

**Abbott Elementary**

"Recorders"

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CHARACTER LIST:

Janine Teagues

Melissa Schemmenti

Gregory Eddie

Jacob Hill

Ava Coleman

Barbara Howard

Mr. Johnson

Mrs. Roberts

Erika

Isaiah

Brianna

Jason

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - MORNING

JANINE TEAGUES (late 20s) and JACOB HILL (20s) walk into Abbott Elementary holding bags. Jacob is talking, and Janine is lost in thought.

JACOB

SO then, I told Zach that hypothetically, speaking, if I was a type of bird I'd probably be a cockatoo, but he thinks I'd be a hummingbird which is borderline offensive.

JANINE

Has Gregory seemed distant to you lately?

JACOB

(hesitantly)

Um, I don't know maybe a little.

JANINE

He just hasn't really been talking to me as much lately. I mean I know everything that went down at the Franklin Institute is still a little fresh, but like we're still friends right?

JACOB

I mean maybe he has been sorta avoidant, but I think he's just processing everything.

AVA COLEMAN (early 30s) enters from behind the pair.

AVA

Hey! Would you two stop and let Gregory be the mysterious man he's always been.

JANINE

Ava! Were you listening to our entire conversation?

AVA

Oh C'mon this Janine, Gregory sitch is the most interesting thing to happen around here in months. And don't worry Jacob, I tuned you out.

Ava walks away leaving Janine and Jacob behind in shock.

**END OF COLD OPEN**

**ACT ONE**

INT. TEACHER'S LOUNGE - MOMENTS LATER

Janine and Jacob enter the break room together MELISSA SCHEMMENTI (50s), GREGORY EDDIE (late 20s), and BARBARA HOWARD(50s) already sit. They head over to their usual table where Gregory is already sitting. Janine sits down next to Gregory. The two make eye contact and Gregory looks away.

JANINE

Uh, Melissa! Are you ready? Today is the day the our classes get their recorders!

MELISSA

Don't tell me that's today!

JANINE

Well yeah, didn't you get my emails about it? I could've sworn I was cc-ing you.

Janine pulls out her phone and starts going through it. Melissa glances to the camera then back at Janine.

MELISSA

Yeah, I got em.

JANINE

Aren't you excited? I mean this is the first year we get to do the recorder program.

JACOB

Yeah, I loved learning to play the recorder. My music teacher said I was one of the brightest pupils she ever taught. She actual told me that I could probably play all the way through co-

MELISSA

You know exactly how this is gonna go. They're gonna be loud and overly excited and not want to do any of their work.

GREGORY

I've been asking for new scissors for weeks, but somehow they found the budget for like 40 something recorders?

JANINE

Oh, c'mon guys these are SO important. They teach the kids about perseveration, dedication, and the they can accomplish anything they put their mind to.

MELISSA

What poster did you read that on?

Janine tucks her bag with a poster clearly sticking out the top closer to her and glances at the camera.

JANINE

It's still true! Don't you think so Barbara?

BARBARA

Janine, will you leave me out of this for once.

MELISSA

Well, I think we can find a less ear piercing way for them to learn about perseverance.

Melissa grabs her belongings and leaves. Janine looks to Barbara who is silently laughing to herself.

INT. GREGORY'S CLASSROOM - LATER

Jacob walks down the hallway and peaks into Gregory's classroom. Gregory sits alone working. Jacob looks to the camera then knocks on the door.

GREGORY

What's up Jacob.

JACOB

Heyyyyy, you know I feel like we haven't had a good Gregory Jacob convo in soooo long.

GREGORY

Well right nows not the best time I've got-

JACOB

Are you over Janine?

Beat.

GREGORY

What!?

Gregory glances to the camera with a panicked expression.

JACOB

AH um sorry! I just had to put that out there.

GREGORY

I- Why?

JACOB

Because Janine thinks you're being distant and I hate to see my two best friends at Abbott not getting along.

GREGORY

Best Friends?

JACOB

Let me have this.

