

F-Buddy Club 2, Story 1: Avoiding Eyes-

The next day when Lucas got to school, he was dreading to see Mica and Mr Hill in the hallways. Lucas thought that they would be angry, or asking lots of questions. But in reality, they didn't. Mica seemed to pay no attention to Lucas, or any of his friends in that class, she just looked at the board and took math notes. The other student that was with Mica the night before was nowhere to be seen. Finally, when Lucas was getting ready to get on the bus, he saw Mr Hill watching other students getting on their buses. He then saw Lucas walking up and said, "Have a nice day Lucas." Mr Hill didn't mention anything about the night before, which was really strange to Lucas. The rest of the week was quite normal, especially because James suggested that they hang low for a bit, to see if things calm down, then advance to finding the school basement. Eventually, a month passed, and everything was still normal, the club fed Cody the rat, and occasionally talked about the basement plan, and then went home. It all seemed fine, that is until he was in the halls one day, and a student came up to him. It was the one that was with Mica and Mr Hill! "The vice principal wants to see you." he said. "The name's Jordan by the way." Jordan added, walking away into the halls. Lucas immediately got nervous. "What did Mr Hill want with me?" Lucas thought to himself. He then started walking up to his office, passing classrooms and lounges. When he finally got to his office, he saw that Mica was in there with Mr Hill. "Hello Lucas, I have a proposition for you, join my eye hawks group, and monitor students. I will give you extra credit if you agree." Mr Hill stated, with a smile on his face. "I-I will have to think about it." Lucas stammered. "Take all the time you need, here is my phone number." Mr Hill said, as he gave Lucas a very thick piece of cardstock with a phone number on it. "You should get back to class, when you make your decision, call me." Mr Hill added, as he got up

and said, "I'm going to have some lunch now." Mica followed him out, and Lucas was left standing outside of Mr Hill's office...

-Buddy Club 2, Story 2: The Ketchup Mystery-

Immediately after Lucas got out of Mr Hill's office, he ran back to his math class, barely holding back what Mr Hill just asked! As he was running, he bumped into a girl in the hallway. "What the heck!?" The girl screamed. "Sorry." Lucas said. "You better be careful where you are walking, you just bumped into the most popular girl in school, Alyssa!" She stated. "I said I'm sorry." Lucas continued walking back to his classroom, and when he finally arrived, it was lunch time. "Here you go Cody." James said as he handed Cody the rat a bit of pizza cheese. "And then he asked me if I wanted to join his group!" Lucas explained. "He gave me this card. He told me to call him when I made up my mind." Lucas sighed. "Hey, isn't Louie with the eye hawks?" James asked. "Yeah, but he is actually helping us." Kaleb said. As Lucas started eating his hamburger without ketchup, since they were all out, he heard a wail coming from the lunch line. "It's a total travesty! Someone stole all the ketchup! And there won't be another shipment for a couple of years!" A lunch lady said. "Why would someone steal so much ketchup?" Lucas thought to himself. When lunch was over, he went to his next class and the rest of the day seemed normal. As he was getting on his bus to go home, he saw Mr Hill standing there. Lucas made up his mind, he would stay with his friends, and never leave their side. "Mr Hill, I am ready to tell you my choice. I am going-" Mr Hill then butted in and said, "Oh I was just using you. With that little card I gave you, I could listen to your conversions whenever you were in range of the small microphone. Now I know who the defect is in my group. I should be thanking you, but I believe you must be tired from

the school day. Have a nice day Lucas, oh, and thank you anyway.” Mr Hill said, as he walked back into the building...

