

JOURNAL OF A WIMPY KID

DURHAM ELEMENTARY

Paige	PRINCIPAL SOFIA/PRINCESS
Eleanor	TEACHER/QUEEN
Colton	PETER
Rocco	DAVE BULLY/MIME ROBBER
Sydney	GRACE
Eliot	JACK BULLY/KING

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MRS GARZA

Have it your way.

***She grabs them both by their ear-follow protocols of fight direction***

JACK & DAVE

Owww owww

NARRATOR

And so Mrs. Garza was often forced with having to call in Mrs. Sofia the principal.

MRS GARZA

Mrs. Sofia... Can you come here please?!

***Mrs. Sofia enters. GARZA releases their ears***

NARRATOR

The trouble was the boys each had their own problems. Jack was upset because his mom was in the hospital. This made Jack lash out at his fellow class mates and act up in school.

JACK

***He breaks away to say this in character***

I just want my mom to be better. She is really sick in the hospital. I need my mommy. I want her to help me with my homework and come to my school events and HOLD ME. When will my mommy be home? It just makes me so angry!

NARRATOR

Dave had a different problem. He was very lonely because he could not read well. Since he was a child, he had problems seeing the words on the page and comprehend. This made him quiet but kind of mean.

### **SCENE 1**

NARRATOR

Not so long ago at Black Middle School, there was a class of misfit kids.

***Enter Jack and Dave acting silly***

Jack and Dave were the school tyrants. They were always stirring up trouble. So much trouble they were often scolded by the teacher

Mrs. Garza

***Enter Mrs. Garza- she wags her finger at the boys as they are in trouble***

MRS GARZA

Young men you are being very rude and disrespectful. If you don't stop, I am going to call the principal.

JACK and DAVE

So... Make us!

DAVE

*In character to audience*

This school is lame. I hate this school. I wish I did not have to come here because the reading is so boring. I hate school!

MRS. SOFIA

Come with me young men. We are going to call your parents!

*Exit Dave, Sofia, and Jack*

**SCENE 2**

NARRATOR

The next day, class started when the bell rang. Mrs. Garza was at the board writing her lesson for the day.

*She mimes writing on the board-enter GRACE, PETER, JACK & DAVE*

Her students arrived in class and took their seats. Mrs Garza noticed she had two new students.

GARZA

Hello. I see we have two new students. What are your names?

GRACE

I am Grace...

PETER

And I am Peter.

GARZA

Where are you from?

GRACE

I am from the country. I used to live on a farm.

JACK

Is that why you smell like a goat?

DAVE

No she smells like a chicken...foul!

*He and Dave laugh*

GARZA

Young man, you will not speak like that today to your peers.

JACK

Yes mam.

GARZA

And where are you from?

PETER

*nervously*

I am from Dallas.

DAVE

I am sorry...

*Both Dave and Eliot laugh*

GARZA

*Looks at them in disapproval...begins to pass out paper*

OKAY class. Today you will have a quiz on geography.

DAVE

Awwww man...

GRACE

Excuse me but I-

GARZA

Just do the best you can.

GRACE

Yes Mam...

GARZA

You may begin.

NARRATOR

And so they began their quiz. Well almost all began their quiz. Some of them slept.

***DAVE & JACK sleep***

But you see, Peter had a vivid imagination. Instead of taking his quiz, he began to storyboard and create a comic. But not just any comic book.

**SCENE 3**

NARRATOR

***Characters reset as...***

Peter was quite insecure. He thought people did not like him, bullied him, and treated him less than.

But you see when Peter began to draw, his stories came to life. On this day, he drew a King and a Mime robber. These two were trying to steal the crown Jewels of a queen and the Princess.

KING

Hey Mr. Mime Robber, I need you to do me a favor.

MIME

***Mimes what is it***

KING

I need you to steal the crown Jewels of the queen Garza and Princess Sofia.

MIME

Ok

NARRATOR

There was only one problem...Mimes don't talk...

MIME

***Mimes okay***

NARRATOR

In this story board Peter was vividly drawing away, Grace was in the scene.

GRACE

***Enter Grace***

All I want is to know what I will be when I grow up. It really stinks thinking you know who you are and where you come from only to be picked up and placed into a completely new environment in the city. This stinks!

***Exit Grace***

NARRATOR

The princess Sofia and Queen Garza were happily playing dress up with jewels when all of a sudden, the mime robber appeared.

QUEEN G

What is this?

MIME

*Mimes taking her jewels but they are clearly confused..*

PRINCESS SOFIA

You want to take our food?

MIME

*Mimes no*

QUEEN G

Something is itchy?

MIME

*Mimes no*

PRINCESS

You are looking in the mirror?