GREGORY

Okay, well um yeah. I'd say I'm over it... I mean it's been what like three, four weeks since the Franklin Institute?

JACOB

Yeah, about.

GREGORY

Then, yeah I'm over it. Why did Janine say she's over it?

JACOB

Um, she didn't mention it, but I think so...Anyways, I'll get out of your hair.

Jacob turns to leave and begins to walk out. Gregory glances at the camera and scratches his head. Jacob whips back around.

JACOB (CONT'D)

WAIT! I just had the best idea. What if you got on a dating app?

GREGORY

What! Why would you even suggest that?

JACOB

Well, if you say you're over it,  
then what better way to know for  
sure than to get back out there.

Jacob nudges Gregory. Gregory death glares Jacob.

CUT TO:

JACOB TALKING HEAD

JACOB (CONT'D)

Before I met Zack I was on all the  
apps. Tinder, Bumble, Hinge, even a  
brief stint on Eharmony...I lost  
myself one Tuesday night. BUT, I  
have to say I was quite good at  
reeling them in.

Jacob acts fishing motion for a second then gets embarrassed  
and stops.

BACK TO:

GREGORY

I'm not sure thats the best idea.

JACOB

Oh c'mon Gregory. I can show you  
the ropes. OOH I can even help you  
design your profile. You know to  
make sure you get matches.

Jacob aggressively winks. Gregory thinks for a minute before  
turning back to Jacob.

GREGORY

Fine. I'll try it.

JACOB

YES! I promise I will not let you  
down.

Jacob rushes out of the room. Gregory looks to the camera in  
fear.

INT. JANINE'S CLASSROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Janine stands at the front of her classroom as her students  
file in. Her face falls as she sees the bored expressions on  
her students faces.

JANINE  
Hey guys! How was music class?

Beat.

JANINE (CONT'D)  
Did Mrs. Roberts show you anything  
new today?

Student raises hand.

JANINE (CONT'D)  
Ah yes, Erika?

ERIKA  
Do you mean that funny stick with  
holes?

JANINE  
Yes, Erika. Those funny sticks were  
recorders. They're instruments....

Another student raises their hand. Janine eagerly points to  
them.

JANINE (CONT'D)  
Yeah! Isaiah.

ISAIAH  
What were we supposed to do with  
the sticks?

JANINE  
...make music with them.

Janine looks around the room at the blank stares on her  
students faces.

JANINE (CONT'D)  
Okay, raise your hand if you  
actually listened to what Mrs.  
Roberts was talking about today.

None of Janine's students raise their hands. Janine looks  
fearful.

INT. TEACHER'S LOUNGE - LATER

Melissa, Barbara, Gregory, and Jacob sit at their regular  
tables eating lunch. Mr. Johnson sits in the corner alone.  
Janine slugs in and sits down next to Jacob, defeated. She  
lets out a sigh. No one responds. She tries again. Still  
nothing.



JANINE

Guys, none of my kids connected with their recorders!

JACOB

What!

JANINE

Yeah, I don't know what happened! They didn't even understand what they were.

BARBARA

Janine I wouldn't worry. It was just the first lesson. These things take time.

JANINE

You didn't see their faces. I mean they were more lifeless than when those history puppets performed that Jacob found.

JACOB

Hey!

JANINE

Melissa, how were your kids?

MELISSA

(not paying attention)  
I don't know, fine.

JANINE

Well, were they excited about their first lesson?

MELISSA

I didn't ask. They seemed just as hyper as always. I had to count to three four times, before they settled down...which I guess in their defense is pretty normal.

JANINE

What do you mean you didn't ask? It's important this goes well so the program can keep happening.

MELISSA

Janine, dare I ask this. But isn't that Mrs.Roberts job?

JANINE

Maybe, but I'm just helping.

MELISSA

Yeah, because that always ends well.

BARBABA

What I think Melissa is trying to say, is maybe you should leave the music in music class.

MR. JOHNSON

Like Reno.

GREGORY

You mean Vegas?

MR. JOHNSON

No, I'm pretty sure its Reno.