-Buddy Club 2, Story 3: Tested To Its Highest-

Immediately when Lucas got on the bus he called Leo. “He’ll know what to do.” Lucas thought. “What’s wrong Lucas?” Leo asked, as he answered the phone. “Mr Hill is going to get Louie! You have to find him and warn him!” Lucas shouted. “What? How does he know it’s Louie?” Leo asked, confused. “He gave me a thick piece of cardstock that had his number on it, it had a microphone, he wasn’t out to get me, he was out to find out who betrayed him!” Lucas stated. “I’ll tell Elsy to contact Louie, in the meantime, we will just have to hope that nothing bad happens to him.” Leo sighed. As Lucas said goodbye, he thought to himself how crazy this year had been, after all, it was almost the day that marked the half of the school year. The next day, Lucas went to Leo in Mr Ricardo’s class. There he noticed that Alyssa, the bratty famous kid, was there too, even though she wasn’t in his first period class. “Hey, that’s the kid that bumped into me that day!” Alyssa said, as she pointed towards Lucas. “Hmm, he won’t be a bother, he’s not smart or strong. It’s best you ignore him. A kid said that was next to Alyssa. “Who do you think you are, talking about people like that?!” Leo asked, walking over to Alyssa and the other kid. “The name is Liem, Leim Galigar, if you heard about me, it’s probably because of all the people that cheated off of me at school. I’m the smartest here!” Leim challenged. “You think? Well I have a friend who is probably 20 times smarter than you.” Leo stated, sticking his chin out. “Oooow!” The kids around said. “We will see about that, at lunch, bring your so called friend, and we will see who is smarter!” Leim proclaimed. “It’s a done deal.” Leo said. “Alright class, let’s all sit

down, school has begun.” Mr Ricardo stated. Lucas was very interested in this so-called Galigar person, but his mind was on Louie. “What was going to happen to him?” Lucas thought. The rest of the day went by very slowly, until it was lunch time. “Hey Lucas, I have some bad news.” Elsy started saying to Lucas. “It’s time we settle this.” Leim said, as he walked up to Lucas’s friend group table. “I’ll tell you after.” Elsy said, looking at Leim with confused eyes. “What?” Marcus stated, still unaware of what Leo promised to Leim. “This person thinks he’s the smartest kid in the school.” Leo whispered to Marcus. “Oh we will see about that!” Marcus said, standing up from the table. “Then let the smart competition begin!” Leim shouted.

-Buddy Club 2, Story 4: The Competition-

As Leim finished the sentence, he saw Alyssa walk up with a whiteboard in her hand. “There will be 15 math questions, and 5 brain teaser questions.” Alyssa started. Lucas tilted his head, to see Mica walking down the hall. This was Lucas’s chance to ask about Louie! Lucas got up, but was stopped by Elsy. “I’m sorry, but it’s too late. Just this morning I asked the principal, and she said he got expelled just a few moments ago by Mr Hill.” Elsy said quietly. Lucas sat back down, and thought to himself, if he kept going like this, he might be expelled too. “Was all this worth it?” As he turned around back to his friends, he realized something, if he enjoyed being with his friends, then it was worth it, no matter what would happen to him. “Alright, now that we have discussed the rules, let the competition begin!” Alyssa shouted, as she wrote down a math problem on the board, and waited for someone to answer it. Leim answered it first. The next one Marcus did though. It was definitely neck and neck, and in the end, on the last question, it was tied. “This is game point everyone, whoever gets this

right, is the winner.” Alyssa stated. “The question is, what is the definition of a light year?” Alyssa asked. “That’s easy, it’s, it’s,-” Leim started. “It’s how much light can travel in a year!” Marcus shouted. Alyssa looked at the answer sheet, and then back to Marcus and Leim. “Marcus is the winner.” Alyssa said. The whole buddy club jumped with excitement! They won! “I guess I underestimated you, Marcus.” Leim said. “I’ll see you in honor’s next year then.” Leim said, as he walked away. “I guess I should apologize too.” Alyssa said to Lucas. “It’s okay. Some people just need a little push for them to change.” Lucas said. “I guess so.” Alyssa said, as she too walked away. Lucas then noticed scurrying in the corner of his eye to see Cody the rat, waiting patiently for his lunch. “Here you go.” Lucas said as he gave the rat a small piece of his pizza. “I have an announcement to make. Louie has been expelled.” Elsy said quietly. All of the buddy club sat in silence. “This just gives us one more reason why we have to find out what Mr Hill is hiding.” Leo said...

