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Chapter 1

It was Wednesday. Cruz sat in the lunchroom. He ate lunch with Rey. Cruz was on the baseball team. Rey was on the team too.

Rey's real name was Reynardo. But his friends called him Rey.

Rey said, "The spring dance is next week."

"I know," Cruz said.

"Do you have a date for it?" Rey asked.

Cruz said, "Not yet. But I will as soon as I ask someone."

Cruz knew Rey didn't have a date to the dance. Rey and his girlfriend broke up. So Rey didn't have a girlfriend now.

“Who are you going to ask?” Rey asked.

“I don’t know. I might ask Ana or Paz. Or I might ask someone else,” Cruz said.

Then he laughed.

Rey said, “You better hurry and ask someone before it’s too late. Then no one will go with you.”

Cruz laughed.

Then he said, “I have a lot of time. Don’t worry about me. I will have a date. But you might not have a date.”

“You are right about that,” Rey said.

“Who do you want to take?” Cruz asked.

Cruz didn’t really care who Rey wanted to take to the dance. But he had to talk to Rey about something. And Cruz liked to talk about girls.

Rey said, "I want to take Nina."

Cruz knew Nina. She was in a class with him.

Cruz said, "You want to go with Nina. So you should ask her."

"I would ask her. But I don't see her much at school. And I don't have her phone number. So I can't call her," Rey said.

"Too bad. Maybe you will see her soon," Cruz said.

Rey said, "But a lot of boys like Nina. Someone might ask her before I see her. I need her phone number. But I don't know anyone who can get it for me."

"Nina is in a class with me. So I can get her number for you," Cruz said.

Rey seemed surprised.

He asked, "You would do that for me?"