INT. GREGORY'S CLASSROOM - LATER

Gregory is packing up his bags at his desk. Jacob knocks on the door and rushes in. Gregory lets out a sigh.

GREGORY

Jacob. Can we do this later?

JACOB

No Gregory, it's Friday.

GREGORY

So?

JACOB

Friday is the most important day of the week for dating apps. Everyone who doesn't have plans tonight is gonna be on there swiping away. This is your time! You must strike now.

Janine appears and knocks on the door.

JANINE

Hey Gregory, OH Jacob. What's up? Um, I was wondering if you maybe wanted to grab coffee or something.

GREGORY

Oh, sorry we can't. Jacob and I have to stay late and work on this thing.

JANINE

Oh, what thing?

GREGORY

Just this thing.

There is a long pause and awkward eye contact.

JANINE

Okay....um, well then have a good weekend you guys.

JACOB

Bye Janine!

Beat.

JACOB (CONT'D)

(Whispering)

You sly fox you.

GREGORY

Can we just get this over with.

CUT TO:

JANINE TALKING HEAD

JANINE

Oh that. No I'm not worried. I mean Jacob and Gregory are friends too right. And besides, I've got to get home and brainstorm some ways to get my kids excited about learning the recorder. I'm thinking a presentation. Or maybe a skit!

CUT TO:

INT. GREGORY'S CLASSROOM - MOMENTS LATER

JACOB

Okay, now that you've got Tinder downloaded we need some photos. You want to find some good ones that show your personality.

GREGORY  
Okay, um how's this..

Gregory shows Jacob a picture of him in the produce section at the grocery store.

JACOB  
Are you at the grocery store?

GREGORY  
Yeah, my mom took it.

JACOB  
No, Gregory! I can tell nothing about you from this.

GREGORY  
Fine. How about this one ?

Gregory picks a photo of him squatting in front of a beat up old Honda civic looking annoyed.

JACOB  
Okay, you know what we can come back to this.

JACOB (CONT'D)  
How about we do the bio. Tell me something interesting about yourself.

GREGORY  
I don't know. I'm not really that interesting.

JACOB  
We can say you work with kids. I've heard women love that!

GREGORY  
Ew no, thats weird.

JACOB  
Fine. How about some hobbies. Like gardening.

GREGORY  
NO! DO NOT ADD GARDENING.

JACOB  
Gregory, you're giving me nothing!

GREGORY

Well I don't know what you  
expected.

Mr. Johnson stands in the hallway mopping.

MR. JOHNSON

You know, I used to pick up women  
by pretending I forgot my wallet at  
the gas station. That way I got a  
lady friend's number AND a free  
Twinkie.

Jacob and Gregory glance at each other in fear.

**END OF ACT ONE**

ACT TWO

INT. TEACHER'S LOUNGE - MORNING

Jacob, Gregory, Barbara, and Melissa sit independently working. Jacob turns to Gregory.

JACOB

So, get any matches this weekend?

GREGORY

Uh no, not really.

JACOB

Well I could've told you that.

Gregory glares at Jacob. Ava enters.

JACOB (CONT'D)

Good morning Ava. How was your weekend?

AVA

Jacob, what did I tell you about talking to me before 9 AM.

Jacob deflates. Janine walks in carrying two very full bags. She throws them down on the table, everyone jumps.

AVA (CONT'D)

God, Janine what do you have in there? The other two feet of your body?

Ava looks around waiting for everyone else to laugh. No one does.

JANINE

No. They're supplies.

AVA

Supplies for what? You know you won't be reimbursed for all of that.

JANINE

(mumbling)

Oh you know, just some stickers and stuff so my kids can decorate their recorders.

Everyone lets out a groan in unison.

MELISSA

Why can't you just be a little less  
Janine. Just this one time.

JANINE

Guys, this is going to work!  
They're gonna love it.

BARBARA

Janine. I really do think you  
should let this go.

JANINE

Well I disagree. Just to show you  
guys, this Friday we're gonna have  
a performance in the gym. And  
you're all cordially invited.

