

Feld and Huston walking home from school. April, 2253.

FELD

At school today, Bunt, his name isn't actually Bunt, his name is Berent but we call him Bunt because one time he bent down and showed his butt to the teacher, but Bunt jumped off of the fence at school and almost did a flip.

HUSTON

Almost?

FELD

Well, he kind of fell on his stomach but he went almost all the way around. And he was going to try again except he couldn't breathe and the teacher was coming.

HUSTON

Oh.

FELD

The teacher coming wouldn't have mattered to him, though, he doesn't even care about the teachers. It's kind of a secret, he doesn't want any of his friends to know, but his mom used to be the school leader. She's on town leadership now but he says all the teachers are scared of him.

HUSTON

Everyone knows about his mom.

FELD

Well you know. But not everyone knows. None of our friends know. Except me. He told me because I'm his best friend. And he's my best friend. I told him so. I told him that we were going to be best friends and have a secret handshake and he said okay and so we made a secret handshake. Do you want to see it?

HUSTON

Not right now.

FELD

That's okay.

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FELD (CONT'D)

Maybe I shouldn't show you anyway because it's a secret and if I show you then you'll know the secret. But, you are a pretty good secret keeper.

HUSTON

I don't tell anyone that you still wet the--

FELD

Hush! Don't say that out loud. That's not funny, Huston, you know that I try not to. I just can't hold it all night. And sometimes the nightmares come and they scare me and I don't want to get out of bed.

HUSTON

I know.

FELD

They are scary! I really do think there is a monster under my bed.

HUSTON

I--

FELD

I know you check every night but I think it might just be a sneaky monster who is good at hiding.

HUSTON

I don't think so.

FELD

I don't think it'll hurt me though. I think it's the kind of monster that just likes being scary but doesn't really do anything. It's not the eating type of monster.

HUSTON

You're just talking about that old film now.

FELD

Huh?

HUSTON

The one about the monsters.

FELD

Huston, we can't watch films. Haven't been able to for like 1000 whole years.

HUSTON

It's not 1000--

FELD

We're learning about that in school. About old ways people used to entertain themselves and have fun. They had a lot of ways to have fun. And so much information everywhere. Did you know that? Did you know they had things that just brought up games and information and--

HUSTON

Yes.

FELD

It's so cool! My teacher says they might still have some of them on the East Coast and they definitely have some in Europe but definitely not any on the West Coast. She says the West Coast is basically just a wasteland. Just empty houses and people living in old tents and stuff.

HUSTON

Well--

FELD

I don't know about that though. I would still probably go there if I had the chance.

HUSTON

To the West Coast over the East Coast?

FELD

Yeah! It seems like there are so many things to discover.

HUSTON

Like what?

FELD

Like...I dunno. Almost home, I need to tell Bridgett about Bunt! Race you!