-Buddy Club 2, Story 5: New Informant-

The next week, Lucas got a text from Leo saying that they had a new informant in the eye hawks group. “Who is it?” Lucas asked. “Her name is Izzabella. Her code name for us is Casper though, so that the same thing that happened with Louie won’t happen again.” Leo stated. “She says that the basement needs a key, and she knows where it is.” Leo added. “Did she tell you?” Lucas asked. “No. She needs it to be in person. She said to meet her in the lunch room right before the clock hits twelve.” Leo said. “Ok, make sure to be there.” Lucas said. “No, I’m not going, she asked for you specifically.” Leo stated. “Ok, I guess it’s settled.” Lucas said. “See you at school tomorrow.” Leo said. “You too.” Lucas responded, as he hung up the phone. “We are one step

closer, just a few more steps to go.” Lucas whispered to himself. The next day, as Lucas was anticipating the time when he would meet Casper, he bumped into someone, it was Mica. “Hello, Lucas.” Mica said stubbornly. Lucas could tell she was conflicted, but why? Mica kept walking, and so did Lucas. As Lucas got to the lunch room, it was 11:59. “Just one more minute.” Lucas whispered to himself. As it hit twelve, he saw a girl walk from the other end of the hall. It must be Casper. “You must be Lucas.” She prompted. “I am. I’ve been told that you know how to get to the school basement?” Lucas prompted. “I do, you’re going to need a key, but the only way to get that key is to get into the principal’s office. Only she will have access to the room though. That’s the only way.” Casper stated. “How do you suppose we get the key then?” Lucas asked. “I don’t know a guaranteed method, but there is one way. The Principal is hosting a competition to see who will be the new hall monitor at this school.” Casper said. “Thank you for this information.” Lucas said. “Don’t make me regret this.” Casper whispered, as she sneaked around and walked into a different classroom. As Lucas went back to own classroom, he noticed that it was lunch time, the classroom was empty. As he was about to leave, he heard a scuffling sound coming from the back of the classroom. “Cody?” Lucas whispered. As he said this, the rat appeared and started chirping at him. “Shh, someone is going to hear us.” Lucas whispered. As he said this though, he saw Leim and Alyssa appear. “I’m doomed.” Lucas thought. Then, out of nowhere, Cody ran to Leim and Alyssa. “Lucas, please don’t tell a teacher about this. We’ve been taking care of him, and he needs us, and-” Alyssa started. “Wait, my friends and I have been taking care of him. Does that mean,” Lucas started. “It means that Landon has been on a feeding spree.” Leim finished. “Well, someone has to stop feeding him, or we will overfeed him.” Alyssa said. “I think maybe we should all feed Cody.” Lucas prompted. “Yes, but which name will stay?” Leim asked. “Cody will.” Lucas answered. “No way. Landon is clearly the better choice.” Leim

challenged. “We’ll Marcus beat you in the smart challenge so,” Lucas said. “Fine, Cody it is.” Leim answered. “We better get back to lunch.” Alyssa suggested. “I agree, let’s go.” Lucas said. And with that, the three students went to lunch...

-Buddy Club 2, Story 6: Good Isn’t Enough-

The next week, Lucas remembered that the hall monitor challenge would begin in 2 weeks! “I have to prepare if we are to get the key.” Lucas thought to himself. While he was walking in the halls, he saw that a girl was giving people flyers. When Lucas walked by, she gave him one too. “Here is a list of things that I’ll do when I become hall monitor.” she said. “You know that you have to win the competition to become the hall monitor.” Lucas said. “What’s your name? I’ve seen you around, you’ve been the talk of the school, with your friends beating Leim and all, no one has beat him before in his own game. Let alone befriend him.” She said. “My name is Lucas, what’s yours?” Lucas asked. “Natalie.” She responded. “And yes, I know I have to win the competition to be hall monitor, why would you care anyway?” Natalie added. “I can’t tell you.” Lucas stated. “Be like that then. Go annoy someone else.” She said as she pointed away from her. Lucas knew that it wasn’t just her that would be trying to win the hall monitor position. As Lucas got to his classroom, he saw Leo talking with Elsy again. “I just saw that there is fierce competition for the hall monitor position.” Lucas told them. “There should be, some say that the hall monitor position is as close as basically being a second vice principal.” Elsy pointed out. Lucas then saw Mr Ricardo walk in. “Alright class, let’s begin with taking notes.” Mr Ricardo said. The class felt like hours, but eventually it ended. When Lucas went to his class, he passed by Mica and Jordan. “Mr Hill says I’m doing good!” Mica said

