

TODD:
Hey that's good Alice. Can you do anyone else?

KELLY:
Go away.

TODD:
I can be here if I want to.

ALICE:
What do you want?

TODD:
Nothing just want to be at the playground. Okay?
(The four become quiet as Todd sits on the swing and whistles away.)
So Mark, still playing with dolls?

MARKY:
I need to go.

ALICE:
I think your mom's calling you Todd. Yeah, I hear "dickwad", your mom is definitely calling you.

TODD:
Just came here to play.
(Quiet again.)
So Mark do you like gym class?

MARKY:
I'll call you guys later.

TODD:
Heard you like to stand right by the door and look into the shower room.

MARKY:
That's not true!

TODD:
Josh told me. You know Josh, he's in your class. Told me, you were standing right by the door, looking at him and all the other guys, undressing and taking showers.

MARKY:
I was leaving to get to my next class.

ALICE:
Why don't you shut your big mouth. Marky doesn't like boys.

TODD:
Right, and his girlfriend, Kenny Weisburg doesn't either.

ALICE:

I don't know about Kenny but Marky doesn't because him and I are seeing each other. He likes girls a lot and at least girls like him, unlike you.

TODD:

And is Joey your boyfriend, Kel?

KELLY:

Go away!

(Todd sees Joey's bruise.)

TODD:

Nice shiner. Who gave you it? Your girlfriend here.

KELLY:

He was in a fight, okay.

ALICE:

Yeah.

TODD:

With who?

ALICE:

A Junior.

KELLY:

A Senior.

ALICE:

A Senior jock.

KELLY:

And he beat the tar out of him so you better leave.

TODD:

Who was the senior?

KELLY:

Tell him, Marky.

TODD:

Yeah, tell me, Marky.

MARKY:

It was only a Senior.

TODD:

He wasn't in no fight. His old man gave it to him. Didn't he Joey? Just like he did to your brother.

KELLY:

Shut up Todd, it's not true.

TODD:

We all know his old man beats him. (Joey starts to cry.) Here come the tears again. Tell them baby Joey. Tell them how your old man grabbed you off the steps and punched you right in the face. Wham!

(Jojo screams and jumps on Todd, falling to the ground. Jojo starts swinging. Todd easily pushes him off.)

JOJO:

Get off our playground! It's ours! Ours! Not yours!

TODD:

You're crazy just like your whole family.

(Kelly grabs her big purse and starts swinging it at him, screaming like a maniac.)

Losers!

(He runs off. Alice looks strangely at Kelly.)

KELLY:

(To Alice.)

I learned that from you.

JOJO:

It's our playground. Right. Ours, right?

KELLY:

Yeah Jojo. It's ours.

ALICE:

You kicked butt, Joey, both you and psycho chick here.

(A car beeps.)

It's Jimmy, I'll be right back.

(She exits. Jojo lights a cigarette.)

MARKY:

That Todd is such a storyteller.

JOJO:

Stop it, Mark, we all know about my dad.

MARKY:

He still doesn't know what he's talking about. I wasn't looking at the guys, I was just leaving.. And Kenny and I aren't girl.. Todd's a liar.

(Alice runs on.)

ALICE:

Jimmy, wants to take us to the pinball arcade.

MARKY:
Downtown?

ALICE:
Yeah, he's going to take us all.

KELLY:
I'll go. My parents ain't even home.

MARKY:
Come on, Jojo, let's go see if I can stay at your place.

JOJO:
I want to go the arcade.

MARKY:
But your dad.

JOJO:
I don't want to go home. Not right now.
(The car beeps.)

ALICE:
Let's go.

KELLY:
Hey, can we smoke?

ALICE:
Yeah.

MARKY:
I'm not going.

ALICE:
You can sit up front with me.

MARKY:
No.

KELLY:
Then sit in the back of us.

MARKY:
No besides I have homework to do.

ALICE:
Okay, I'll call you tonight, my handsome boyfriend.
(She exits.)

KELLY:
Let's go, Jojo.
(Kelly grabs Jojo's hand. Jojo walks off with her.)

JOJO:

Bye, Mark.

MARKY:

I'll bring your paper to the bus stop tomorrow...morning.
(Marky watches them drive off. Marky finds his radio
and turns on his music. Todd appears.)

TODD:

So where's your girlfriend?

MARKY:

She's not my girlfriend.

TODD:

I know you don't like girls. Sometimes I don't like them.

MARKY:

I've got to go.

TODD:

You like guys, don't you? I know, Marky. I see you look at
them. Even caught you glancing at me a couple of times. I
like them too. Sometimes.

(Marky just stands there.)

My parents are gone for a couple of hours maybe you'd like to
come over and listen to some 45's.

(Silence.)

Look I only said those things earlier because I needed to
know. Now I do. No one will know Marky. It's just the two of
us here. I mean it looks like your friends dumped you.

MARKY:

They didn't dump me! I have to go, my mother's waiting.

TODD:

You can call her from my house. Come on, it'll be fun. Just
the two of us.

(Todd exits. Marky looks around. He's very confused. He
looks to where Todd left and exits his way.)