

CAUGHT IN A FREEZE

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Characters

Sam- A twelve year old girl who loves a challenge. She enjoys trying out new things and is a huge sports fan. Sam has a lot of pride and this can sometimes make her extremely competitive. Her dream is to try out all winter sports.

Allen- A twelve year old boy. He has known Sam for many years and is her best friend. He is interested in photography and film. Although his family is not economically wealthy, he is very polite.

Matt- A thirteen year old boy. He is Sam's sports rival. Really rude, yet clever, he seeks to embarrass his enemies in the worst possible ways.

Mrs. Grantchester- A middle aged woman who works as a science teacher in Blakely Middle School. She does not enjoy sports but is in charge of heading field trips.

Setting: The play starts out in a Blakely Middle School classroom. There is a big table and a few chairs. The rest of the play takes place at the new ski lodge. There is a small hill where the new trainees are learning how to snowboard and to the left, a door leading into a small hallway and the front desk of the lodge.

Act I, Scene 1

It is the end of the day at Blakely Middle School. Sam and Allen have a free period and have decided to finish up some homework together in one of the empty classrooms. Allen comes from the other side of the room with a huge stack of papers and notes. Sam sits on a table looking through a sports magazine.

ALLEN

(He walks to the table and sits down in a chair next to Sam.)

Ok, finally got the homework done. watcha doin?

SAM

(Flipping through the pages of the magazine a little distracted.)

Trying to find out which of these I should do over Winter break.

ALLEN

Do what?

SAM

(She keeps on looking through the magazine distracted)

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ALLEN

(He waits for her to answer but realizes she isn't paying attention)

Come on, Sam, let me see.

(He takes her magazine)

SAM

Hey, I was reading that!

ALLEN

(Flipping through a lot of pages)

All that's in here are pictures of snowboarders.

SAM

(She looks at him annoyed)

Well yeah, I was hoping to choose a sport to try out during winter break. It's the only one that looks really cool.

ALLEN

You're still obsessing over that?

SAM

Allen, my mom said she'd sign me up for lessons. I need to choose the coolest one. I might not get the chance to do this next year.

ALLEN

Why not? Didn't she get a new job.

SAM

Well... yes but..... I don't know. What if I end up really not liking this new sport and I'm stuck doing it for the rest of winter? I don't wanna be stuck like that.

ALLEN

(Mrs. Grantchester walks into the classroom holding a stack of papers)

Oh, hi Mrs. G!

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

Hi kiddos! I don't have a class going on right now so I thought I'd hand you some announcements.

(She hands them both three pieces of paper)

SAM

Oh, thanks.

ALLEN

Thanks,

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

Sam, I think you'll especially like the last one. I'll be going now, everyone else will be wanting to get these. Have a nice day you two!

ALLEN - SAM

(Simultaneously)

See ya Miss.

SAM

(She flips through the pages to find the ski trip information)

Hmm..... I wonder.....

(Her face perks up. The bell then rings. She rushes up from the chair, and picks up her things.)

Dude, no way. Oh, I gotta go. Bye!

(She runs offstage leaving Allen in the room)

ALLEN

What's the big deal's about....

(He looks at the paper. Muttering.)

Snowboarding..... field trip....

(He looks up with an expressionless face.)

Oh.

Act I, Scene 2

Sam, Allen, and Matt step onto the stage following Mrs. Grantchester in a small group.

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

Ok students be sure to stay together. Now, as you all know, this is a fairly new lodge. You all paid for a week of lessons, and it is expected that you all follow the rules. The staff has also told me to inform you about something really exciting. The student who shows the most effort as well as advancement in the lessons will get a free pass to visit the lodge with their family for every following winter for free.

SAM

I'm gonna try so hard to get this, dude. Everyone will be talking about it after we get back.

ALLEN

Yeah, it'll be cool trying this out. And if you win this thing, I'll finally have something to write about in newspaper club.

SAM

Haha, yeah. It'll also get Matt and his lackeys off my case for at least a month. Peace, quiet ,
and-

ALLEN

Gaming, don't forget about gaming.

SAM

Right, can't forget about that. What're you planning on doing during free time?

ALLEN

Well I brought my camera, so I'm probably gonna film the pro snowboarders.

SAME

Well you can do whatever you want. Just don't film me falling off one of these cliffs and we're good.

ALLEN

Cool.

MATT

Haha, aren't you two cute. You really think you're gonna win this Sammy?

SAM

....Of course I-

MATT

Don't be getting your hopes up. You ain't got a chance. Besides this wouldn't be your first time with a losing streak. How many soccer games have the girls team won against my boys this year?

SAM

We've had a lot of missing people.

MATT

Oh, the excuses. I almost feel pity for you.

SAM

(She begins to walk away.)

You know what's pretty funny is that, hey, I'm at least the team captain. Meanwhile, you're stuck on the bench the entire game, not even making a move. You talk a lot for someone who can't even move two inches into a game without running away from a ball.

MATT

I've been called worse things by better people. So, how about instead of wasting my time, you actually prove your point. Tomorrow, meet me up here. We'll have a challenge. See who actually has a chance at winning this contest.

SAM

You're on.

MATT

This will be interesting. See you around Sammy.

SAM

(She walks towards Allen)

I hate that guy.

ALLEN

Yea he's a jerk....You sure about this?

SAM

Totally. I gotta put this guy in his place.