AVA

You didn't approve gym use with me.

JANINE

Oh, sorry. I mean I figured it was  
okay.

AVA

Oh no I'll approve it. You know  
I'll take any excuse to see you  
embarrass yourself.

Janine rolls her eyes and turns to Gregory.

JANINE

(to Gregory)

What do you think?

GREGORY

Oh, um well. I think that it may be  
a little too soon, but you know  
your kids better than me so what do  
I know.

Gregory looks away. Janine nods and looks down.

INT. JANINE'S CLASSROOM - LATER

Janine stands in front of her classroom hiding something  
behind her back. As her kids file in.

JANINE

Alright everyone take your seats  
because I have a very exciting  
announcement!

The kids sit down and give Janine all their attention. Janine pulls out a bright purple recorder from behind her back.

JANINE (CONT'D)

Look what I have here. This is my own recorder from when I was your age.

JAMES

Wow! That thing must be like 50 years old.

JANINE

I- No. Its not quite that old.

(Then to self)

Looks like we've gotta review some of our math lessons.

(Back To class)

But, I thought I'd show you just how cool recorders can be.

CUT TO:

JANINE TALKING HEAD

JANINE

Oh no, thats not actually my recorder. I over-nighted this beauty over the weekend so I could get a little practice in. For the kids, of course.

AS WE WERE:

Janine begins badly playing Hot Cross Buns. She hits a squeaky note and the kids cringe.

JANINE (CONT'D)

Okay, okay. Enough of that. I was actually thinking we could do our own performance for the whole school this Friday! What do we think?

BRIANNA

I don't know Ms. Teagues. We don't know how to play yet.

The kids murmur agreeing.

JANINE

Hey, guys don't worry. You'll have two music classes before then.



JANINE (CONT'D)

And if you all work together you can definitely master one song before Friday. I know it.

BEAT.

JANINE (CONT'D)

Also! I've got some stickers so you can decorate your recorders.

STUDENTS

YAY!

INT. GREGORY'S CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

Gregory stands in front of his classroom teaching. A series of math questions are written on the board.

GREGORY

Okay guys, so blank plus six equal ten. What should I write in this blank.

The kids look blankly at Gregory.

GREGORY (CONT'D)

C'mon guys I know you know this.

Jacob knocks at the door and enters.

GREGORY (CONT'D)

Mr. Hill? What are you doing here?

JACOB

Well I thought I'd sit in today on your...math class. Is that okay?

GREGORY

(confused)

Sure. Have a seat.

Jacob awkwardly sits down on an empty first-grader sized chair with a pod of students. They all stare at him. Jacob sheepishly smiles.

GREGORY (CONT'D)

Back to what I was saying. What plus six equals ten? Jason, what do you think?

JASON

Uhhhhh seven.

Jacob pulls out his phone and begins taking photos of Gregory.

GREGORY

Not quite buddy, but good guess.  
Can anyone help Jason out?

Gregory scans the room and sees Jacob photographing him.

GREGORY (CONT'D)

Mr. Hill. Can I talk to you in  
hallway.

STUDENTS

Oooooo

Jacob stands up and follows Gregory into the hallway.

GREGORY

(Whisper yelling)  
What do you think you're doing?

JACOB

Just getting some material for your  
profile.

GREGORY

And you thought taking pictures of  
me teaching a lesson was the best  
time to do that.

JACOB

Well candid photos preform the  
best.

GREGORY

Jacob. Would you just please leave.  
I don't have the time to deal with  
this right now.

JACOB

Fine. I'm just trying to help you  
get over Janine.

GREGORY

(frustrated)  
Well maybe I don't want to get over  
Janine.

JACOB

Oh.

Jacob glances at the camera then at the ground.

INT. JANINE'S CLASSROOM - LATER

Janine makes her way around her classroom watching her students work.

BRIANNA

Ms. Teagues? I wish you had some Bluey Stickers.

JANINE

Well maybe we should just be happy with what Ms. Teagues did get you. Okay?

