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Tori and Ashley are classmates who want to be in the speech contest this year. Ashley is the more adventurous one, while Tori wonders what she has gotten herself into.

TORI: Did you talk to Mrs. Hogan?

ASHLEY: Yeah, she wants us to do impromptu duet acting for speech contest.

TORI: What's that?

ASHLEY: She says the judges give us a topic and we have to act it out.

TORI: No script or anything?

ASHLEY: We make it up as we go along.

TORI: What if I can't think of anything to say? You know I'm no actress.

ASHLEY: We've been in a lot of class plays. Remember "The Tortoise and the Hare?"

TORI: I played a tree.

ASHLEY: Okay, what about "The Bremen Town Musicians?"

TORI: I played a tree.

ASHLEY: Well, were you the tree in "The Pilgrims Land at Plymouth?"

TORI: No, I was the rock.

ASHLEY: Oh.

TORI: (Realizes that this is important to Ashley) Did she give us any clues about what these scenes are like?

ASHLEY: Here, she gave us some ideas.

TORI: Like what?

ASHLEY: (Unfolding a piece of paper) Okay, it says, "You are a pair of socks in a dryer."

TORI: What?

ASHLEY: (Unfold another) This one says, "One of you is a lemon and one of you is an orange."

TORI: I wanted to be in speech contest, not end up in a fruit salad.

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