

For the Better

Side 1 – Tegan, April, Rayman, Mr. L

FEAR 1, 2 and 3 finally succeed in dragging TEGAN away. A flashback sound whirls and a classroom is set. APRIL runs on stage followed by RAYMAN.

APRIL

Woooo! Who's ready to ace exams?

RAYMAN

(frantically knocking on wood) Don't jinx anything, don't jinx anything.

APRIL

Relaaaax. Don't be so uptight! I've seen you recite the study guide front to back in your sleep.

TEGAN

(Entering) Is that what all the mumbling on the way here was?

APRIL

(mimicking RAYMAN) Carry the one, divide the excess and then multiply the remaining numbers by the value of x.

RAYMAN

No, it's multiply by y. Or is it x? Oh no-

TEGAN

Great job, you broke Rayman.

RAYMAN shuffles through his notes mumbling incoherently.

APRIL

Oh boy. Uh. Rayman?

RAYMAN waves her off, continuing flipping through things.

TEGAN

It's all good. He needs this. Or else he'll do this on the exam and then he's in trouble.

RAYMAN

(frantically) I'm in trouble now. Is it x or wait- maybe it's not even multiplying. Maybe you have to subtract the value of-

TEGAN

(Shakes RAYMEN) Snap out of it dude. You've done more studying than all the kids in our year combined. You got this.

RAYMAN

(Exhaling deeply) Okay. Okay. Yeah I got this. Thanks Tegan.

TEGAN

No problem. And hey, if worse comes to worse you can always copy off me.

APRIL

Uh, if worse comes to worse, copy off of me. If you decide to launch your education out the window with both hands then copy off Tegan.

TEGAN

(TEGAN stands up and makes a move to chase APRIL) Why you-

MR. L

(entering) Okay, settle in.

ALL students sit down. TEGAN kicks their feet on APRIL's desk and APRIL knocks them off, punching them playfully in the shoulder. RAYMAN straightens up shuffling through his notes.

MR. L

Who's excited for the exam? *(The class grumbles unenthusiastically)* Ok lets try again, who's ready for the weekend?

TEGAN

And to be done this class?

APRIL

Woooo!

RAYMAN

Shh!

MR.L

Well, the sooner we finish this little 24 page bad boy, we'll be good to go!

STUDENTS exclaim and mumble to friends

RAYMAN

Did he say 24 pages?

APRIL

Shit.

TEGAN

We're ignoring the fact Mr. L just said "bad boy"?

RAYMAN

How many questions do you think that is?

APRIL

I don't know. 24 pages... I definitely didn't study enough for this bull-

TEGAN

I mean he's like what. 62? 71? And saying "bad boy". Why is no one else concerned?

RAYMEN

Tegan-

MR. L

Tegan, you should know I just celebrated my 43rd birthday. You should also be glad that no form of estimation is on this test.

TEGAN

Awh shucks. Saving my mark there, Mr. L.

RAYMAN

You're going to need a bit more help than that to save your mark. Did you even study?

TEGAN

Yeah, of course. My sister quizzed me a few times.

RAYMAN

A few times?!?!

APRIL

Haven't seen Rachel in a bit. How's she doing?

RAYMAN

She's probably very concerned about her little sibling's marks. Universities look at how well you do, you know that right?

TEGAN

Dude, chill. It's one tiny exam. I think Uni's will overlook this one.

RAYMAN

It's 15 percent. 15 percent of your already trash mark which doesn't leave you in a really good pl-

MR. L

Alright lets do this. Pencils out people, notes away. I'm trusting you guys with having your bags next to your desk. If anyone so much as makes one move to grab their phone or cheat sheet, we're moving them to the front of the class.