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(Two chairs are placed full front about a foot apart. JANE and EILEEN are waiting outside the principal's office, feeling self-conscious and uncomfortable. Although JANE is humiliated, she is angry at EILEEN, EILEEN is obviously worried but trying to seem "cool." Their attitudes should be established through body language and eye contact before the dialogue begins.)

EILEEN: Jane?...Jane?...Come on, you gotta speak to me.

JANE: Just leave me alone, Eileen.

E.: Look, I know you hate me, but we've got to get our story right.

J.: *Our* story? *We* have no story.

E.: (As though to another "student" passing by) Yo, Steve! What's up? Who me? In trouble? Nah. I got paged to see Principal Stanton about showing some new student around. That's all. I'll see you at lunch.

J.: (Rubbing her temples) This is so embarrassing.

E.: Ease up, Princess. Nobody even notices that you're here.

J.: Oh, that makes me feel better.

E.: (To a second "student" passing by) Hey there, Trish! Cute jacket. Saw one just like it on the Home Shopping Channel on TV! (laughs) Just kidding, Babe. It's really cute. No, I'm fine. I think the principal wants me to work on some graduation committee or something. Can you believe it? Hey, that was the bell. Better hurry up and get to class! I'll call you tonight.

J.: You're right. Nobody even notices me.

E.: So you have nothing to worry about.

J.: Nothing except my scholarship! Except my parents! Except my reputation!

E.: Jane, you have no reputation to begin with.

J.: Nice. And you want me to help you?

E.: No, that's not what I meant. I'm trying to say that you have such a clear record that you are practically flawless. Nothing's going to ruin your reputation.

J.: I let you have the disk, Eileen.

E.: (Speaking slowly as if to stress her hidden meaning) We never saw a disk, Jane.

J.: I let you have it! I went to the computer lab in the library after school to type up my history report, and the disk was already in the computer.

E.: We never saw a disk.

J.: I opened the file, and I remember being so surprised.

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