MRS. ROBERTS (late 50s, eccentric, cynical) knocks on Janine's classroom door. Janine smiles and walks up to her.

JANINE (CONT'D)

Ah, Mrs. Roberts what a pleasant surprise!

MRS. ROBERTS

Is it true that you are planning a performance for my students this Friday?

JANINE

Uh, yeah. Why?

MRS. ROBERTS

Because they aren't ready? They've barely even held the instruments.

Janine steps further away from her students.

JANINE

Listen, Patricia.

MRS. ROBERTS

Let's keep it at Mrs. Roberts.

JANINE

(offended)

Okay. Mrs. Roberts, look I can't cancel the performance now. Look at them, they're finally starting to connect with their recorders.

Janine looks around at the students. They are focusing on decorating them and showing them off to one another.

MRS. ROBERTS

Listen here, you have no idea what it's like to teach a bunch of eight-year-olds to play an instrument for the first time.

JANINE

(light-hearted)

Oh come on, it's the recorder. I mean how hard can it be.

Mrs. Roberts scoffs and walks off leaving Janine.

CUT TO:

JANINE TALKING HEAD

JANINE (CONT'D)

I know Mrs. Roberts thinks it's a bad idea, but I think she just worried it'll be a bad reflection on her. Besides, one of my kids came up to me today and told me how much more they love their recorder now that it's pretty....I did have to take stickers off the holes so that it's playable, but that isn't the point.

CUT TO:

MRS. ROBERTS TALKING HEAD

MRS. ROBERTS

That girl is absolutely crazy. Do you think I'd go up there and show the whole school how her kid's don't understand how to read a clock yet? Yeah, I didn't think so.

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY GYM - DAYS LATER

Students file into the gym which is lined with chairs. Gregory is alone in the back. Jacob approaches him with a smile.

JACOB

Hey so I-

GREGORY

I told you I don't want to talk about it.

Gregory storms off taking a seat next to his class. Jacob stands alone.

Janine walks up to Melissa and Barbara excitedly.

JANINE

Well, today is the day!

BARBARA

It sure is. How are the kids doing?  
Excited?

JANINE

Yeah, yeah. We had a little rehearsal this morning, and it went... pretty good.

MELISSA

(under breath)  
Sure it did.

BARBARA

You know Janine, it really isn't too late to cancel, or even better postpone!

Ava pops in.

AVA

Uh, yeah it is Barb. I've been waiting all week for this. Get up there Janine.

Janine smiles and makes her way up to the front of the stage. Barbara and Melissa find their seats. Mrs. Roberts comes in last and sits next to Barbara. Janine scans the room and locks eyes with Gregory. He quickly looks away.

JANINE

Um, good morning everyone! Today, my second grade class wanted to kick off the weekend with a performance of the newest-

MELISSA

(to Barbara)  
And only

JANINE

song they learned on the recorder. So please put your hands together for their rendition of Hot Cross Buns!

The crowd applauds. Janine looks at the nervous faces of her students and smiles.

JANINE (CONT'D)  
(to students)  
Okay, and a one, two, three-

Janine points to her students who all at once begin performing. The song sounds awful and not at all like Hot Cross Buns. Barbara looks horrified, students cover their ears, and Melissa tries to conceal her smile. Ava pulls out her phone and starts recording them play. Halfway through the song, someone in the audience starts laughing.

The crowd then erupts into laughter. The teachers try to stop it, but it's too late Janine's class has stopped playing and start crying.

JANINE (CONT'D)  
No no no, guys it's okay.

Janine turns around and is met with the disapproving line of faces for Barbara, Melissa, and Mrs. Roberts. Janine quickly turns back to comforting her students.

**END OF ACT TWO**

**ACT THREE**

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - LATER THAT DAY

Janine walks with Barbara and Jacob down the hallway slightly somber.

JANINE

I just don't know how it could have gone so badly. They all seemed so excited

BARBARA

But were they ready Janine? You didn't really give your students a chance. They didn't tell you they were hesitant about performing?

