next to her at your Bar Mitzvah, I'll rub my leg against hers, hope I feel it, and before long I'll be attending to her special needs.

EVAN Okay, first of all, YUCK. And second of all, I don't remember inviting you to my Bar Mitzvah.

ARCHIE Do I really need an invitation? You think your mother would throw Tiny Tim out on to the street? And so close to Christmas?

## ARCHIE & EVAN 2

EVAN This is all your fault. I told you everything not to do, and you did it!

ARCHIE My fault? It's not like this worked out for me— THAT was my first kiss!

EVAN Every single thing in my life is a disaster.

ARCHIE You've been in Appleton for a month. Trust me, it'll get worse.

EVAN No. No! I'm gonna fix this with Patrice and fix this with Brett and you're gonna help me. I just need a plan.

ARCHIE Face it, Evan, this can't be fixed!

EVAN If I don't do anything, I'm dead! They're gonna treat me like I've got some disease! (HE realizes what he said) I'm sorry, Archie. I didn't mean it like that.

ARCHIE Right now, I think I'm doing a whole lot better than you are.

EVAN Archie, wait...! Great. There goes the last person on earth that's talking to me.

## ARCHIE AND PATRICE

ARCHIE Hey Patrice...wait.

PATRICE I don't want to talk now, Archie.

ARCHIE It's about Evan.

PATRICE Especially about Evan.

ARCHIE What he did, he really didn't mean it.

PATRICE Yeah, ripping up my invitation in front of everyone who hates me isn't what he meant.

ARCHIE Come on. You know you really like him.

PATRICE And why would you think that?

ARCHIE You said "I really like him." But maybe I read that one wrong.

PATRICE Why are you sticking up for him?

ARCHIE He's a nice guy. He's new. He made a mistake. And I think we're going to be friends.

PATRICE Good luck with that.

ARCHIE Come on. Give him another chance.

PATRICE Another chance? No, sorry.