

Reading #1

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Quo!

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SHARPAY: (*screams*) Aaahh!  
Someone's going to pay for this!

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(# 22 – STATUS QUO – PLAYOFF. TROY and GABRIELLA run offstage. SHARPAY stomps off in the other direction. ALL exit.)

SCENE 10: HORTICULTURE HEADQUARTERS – WEDNESDAY, 12:30 P.M.

START

(TROY and GABRIELLA enter, catching their breath.)

GABRIELLA

How crazy was that?!? Wow, so this is your private hideout?

TROY

Thanks to the Horticulture Club. I come 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.

**TROY**

"Be your best friend..."

*(TROY and GABRIELLA smile and exit. #23 – STUDY HALL. School bell.)*

**END**

**SCENE 11: STUDY HALL – WEDNESDAY, 1 P.M.**

*(JOCKS and BRAINIACS sit together in a summit meeting.)*

**TAYLOR**

You really think that's going to work?

**CHAD**

It's the only way to save Troy and Gabriella from themselves.

**TAYLOR**

Sounds good to me.