JANINE

No, they all seemed so eager. But, you know what I think this failure is good. It'll push them to want to work even harder next time.

BARBARA

I don't know about th-

JANINE

Wait a minute is that a...?

Janine finds one of her students recorders on the floor. She grabs it and picks off a used tissue that's stuck to it.

JACOB

Oh man, someone must of dropped it.

Jacob shares a look of concern with Barbara. Janine makes her way to the garbage and goes to throw out the tissue. Her face falls as she pulls another one out of the garbage.

JANINE

What's going on here?

Mr. Johnson approaches with an arm full of heavily decorated recorders. He throws them into Janine's arms.

MR. JOHNSON

I'm gonna assume these belong to you. I found them shoved in all sorts of places. Garbage cans, under rugs, the garden outside, even one in a toilet.

BARBARA

Oh dear.

Janine looks down at the recorders in her arms. Tears begin to well up in her eyes.

JANINE

I'll be right back.

Janine runs off leaving Barbara, Jacob, and Mr. Johnson behind.

BARBARA

Janine, wait!

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Janine is in tears as she rounds a corner. She then hears a perfect rendition of Hot Cross Buns. She stops and searches for the music. Hesitantly, she approaches the door to the music room and looks in.

INT. MUSIC ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Melissa's students sit in a circle playing their recorders. They all look engaged and excited to be playing. They reach the end of the song and cheer.

MRS. ROBERTS

That was wonderful everyone!

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Janine smiles slightly and wipes her tears with her arm. She turns and walks back in the direction she came.

INT. MELISSA'S CLASSROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Melissa sits at her desk working. There is a knock at the door and Janine stands there still holding all the recorders. Melissa motions for her to come in.

MELISSA

How can I help you Janine?

JANINE

I just saw your class playing in music class, and I just have to ask. How did you get them so excited to play?



Melissa sighs and puts down her pen.

MELISSA

I did nothing.

JANINE

What do you mean?

MELISSA

I let them find their own passion  
for them.

JANINE

You mean they just were excited to  
play all on their own.

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Jacob rushes down the hallway looking for Janine. He stops when he hears Janine talking to Melissa in her classroom. Jacob lingers outside the door listening.

INT. MELISSA'S CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

MELISSA

Janine, you can't push people to like things...If you tell someone to do something they aren't going to want to do it. Especially if they aren't ready. You need to let kids learn in their own time and figure things out for themselves.

CUT TO:

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Jacob focuses on what Melissa is saying. He appears to be thinking things through.

INT. MELISSA'S CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

JANINE

Uh, you're so right Melissa. I just wanted them to like the recorder so bad. I guess I just lost sight of myself.

(gesturing to recorders)

And now I'm pretty sure they definitely hate them.

MELISSA

(laughing)

Well I can't really blame them, but I'm sure they'll come back around.

Beat.

MELISSA (CONT'D)

Hey, how about we do a do over. This year at the fifth grade graduation all the second graders can preform together. That way they have a few months to learn to play them a little better.

Janine lights up.

JANINE

Thats such a good idea! I'd love that...hey, do you think that Mrs. Roberts could teach them Pomp and Circumstance?

MELISSA

Alright, don't get too ahead of yourself there.

There is a moment of comfortable silence between the two.

JANINE

Thank you Melissa. I really needed to hear that.

MELISSA

Hey, anytime. Now get outta here, I'm enjoying my one free period.

JANINE

(smiling)

Okay, I'll see you later.

Janine turns to leave.

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Janine almost walks into Jacob who is still standing in the hallway.

JANINE

Oh! Jacob what are you doing out here.

JACOB

Sorry, I was just looking for you.  
I wanted to make sure you were  
okay.

Janine thinks for a moment

JANINE

Yeah, I'm okay...Do you want to  
come help me clean these  
off...considering one was in the  
toilet.

JACOB

Totally, but first I've just gotta  
do something really quick.

Jacob turns and walks off. Janine watches for a second. She  
turns and walks in the other direction.