Act I, Scene 3

The kids stand outside the front desk of the lodge, ready for their challenge.

MATT

Ok the rules are simple. For the first part of the challenge, whoever brings a glove back first wins. We have 10 minutes.

ALLEN

Wait.

(He turns on his camera)

MATT

What're you doing with that thing.

ALLEN

Recording, you guys can just go.

MATT

(He shrugs)

Ok, now!

(Matt goes offstage. Allen follows Sam to center stage.)

SAM

(Looking around frantically)

Uh... Cafeteria.... No....

ALLEN

Keep going you got this.

SAM

I can't find this thing anywhere, the only place left is the lounge.

ALLEN

Ok we can look for it there then.

SAM

Ok.... Oh look there it is.

(She picks up the glove)

ALLEN

Ok let's go.

SAM

(She sees an adult coming their way and panics)

Yea let's get out of here. Go go!

(They walk back outside to find Matt standing there holding a glove and smirking)

MATT

Not surprising at all.

SAM

(She gives him a death glare.)

MATT

Ok. You two meet me up here again tomorrow, that is if you want to show your faces again.

SAM

I'll be here.

(They all leave the stage)

Act I, Scene 4

Sam and Allen are sitting on a bench, center stage.

ALLEN

What do you think he'll make you do this time?

SAM

I don't know. I just really wanna get this over with. I know I can beat this guy.

ALLEN

Yeah, I know you will. How have you been doing in lessons.

SAM

Really good actually. I'm pretty sure I'm winning that prize.

ALLEN

Awesome. It's gonna be pretty cool if you win it.

SAM

Yeah

(Matt walks onstage.)

MATT

I see you guys cared enough to come early.

SAM

Yeah I came in early just to make sure I beat your butt.

MATT

Ha, nice. Really mature.

SAM

Shut up, let's cut to the chase.MATT

Alright, lets do this. Get a cup of hot chocolate, and bring it back here as fast as you can without burning yourself.

ALLEN

(Turns on camera)

MATT

GO!

(They run towards the left side of the stage, Allen follows a bit behind)

SAM

(She comes back from the left side of the stage with a cup in her hand. Allen follows.)

Ha! You see this? I think I just beat you, and real good too.

MATT

(He comes in holding his cup.)

You cheated! You didn't even fill your cup the whole way!

SAM

I think you're forgetting that tripped me and it spilled out.

MATT

No I didn't.

SAM

Yeah, you sort of did. I won you either way.

MATT

(Frowns)

SAM

Welp, I guess I can at least drink this now.

(She smiles and goes for a drink. Matt walks toward her and makes her spill it on his jacket.)

MATT

Watch out, clutz!

SAM

Ugh, Al, let's get out of here.

(She and Allen go to the right offstage.)

MATT

Now, if only I can find Mrs. G....

(He goes offstage to the left.)

Act I, Scene 5

It is the last day of the field trip. Outside of the ski lodge, Sam and Allen sit on the bench. An angry Mrs. Grantchester walks toward them with Matt by her side.

MATT

There she is Miss.

ALLEN

What's going on?

SAM

I have no idea.

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

Young lady, I come to give you some bad news.

SAM

What is it Miss?

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

It's come to my attention that you've been getting into.... quite a bit of trouble lately. Not only harassing other students, but apparently theft. I'm afraid you're now disqualified from the free ski lodge pass competition.

SAM

What are you talking about Miss? I haven't done anything!

MATT

You stole my mittens and spilled burning hot chocolate all over me!

SAM

Wh-wh- what? I never did any of that!

MATT

Check her pockets, I'm sure she still has it.

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

(Turning to Sam, she holds her hand out)

Now then, let me see it.

SAM

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(She reaches into her pocket and pulls out the mitten)

MATT

See! She's had it all along, and she ruined my jacket!

ALLEN

Mrs. G, I know he's lying!

(Speaking to Sam)

I got your back, dude.

MATT

Get out of here, this doesn't involve you.

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

That's correct, mister. I know you and Sam are friends but this is about her and Matt.

ALLEN

But Miss, you don't understand. I have proof that he's lying.

MATT - MRS. GRANTCHESTER

(Simultaneously)

What?!?!

ALLEN

I brought my camera along with me. Here look. In this shot Matt's challenging Sam to get all this stuff. He told her to get the mitten. And if I just... forward.... see... here. He ran into her and got the hot cocoa all over himself on purpose.

MATT

What? No Miss you saw her she had my mitten.

ALLEN

She was challenged to get it, she didn't know it was his.

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

Very, very, good Allen. Thank you for clearing this whole thing up. I guess I know who needs to be disqualified now.

MATT

What?????

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

For trying to get someone disqualified, I'm sad to say that you are disqualified as well.

SAM

As well????

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

In the video it shows you in an out of bounds area. If you'd listened earlier you would've remembered that, that is a cause of disqualification.

SAM

Oh.....

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

Well, it seems we have a clear winner now.

ALLEN- SAM- MATT

(Simultaneously)

Who???

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

Well, Allen of course. From the start the instructor said they saw a lot of potential in you.

ALLEN

No way! Thanks Miss!

MRS. GRANTCHESTER

Well congrats to you.

(She and Allen walk offstage)

SAM

Well I guess all of that really wasn't worth it. He deserves it though.

MATT

No, he doesn't

(He leaves with a frown on his face)

SAM

Well, at least I had fun falling on my butt for a week.Yay.....

THE END