



I WILL DECIDE

a scene from

RALPH TO THE RESCUE

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THEME & SOURCE

True Friendship

"Some friends may ruin you, but a real friend will be more loyal than a brother."

Proverbs 18:24

SYNOPSIS

Not-so-athletic Ralph wants to impress Pageant Girl, Katie Beth. But his thinking might be misguided. Broad, "Peanuts" style characters.

CAST

RALPH (M) Kind, vulnerable, not an athlete.

KATIE BETH (F) Pageant girl, spoiled, oblivious

RALPH is in the school gym in P.E. class, awkwardly dribbling basketball. He loses control of ball and stumbles.

RALPH recovers, scratching his head.

RALPH

Bummer!

RALPH looks around.

Good! Katie Beth wasn't watching. I don't want her to think I'm a Sport Dork. What I really need her to see is how well I **bowl**. I **love** bowling. I like to refer to it as, "the sport with no court." That's a little tag line I've coined and plan to make a fortune on someday, after I retire from the big leagues. Those pins are my minions, the gutter, my battlefield, the alley, my **domain!**

(imagining)

Someday, when I'm a professional bowler, Katie Beth will see me on TV and think, "How did I manage to let that kid slip past me? I know he was always trying to get my attention, always trying to impress me. But I totally ignored him. I could be on his tour bus right now, entering the bowling arena with thousands cheering, wearing the team jacket, with "Ralph" splashed across the back.

Breaks the dream.

OK, Ralph, now you're asking too much. This is getting out of hand.

KATIE BETH enters, addressing RALPH and imagined STUDENTS.

KATIE BETH

Attention everyone!! Attention!

RALPH

(gasps nervously)

It's Katie Beth! Make way.

(gaining confidence and volume)

Make way, everyone! Make way!

KATIE BETH

(to RALPH)

Could you move? I need to stand there.

RALPH looks around to see that the entire stage is available for KATIE BETH. Still, he bows back, submissively.

Atten...good, you're all quiet. As you're probably all remember, my Birthday is coming soon, and that means it's almost time for my super fabulous annual birthday commemoration.

It's June 15th, right after school lets out. That gives everyone plenty of notice to look at my gift registry.

Beat.

But now for the most **stressful** part of the planning: Where to have it? I mean, of course my parents said any of our properties will be fine and that they would spare no expense. But that almost makes it harder, you know? No budget limits? No boundaries?

Beat.

So, I've decided to let you all **vote** on which of our properties will have the honor. Wherever we land, it will be so exciting for the regular people who work there – whatever they do. So, show of hands...all in favor of our Palms Resort?

RALPH raises hand.

Heliport?

RALPH raises hand.

Horsepark?

RALPH raises hand.

Racetrack?

RALPH raises hand.

OK, now that I've let all of **you** express your wishes...**I** will decide. I think I'll choose our Celebrities Only Golf and Athletic Resort. We'll join them on the courts for a **basketball** tournament. I just love to see powerful people **sweat!**

RALPH

What?!? All of those fancy places, and we're going to a gym?
For **Basketball?!?** I'm doomed!!

KATIE BETH hands invitation to RALPH.

KATIE BETH

Here ya go. This lame-o school made me invite the whole class.

RALPH'S eyes follow longingly as KATIE BETH exits, clutching invitation to his heart.

RALPH

She spoke to me! She opened her mouth and said words to me personally. But **basketball!**

Looks up as if asking God for help.

What am I gonna do?

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