SCENE 1

TAYLOR

Hi, I'm Taylor McKessie. You must be new.

GABRIELLA

Gabriella Montez. Hi.

TAYLOR

Did you do anything fun over winter break?

GABRIELLA

Oh, you know... my mom took me on a ski trip. All I did was read.

SHARPAY

With all those cute boys on the slopes? Loser!

GABRIELLA

Well, um, actually, I did meet a boy.

TAYLOR

See? So make with the newsflash, sister!

GABRIELLA

They threw a New Year's Eve karaoke contest for the kids!

SCENE 2

GABRIELLA

How crazy was that?!? 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.

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