

A Little Problem
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Angie gasps in shock.

HARRIS
You're bad Chantal.

CHANTAL
Am not. I'm just borrowing it. He's
always borrowing my stuff without
my permission.

Chantal puts the headphones over her head and puts the Mariah Carey CD into her CD Player. A song plays. Chantal begins to sing to it.

CHANTAL (CONT'D)
(singing to Mariah Carey)
Oh when you walk by lookin' fine,
lookin sweet and good as wine, I
get all hectic insiiiiide. Oh baby,
I'm so into you, darling if you
only knew...

Chantal is singing out of tune. The bus is quiet. All the kids on the bus stare at Chantal in "Awe" as she sings badly to Mariah Carey.

23 INT. SCHOOL BUS - AT THE FRONT OF THE BUS

Sitting in the seat behind Mr. Willie, one KID says...

KID #1
Mr. Willie, are we there yet?

She says this as if Chantal's singing is torturing her as well as the other kids.

24 EXT. ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- MORNING

A few parents drop their kids off. The kids walk to and from. The school bus pulls up behind two other school buses that are letting kids off. The school bell RINGS.

25 INT. MS. JAMISON'S CLASSROOM- MORNING

The classroom is full of quiet third graders that sit at desks, drawing. Chantal is one of the students drawing a picture with crayons. The teacher MS. JAMISON walks up and down the rows, looking at each student's drawings. She stops by Chantal's desk to see what Chantal is drawing. She is shocked.

MS. JAMISON
Chantal!

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She grabs the drawing from Chantal and holds it up for the class to see. It's a drawing of Kenny looking like an ugly monster with an afro. Label the name "Kenny" above the drawing.

MS. JAMISON (CONT'D)
What's this?

CHANTAL
(smiles)
My brother.

The students laugh. Harris joins in on the laughter then SNORTS like a pig in between his laughing.

26 INT. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING- HALLWAY- DAY

We stand in the hallway outside a door that reads: "Principle's Office".

27 INT. PRINCIPLE GARRET'S OFFICE- DAY

The school principle, PRINCIPLE GARRET, sits behind his desk, looking at Chantal's drawing. Chantal sits opposite Principle Garret.

PRINCIPLE GARRET
Chantal, what's wrong with you?

This is the fifth drawing this week.

CHANTAL
I know Principle Garret, but...

PRINCIPLE GARRET
No buts, Chantal. We've been through this over and over again.

Chantal hangs her head low, feeling sad.

PRINCIPLE GARRET (CONT'D)
Look Chantal, this is your final warning. If it happens again, I'm going to have to call your mother down here for a parent meeting, okay?

CHANTAL
Okay Principle Garret.

PRINCIPLE GARRET
Good. Now go have lunch.

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HARRIS

If I was you, I would ruin your housekeeper's wedding.

CHANTAL

What? Are you crazy?

HARRIS

It works. Last time I was at a wedding, my cousin took a jar of frogs with him and let them all go. People were really grossed out by it. I mean it got so gross that this old lady puked on my Aunt Sarah's wig.

CHANTAL

Eeeeww gross.

HARRIS

It works everytime. Think about it.

Harris walks away. Natasha and Angie walk up to Chantal.

NATASHA

Hey Chantal, do you want to jump rope?

CHANTAL

No, I have some big problems I need to iron out.

ANGIE

Well don't iron too long.

They shake their heads and walk away. Ms. Jamison walks up.

MS. JAMISON

Well what do we have here? And please don't let it be another picture of your brother.

MS. JAMISON'S P.O.V.: She sees the picture that Chantal is drawing. The picture is of Chantal holding hands with Ms. Geraldine as they smile. Label names above their heads.

MS. JAMISON (CONT'D)

Nice work Chantal, but whose Ms. Geraldine?

CHANTAL

She's my best friend.

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MS. JAMISON

Well recess is over, let's head
back in.

(to the other children))

Hey guys, let's go in. Recess is
over. Harris, do not eat that, it's
not edible!

Ms. Jamison leaves to gather up the children.

CHANTAL (V.O.)

(looking at picture)

I can't lose Ms. Geraldine... yeah,
maybe Harris is right. If I ruin
Ms. Geraldine's wedding, then she
will stay with me forever. God I
love it when I get good ideas.

Chantal smiles. Ms. Jamison has Harris by the arm, the other
children walk closely behind them.

MS. JAMISON

Harris, this is the janitor's
sponge. I can't believe you were
trying to eat it.

HARRIS

I'm sorry, I thought it was a piece
of cheese. I wondered why cheese
would be in the janitor's bucket.

Chantal walks over to Harris, Gilbert, Angie and Natasha.

CHANTAL

Hey guys, meet me here in the
playground after school, near the
slides. I need to talk to all of
you.

CUT TO:

116 EXT. SCHOOL YARD- 2 HOURS LATER- DAY

Chantal is seen in the playground with Angie, Gilbert,
Natasha and Harris.

NATASHA

Chantal, what do you want to talk
to us about?

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