MIME

I am here to steal your jewels!

*He grabs the jewels and runs offstage*

PRINCESS & Queen G

HELP!!!!

#### SCENE 4

NARRATOR

This troubled the Queen and Princess as they had these jewels in their family for centuries. So they called out for help. Peter began to think.... And think... and...then he had it.

*Enter Grace*

GRACE

What is that sound?

PRINCESS & Queen G

HELP!!!!

*Enter Queen and Princess*

PRINCESS & Queen G

HELP!!!!

GRACE

What is wrong?

QUEEN

There was this mime and he stole our family Gems.

PRINCESS

Yes, and we have to get them back or there will be chaos in the land of Black.

GRACE

I can help you think.

NARRATOR

And with that Grace went to help the Princess and Queen to solve the mystery of where this mime robber came from.

#### SCENE 5

NARRATOR

Meanwhile back at the castle in the tower, the King waited for his precious treasure to return. The mime finally came in to reveal all the jewels he had collected.

KING

This is very good Mr. Mime. You have done a fine job.

MIME

***Mimes for payment***

KING

What? What's that? You want payment?

***King gives mime a penny***

KING cont.

Here you go!

MIME

***Looks at penny and holds it up for audience to see. He is disappointed obviously.***

KING

Your efforts are much appreciated. With this treasure I can buy all the happiness in the world. I will be able to heal all the people and charge them immensely.

***Evil laugh***

NARRATOR

But that evil laugh was heard from the next village over. Grace, the princess and queen were able to follow this evil laugh to its source- The King and Mime.

PRINCESS

There he is...the mime that stole our stuff.

QUEEN

We want it back.

GRACE

Give them back their jewels.

KING

Never! Do you know the value of this? With this ring alone I can heal the world and charge a lot of money. Like \$5.

QUEEN

That is ridiculous!

GRACE

It does not belong to you.

NARRATOR

And with a single point of her finger magic happened and Grace turned the King into a goat.

The mime was trying to get away. Grace then waved her finger at him. He turned into a chicken. Grace had finally realized what she wanted to be when she grew up. A super hero farmer!

QUEEN

Thank you so much what is your name?

GRACE

I am Grace.

PRINCESS

Well good Gracious.

***Students return to the classroom setting***

NARRATOR

And with that the Queen and Princess had a new friend and Grace know exactly what her destiny was when she would grow up.

**SCENE 6**

NARRATOR

Back in the classroom... There was a bigger ruckus. Peter had finished his story board. Grace looked over his shoulder.

GRACE  
What is that?

PETER  
***Shyly***  
Just a little hobby I have...

GRACE  
Can I see?

***She looks***  
You...you drew me.

GARZA  
Are you cheating on your test?

PETER  
No mam.

GRACE  
Look at what he drew?

***She holds up paper***

GARZA  
Well that is quite good young man. You should enter the reflections art show.

NARRATOR

Just as the teacher taking the paper and Peter was just placing his pencil down all of a sudden, Jack and Dave had the rudest awakening. They both awoke from their dreamy naps. Jack made a sound like a goat.

JACK

***Bahahaah***

And Dave clucked like a chicken

DAVE

***Bok bok bok***

GRACE

That was weird.

JACK

I had the strangest dream

DAVE  
me too.

GARZA

Maybe you two should not be sleeping in my class.

PRINCIPAL SOFIA

Good afternoon Mrs. Garza. How are these two boys doing today?  
Are they behaving?

GARZA

They are not doing what they are supposed to be doing but we have improvements.

PRINCIPAL

Do we have new students?

GARZA

Yes mam. This is Grace and this young man is Peter. And look at what Peter drew?

PRINCIPAL

That is really good. Perhaps you should enter your art into the reflections contest.

DAVE

Hey... That is a chicken... what in the...

JACK

And that is a GOAT.

PETER

Why thank you... I have been told I was good but never a GOAT.

JACK

No, I mean the picture. It's almost like it came to life!

DAVE

Hey Dallas, can you teach us to draw like that?

PETER

Sure...

GRACE

Just like a cowboy. Nice!

PETER

You have to start with an idea. An inspiration.

***They all gather around him and listen intently.***

NARRATOR

And so... with the creativity and imagination Peter inspired, Jack was able to become a better communicator and eventually drew his mom getting better and she did...

Dave was able to transform letters on the page into pictures as he read and began to be more engaged in school...

Grace was able to dream of what she wanted to be when she grew up in the city and how a country girl fit into the scheme of things...

And Mrs. Garza and Mrs. Sofia were able to run the classroom and school a little more smoothly without the two tyrants stirring up trouble.

And they all...

ALL

LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

THE END