

TROY

Oh, well... my friends know I went snowboarding, but I didn't tell them about the singing thing.

GABRIELLA

Pretty crazy, right, meeting up again like this?

(TROY and GABRIELLA look at the bulletin board, where the audition sign-up sheets are posted. Behind them, SHARPAY eavesdrops.)

TROY

Hey... now that you've met Darbus the Deranged, I'll bet you can't wait to sign up for the show.

GABRIELLA

(laughs)

I won't be signing up for anything here for a while. But if you signed up, I'd consider coming to the show.

TROY

That's completely impossible.

SHARPAY

(interrupting)

I wouldn't think "impossible" is even in your vocabulary, Troy.

(indicates GABRIELLA)

So nice of you to show our new classmate around.

(forces her way between TROY and GABRIELLA and signs her name across the entire sign-up sheet; looks at GABRIELLA)

Oh... were you going to sign up, too?

GABRIELLA

No, no. I was just looking over the bulletin board. Lots going on at this school.

(indicates SHARPAY's over-the-top signature)

Nice penmanship.

(GABRIELLA hurries away, leaving TROY with SHARPAY.)

SHARPAY

So what'd you do during vacation Troy, hmmm?

TROY

(couldn't be less interested)

Practiced basketball. Snowboarding. More basketball.

(checks his watch)

Gotta go, practice and all.

(TROY zooms away.)

SHARPAY

(calling after TROY)

I hope you'll come watch me in the musical? Promise? He totally likes me!

(SHARPAY exits. We hear a coach's whistle blow.)

Scene 4: GYM – Monday, 8:30AM

(Basketball practice. COACH BOLTON, Troy's dad and the Wildcats basketball coach, enters with the JOCKS, in the middle of a pep talk.)

COACH BOLTON

And remember, the chain is only as strong as its weakest link. When the going gets tough—

JOCKS

—the tough get going!

COACH BOLTON

Okay, men, let me see some hustle!

(COACH BOLTON blows his whistle. The JOCKS run drills. TROY runs in.)

TROY

Sorry I'm late, Coach!

COACH BOLTON

You're the team captain, Bolton. Get your head in the game!