

Communication Role-Play

Scenario: Gabriel accidentally spills paint on Mike’s new sneakers during art class. Mike tells Gabriel he better meet him in the boys’ bathroom at lunch to pay his debt with a fight. Gabriel talks to his friend Anthony about it.

Spoken

Thoughts

GABRIEL

Better to just get it over with.

[I don’t want to fight Mike, but If I don’t show up Mike will torment me forever.]

ANTHONY

If you fight Mike, you’ll get busted and then you won’t be able to go to the game.

[We’ve been waiting all month for this game.]

GABRIEL

Not if you’re lookout. Just watch the door.

[Please figure out a way to get me out of this.]

ANTHONY

Tell Mike you’ll just pay for the damage. It’s not like you did it on purpose. He needs to get over it already.

[I don’t want to get dragged into this. I had nothing to do with what happened.]

GABRIEL

I’d have to mow lawns for the rest of my life to pay him back. And even if I could, it doesn’t matter. Those sneakers are sold out everywhere. I’m doing this, with or without you. But if you’re really my friend, you’ll be there.

[I can’t see any way out of this.]

ANTHONY

I’m telling you right now—this is a big mistake, Gabriel.

[There’s got to be another way out of this, but I don’t know how to help my friend.]

What would you do if you were Gabriel? If you were Anthony?