

Chapter One

Myles, where are you?

School, Mom. Chill.

What, why? Grad isn't for 6 more hours.

I'm not done writing my speech. Wanted to be alone. Too busy at home. Grandma. Pop. Dad. Kate. Need some quiet.

You are at the library?

Bleachers. Wanted fresh air.

How are you writing the speech?

On my phone. Google doc.

I see. How's it going?

It's not.

You can do it, hon. You are the valedictorian!

Ha ha. Don't remind me.

GOOGLE DOCS > VALEDICTORIAN SPEECH

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Here we are. High school is over. Ninth grade feels so long ago. The question for all of us is, What's next? Some of us will work. Some of us will travel. Some of us are going to schools far away. I was lucky. I got a scholarship to my top university. And it scares me. What if I fail?

Buzz buzz

It's happening.

I'm kinda busy, Jax.

Doing what?

My speech.

Dude. Talk about last minute.

I know. So leave me alone.

OK. BUT I want you to know...Rich Lu's party is ON. Everyone is going.

Everyone? I doubt that.

Gemma's going. If your girlfriend's going, you have to go.

Who said Gemma was going?

Nate.

Oh...well I guess I am going then.

You and me both! Gemma is making

you go. Nate is making me go. We can
sulk behind our dates together. It will
be great.

Will Lara Moore be there?

Probably. She's besties with Rich.

She hates me.

Lara hates everybody. But who could
hate you? You are the golden boy,
remember? Top marks. Captain of
the rugby team. You're Superman!

Tell that to Lara.

She still mad about the valedictorian
thing?

I think so.

How do you know?

Little things. The other day we were

**heading into school together. She let the
door close on me.**

The door?

Yeah.

She probably didn't see you.

I guess.

Forget about Lara. The party will be
great.

I hate parties.

Have you heard from Declan lately?

No.

What about Viraj?

**NO. I don't talk to them. I don't talk to
Declan. I don't talk to Viraj. I don't talk
to Mike. I don't WANT to talk to them.
Stop asking.**

OK. Jeez. Sorry.

I have to work on my speech.

OK. Later, bud.

Rich Lu's party?

Hey, babe.

Were you going to tell me?

I wanted it to be a surprise!

You know I don't like parties, Gemma.

You do like parties.

I really don't.

Myles, you are the valedictorian.

Everybody wants you to be there.

I don't care what everybody wants.

What about what I want?

You really want to go?

I really do. I promise it will be fun.

You can't promise that.

Oh yes I can. Trust me. I bought a new top I think you'll love.

Oh yeah?

It's your favorite color, green. And low cut. Like...really low. 😊

Oh. Yeah. 😍

Trust me, babe. It's going to be the night of our lives.

I trust you.

How's the speech coming?

Terrible. I'm never going to finish it.

Yeah, you will. You always find a way.

Thanks, Gem.

Love you ❤️



Then I'll post the picture online. And everyone will know the truth. Better hurry, Myles. Your future is at stake.

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Hello?

What do I have to do?

St. Mark's Elementary School. Parking lot. Good luck, wonder boy.

Chapter Two

OK. I'm at the school. Now what?

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HELLO?!

No need to shout.

I'm at St. Mark's.

That was fast. I didn't think you had a car.

I don't. I ran.

Danny, this is not funny.

I am not Danny. My name is O.

Is this a joke? Why are you doing this?

I guess you don't remember. Let me help you.

Where did you get this picture?

You lied, Myles. You said you weren't there that night. Which is strange. Wouldn't the captain of the rugby team be at the rugby party? But you said you didn't go. Lucky Myles. Your friends were not so lucky. Declan. Viraj. Mike. They got kicked out of school. But not Myles. Because wonder boy wasn't there. Smart, cool, dependable Myles. Let's take a look at that pic again.

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What do you want from me?

What will everyone think when they find out you lied?

What do you WANT?

I want to play.

This isn't a game! This is my life you're messing with.

Ah, but it is a game, wonder boy. My game. So listen up. I have planned a little scavenger hunt for you. If you can find all the items, I will give you the image file.

What if I can't?

Well, grad is in 6 hours. If you don't complete my game by then...

Then what?