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SHARPAY: Someone's going to pay for this!

(Troy grabs Gabriella's hand and they run off stage. Sharpay runs off in the other direction. Ryan follows her. Blackout.)

Scene 10: ROOFTOP GARDEN – Wednesday, 12:30PM

(Lights up on the rooftop garden, Horticulture Club headquarters. It's a hidden oasis, filled with flowers in full bloom. TROY and GABRIELLA run on.)

GABRIELLA

How crazy was that?!?
(catching her breath)
 Wow, so this is your private hideout?

TROY

Thanks to the Horticulture Club. I come up here when I want to be alone.

GABRIELLA

Must be tricky being the coach's son.

TROY

He's gonna freak when he hears about the singing thing.

GABRIELLA

You're worried?

TROY

Sometimes I don't want to be "the basketball guy." I just want to be, you know, me.

GABRIELLA

I know what you mean. At my other schools I was always "the freaky math girl." I hated it.

TROY

But you can't let people stop you from doing what you want to do, right?

GABRIELLA

Remember how cool kindergarten was? You'd meet somebody, and ten minutes later you were best friends.

TROY

Yeah, they didn't care if you could shoot hoops or solve equations.

GABRIELLA

Right. So you really want to do the callbacks?

TROY

Hey, just call me "freaky callback boy."

GABRIELLA

Thanks for showing me your top-secret hiding place. Just like kindergarten.

TROY

Be your best friend.

(TROY and GABRIELLA smile. And very tentatively, hold hands. Lights fade.)

Scene 11: SHARPAY'S LOCKER – Wednesday, 12:30pm

(Still covered in cake, SHARPAY pulls out blouse after blouse from hangers in her locker. She checks them out in the full-length mirror on the inside of the locker door.)