to Jordan. “Well Good Isn’t Enough! Mr Hill might be blind by where your loyalties lie, but me and the eye hawks see. If Mr Hil can’t get you straight, maybe Superentent-” Lucas then saw them face him. “What are you doing here?” Mica demanded. “I just dropped my pencil, bye.” Lucas said, as he started speed walking down the hall. What were they saying? Is Mica good? Or bad? Or could she be both...

-Buddy Club 2, Story 7: Preparation-

The next week after Lucas overheard the conversation between Jordan and Mica, he started to begin preparing for the hall monitor challenge. If he wanted to become the hall monitor, he would have to know how to be a good hall monitor so he would win. But what made a good hall monitor? Lucas decided to find out by going to the high school after school to see if he could learn a thing or two from the hall monitor there. He told Marcus, Kaleb, Leo, and James this, and they thought it was a good idea too. “That’s pretty smart.” Kaleb stated. “Yaeh, what Kaleb said.” James said. “If we want to win, that would be the best idea, are you sure you want to go for this?” Leo asked. “It’s no good if you guys do it, Mr Hill knows your personality. It has to be me.” Lucas stated. “If you are sure, then we won’t stop you.” James said. “Thanks guys.” Lucas responded. “We are in this together now, no turning back.” Kaleb said. “Let’s get back to class before we get in trouble.” Marcus suggested. “Alright. See you later.” Lucas called after he walked back to his next class. “This is unbelievable! Keep going!” The news reporter’s friend shouted. “Alright, alright, hold your horses again, the next part takes place in Mr Hill’s office.” The news reporter said. “Mr Hill, I need to talk to you.” Jordan said as he went up to him in his office. “What is it, Jordan?” Mr Hill asked. “It’s about Mica. I’m not sure that her loyalties lie with us.” Jordan stated. Mr Hill then took in a deep breath, before he said, “I’ve said this before, you’ve never

been wrong about these things. I trust you. I will deal with Mica myself.” Mr Hill announced. “Thank you, you won’t regret it.” Jordan said as he left the office. Meanwhile, Lucas was walking to the high school, going there to see if he could learn a few tricks from the hall monitor there. When he finally got there, he saw Jake and Sofia in the hallways. “Hey Lucas, why are you here?” Jake asked. Lucas leaned closer and said, “We know how to open the basement. The principal has a key in her office, if we get it, we can open it. The principal is making a hall monitor challenge, and whoever wins is the hall monitor. If we can be the hall monitor, we will get access to the office, letting us take the key.” Lucas stated. “We’ll, the hall monitor here is pretty nice, she should be around that corner. I think she’ll be more than happy to help you.” Sofia said. “Thanks guys.” Lucas said, as he began to start training for the hall monitor challenge...

-Buddy Club 2, Story 8: The Tournament Setup-

The next few days, Lucas continued going to the high school, and getting tips on how to be a hall monitor. Eventually, there was only one day until the tournament challenge. “I think I can win.” Lucas said to the buddy club. “Let’s hope so, the year is 3/4ths over. And if we don’t solve this, some other friend group in the future is going to have to deal with Mr Hill themselves.” Elsy stated. “It’s not just for others, it’s for Stacy.” Leo said quietly. “Yesterday, my family got word that Stacy was escorted out of jail from a security guard with no prior qualifications. She is now missing, along with the guard.” Leo whispered. “I’m so sorry Leo. We will finish what your sister started. We will get into that basement and take down Mr Hill once and for all!” James declared. “Yep, we are here for you too Leo.” Kaleb said. “Attention students, this is Principal Lowery, I have a short

