

CAST:

Friend 1 - Reese

Friend 2 - Tory

Friend 3 - Will

Teacher - Jules

SCENE 1 - 4TH BLOCK SCIENCE - 1 WEEK BEFORE THE PROJECT IS DUE

TEACHER: Ok class I really need you to work hard on this project since it's worth a good chunk of your grade, so please choose groups you know you'll do well in.

(CAMERA PANS TO 3 EMPTY SEATS)

(CAMERA PANS BACK)

TEACHER: Oh, Reese, Tory, and Will aren't here? I guess I'll just email them and put them in one group. Hopefully this won't have any consequences later on...

SCENE 2 - LUNCH - 30 MINUTES BEFORE PROJECT IS DUE

THE GROUP IS MEETING UP TO WORK ON THEIR PROJECT

REESE: Okay, let's see how much we need to wrap up...

(REESE OPENS HIS LAPTOP TO FIND AN EMPTY SLIDESHOW)

REESE: What?? Did you guys not do ANY work?

TORY: I was out sick the past week. I was literally bedridden.

WILL: I had a tournament. I had games all day and ended up getting home at 10.

TORY: What's your excuse, Reese? You were here all week.

REESE: I was skipping, I always skip 4th block. Plus I thought *you guys* were gonna do it!

TORY: Look, all that doesn't matter now. What matters is that we have to get this done within the next half hour, or else we fail the quarter.

WILL: What do we need to do?

TORY: Lets see... we need a diagram of a cell made up of craft paper, along with a 15 slide presentation describing each function of each organism.

REESE: Okay, I'll get started on the slide show. You two run to the library and get craft paper and glue and whatever else we need.

SCENE 3 - TORY AND WILL RUN TO THE LIBRARY TO PICK UP SUPPLIES

(TORY AND WILL RUN INTO THE LIBRARY, WHERE THE TEACHER IS MAKING COPIES)

TORY: Oh, shoot! There's Mrs. Page! If she sees us rushing to get this done she'll tell us off.

WILL: Just keep calm and pretend like we just need it for a different project or something.

(WILL AND TORY GRAB STUFF FROM THE SHELVES AND THE TEACHER SEES THEM)

TEACHER: Oh, hey guys!

(WILL AND TORY RUSH TO HIDE THE STUFF BEHIND THEIR BACKS)

TORY: Uh- hi!

WILL: Hey!

TEACHER: What's all that craft paper for?

WILL: Uh- it's for my math homework! We didn't find any other paper and I need to get it done before tomorrow.

TEACHER: Oh! That's uh... a lot of algebra...

WILL: Yeah, it's like 30 questions. Right, Tory.

TORY: Yup totally.

TEACHER: Hm. Well, about the project-

TORY: What, the photosynthesis-

WILL: (whispering) CELL.

TORY: -Cell project? Don't worry about that! We know what we need to do.

TEACHER: Oh, okay then! I'll leave you guys to it.

(THE TEACHER TURNS AWAY. TORY AND WILL SLOWLY START WALKING AWAY. THEY SEE THAT THEY'RE OUT OF HER LINE OF SIGHT AND START RUNNING)

SCENE 4 - TORY AND WILL COME BACK TO WHERE REESE IS WORKING ON THE PROJECT - REESE IS ON HIS PHONE

TORY AND WILL RUSH IN AND SLAM THE SUPPLIES DOWN ON THE TABLE

TORY: Reese, what are you doing?

REESE: Huh? Oh, sorry, forgot.

(REESE SLAMS HIS PHONE DOWN ON THE TABLE AND GETS BACK ONTO THE SLIDES PRESENTATION)

(MONTAGE OF PAPER CUTTING, TYPING, LOOKING IN NOTES, ETC.)

(THE BELL RINGS)

WILL: OKAY. How does it look?

(PAN BACK TO THE PROJECT. IT LOOKS... OK.)

TORY: (Worried) ...We'll be fine!

SLIDE 5 - IN CLASS - ABOUT TO PRESENT

TEACHER: Ok, today's the day! Who wants to go first?

TORY: Do you guys wanna go first and get it done with?

WILL: Alright, fine.

REESE: We can go first, Mrs. Page.

TEACHER: Hm? Oh! Weren't you all absent this past week?

WILL: Uh, yeah.

TORY: Why do you ask?

TEACHER: You guys don't have to present today. You can next class. I said so in the email!

REESE: ...Oh.

TEACHER: Who else is willing to go?

(REESE, TORY, AND WILL ALL SLUMP IN THEIR SEATS)

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