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Playground Scene

Josh: Shy seven-year-old kid that keeps to himself.

Susie: Loud, and outgoing five-year-old.

It is recess time at Josh and Susie's elementary school. On the playground Susie approaches Josh crouching near a tree playing with ants by his self.

SUSIE: Hiya! Whatcha doin'?

*Startled, Josh turns around to find Susie standing over him.*

JOSH: I'm just watching these ants.

SUSIE: Why?

JOSH: Because they're neat.

SUSIE: What makes them neat?

JOSH: Well they're carrying rocks and grass on top of them.

SUSIE: Where are they going?

JOSH: I don't know. They disappear into the ground. I want to dig and follow them.

SUSIE: Into the ground!

JOSH: Yea it seems neat right?

SUSIE: (She crinkles her nose while making a face.) Ew, but they're icky! That's gross, and you're weird.

JOSH: Hey! Am not!

SUSIE: Yeah huh! I'm going to tell everyone you want to be a bug!

JOSH: That's not true! Don't do that!

SUSIE: But it's funny.

*Susie turns around and runs away toward the other kids on the playground. Josh just stares at her from a distance.*

SUSIE: (points at Josh and laughs) Bug boy, bug boy, bug boy, bug boy!

*Josh looks around as kids begin pointing and laughing at him. His eyes start watering. Josh runs up to Susie and pushes her down on the ground. Susie starts crying and the teacher runs over.*

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TEACHER: Josh go to the wall.

JOSH: But-

TEACHER: I don't want to hear it Josh. You should know better than to push a little girl. Now go stand at the wall until recess is over.

JOSH: Susie was saying mean things to me! She called me bug boy.

TEACHER: (Looks at Susie) Is this true? Were you making fun of Josh?

SUSIE: No, he's lying!

JOSH: Not uh! She is!

TEACHER: Shh, the two of you are both going to the wall for the rest of recess.

SUSIE: That's not fair!

TEACHER: Do you want me to take away tomorrow's recess too?

SUSIE: No.

*Susie and Josh walk away from the teacher and toward one of the school's walls.*

SUSIE: (Whispering to Josh) This is your fault.

JOSH: (Yelling back at her) Not uh!

TEACHER: (From afar) No recess for you two tomorrow.