announcement.” The principal said over the intercom in the lunchroom. “As most of you know, there is a hall monitor tournament coming up, it’s tomorrow, make sure if you want to participate, come see Mr Hill, the vice principal to let him sign up. The sign up is due today. That is all.” The principal added. Lucas then realized he had to face Mr Hill if he wanted to participate in the tournament. Lucas got up and walked over to Mr Hill, who was watching the students in the cafeteria with a watchful eye. “Ah, Lucas, you’re signing up?” Mr Hill asked. “Yes.” Lucas responded. Mr Hill got a pen and wrote his name on the paper. Lucas was surprised that he didn’t try anything sneaky. “There you go. Good luck, you will need it if you want the key.” Mr Hill whispered. Lucas’s eyes widened, how did he know about their mission!? He ran over to the friend group table and loudly whispered, “Mr Hill knows about our plan!” “What?!” Leo echoed. “He just signed me up, and told me that he knew about the key!” Lucas whispered. “There’s no way!” Kaleb said. “Yeah, that would mean he has a microphone somewhere near us!” James stated. “It might not be a microphone, but a student.” Elsy said grimly. “Elsy is right, someone, someone that we know, has betrayed us.” Lucas said...

-Buddy Club 2, Story 9: Tournament Day-

The rest of the day, Lucas was trying to wrap his head around what might be the case of how Mr Hill knew about their plan. When the next day arrived though, he had to push that thought out of his head, it was tournament day. “Let’s talk about the possibility that someone betrayed us after the tournament.” Leo suggested, “I agree.” Marcus said. “We need our heads in the best place it can be.” Marcus added. When it was time for first period, Mr Ricardo said, “Okay class, today, nothing has changed, the tournament is at lunch.” He said. Lucas then

started the day, taking notes and doing what he was supposed to. He hadn't seen that girl Natilie since the day he saw her last. When it was finally time for lunch, he saw a bunch of kids in one spot. It must be where the tournament was taking place. "Okay, we are missing one person." The principal said. "That would be me." Lucas said as he walked up to them. He saw Natalie now. She had a determined look on her face, showing Lucas that she wasn't going down without a fight. Alright, the first question of this test is, "if you had to choose between your happiness, and your classmates, what would you choose? Put your answer on the paper and put it in the ballot box. I will choose randomly, and that will be the new hall monitor." Principal Lowry said. Lucas stood there in awe, all that training for a luck based tournament?! As the principal put her hand in, Lucas closed her eyes. This could determine if they would ever find out the secrets of this school! "The winner is," the principal started, "Natalie!"

-Buddy Club 2, Story 10: Aftermath-

"No!" Lucas thought to himself. "It's over." Leo said to the buddy club. "Natalie is already owning up to her older siblings at fountain Inn high! Give a round of applause to Natalie!" The principal added. "Lucas froze. "Could Natalie be related to Jake and Sofia?" Lucas wondered. He decided to ask. As he went up to Natalie, Mr Hill pushed him aside and said in a quiet voice, "Natalie, good work for being the new hall monitor, how would you like to join my eye hawks?" Mr Hill asked. "Actually, I'll have to think about it, and on another note, Lucas was in front of you." Natalie said with a challenging tone. Mr Hill fronted and walked away. "Good game." Lucas said. "Cut to the chase, what do you want? My brand sister said something about needing a key for something if you became the hall monitor." Natalie prompted. Lucas's

hunch was right! “Actually yes, we need a key.” Lucas said. “Come over here, I have a lot to tell you.” Lucas added. Natalie listened, and walked over with Lucas to the buddy club table. Lucas then explained everything to Natalie. “What?!” Natalie gasped. “So will you help get that key?” Lucas asked. “I will help you, if you let me see what’s inside the basement.” Natalie decided. “Deal.” Leo agreed. “Then it’s settled. Next month when it’s awards day, we will steal the key during the ceremony, and open the door to the basement, taking pictures of what’s inside, and learning the truth.” James stated. “It all comes down to this.” Lucas said. “No turning back.” Kaleb said. “We’re all in this together.” Leo stated. Meanwhile, in Mr Hill's office, Jordan walked in. “You wanted to see me?” He asked. “Yes Jordan, Mica has been taken care of, but on other terms, my ace has just found out that Natalie is working with the buddy club. And they are going after the key.” Mr Hill stated. “Then we will just have to stop them.” Jordan prompted. Mr Hill then said, “Right in their tracks. For good...”

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