INT. GREGORY'S CLASSROOM - LATER

Gregory sits at his desk while his students independently  
work. There is a knock at the door and Gregory looks over to  
see Jacob standing there. Gregory rolls his eyes.

JACOB

Um, Mr. Eddie? Can I talk to you in  
the hallway for just a second.

Gregory looks at his class who all look at him, waiting.

GREGORY

I'll be right back you guys. Keep  
working.

Gregory gets up and meets Jacob at the door. Gregory crosses  
his arms and stares down at Jacob.

GREGORY (CONT'D)

This better be important.

JACOB

I just want to say I'm really  
sorry. I shouldn't have pushed you  
so far. You'll make the choice to  
get back out there whenever you're  
ready and it was totally wrong of  
me to force you to. And just so  
we're clear, I didn't tell Janine  
what you said. I would never betray  
you like that.

GREGORY  
 Thank you for apologizing  
 Jacob...but you really gotta stop  
 interrupting my class.

JACOB  
 (smiling)  
 So we're good?

GREGORY  
 Yeah, we're good.

Jacob goes in for a hug which Gregory swerves it. Jacob nods and begins walking off backwards.

JACOB  
 That's okay. We'll get there  
 someday.

Jacob stumbles over his own feet and almost falls down, but recovers. Gregory looks to the camera then turns back into his classroom.

CUT TO:

GREGORY TALKING HEAD

GREGORY  
 I don't know maybe Jacob is right.  
 I should really get back out there.  
 This thing between Janine and I had  
 to end at some point I guess. Plus  
 I couldn't stay mad at Jacob  
 forever he can be a pretty good  
 friend.  
 (To Camera Man)  
 You better not show him this.

INT. JANINE'S CLASSROOM - LATER

Janine sits in a chair with her students surrounding her on the rug. She holds her purple recorder in her hands, awkwardly fidgeting with it.

JANINE  
 So, I'm done talking about the  
 recorders in class. We're gonna  
 keep the music in music class. I'm  
 sorry I pushed you guys. Next time  
 if you don't like something I do,  
 please let me know okay.  
 (MORE)

JANINE (CONT'D)

I want to make sure you know you  
can always tell me if something is  
upsetting you.

A student raises their hand and Janine nods.

BRIANNA

I don't like when you make us do  
math.

The kids all nod and murmur agreeances. Janine glances at the  
camera and then the kids.

JANINE

Well unfortunately you still do  
have to learn math.

BRIANNA

(sassily)  
But thats not fair.

JANINE

(annoyed)  
Yeah, well sometimes life's just  
not fair Brianna.

CUT TO:

JANINE TALKING HEAD

JANINE (CONT'D)

Melissa, was right. I did push the  
my students too far.

CUT TO:

INT. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLYARD - AFTERNOON

JANINE (V.O)

Next time, I think I'll just let  
things play out the way they're  
meant to. You know, let fate take  
over for a change.

Janine and Jacob walk out of the school together with all  
their bags headed for home. Suddenly Gregory walks out a few  
steps behind them. The pair turn around and Gregory stops in  
his tracks.

JACOB

Oh, Gregory, we were about to get  
dinner together? Do you wanna join?

Gregory thinks for a moment. Janine looks nervous.

GREGORY

Yeah, actually I'd love that.

Gregory smiles at Janine and the trio walk off together.

JACOB

So Gregory, if you were a type of  
bird what type do you think you'd  
be?

GREGORY

....Umm

**END OF ACT THREE**

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INT. TEACHER'S LOUNGE - AFTERNOON

Melissa and Jacob sit while Mr. Johnson wipes off the counters.

MELISSA

One of my kids gave me a Twinkie today, I'm not gonna eat it. Does anyone want it?

Mr. Johnson perks up.

MR. JOHNSON

Ooh I'll take it.

Melissa holds it up in the air and Mr. Johnson grabs it. He rips open the package and takes a bite.

MR. JOHNSON (CONT'D)

Mmmm, tastes like my thirties.

Jacob watches with a fearful expression from his seat.

**END OF EPISODE**