

## ~ Don't be scared ~

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Don't you hate being bullied or teased? No? Well 14-year-old Natalie gets teased. Why? She wants to tell Jordan how much she likes him, but she can't. Every problem must have obstacles to get to the solution. In this case, for Natalie, it's the teasing. She wants to tell Jordan how much she likes him but, all his friends and the "popular girls" tease her because, she's a nerd. Natalie and Jordan hang out a lot outside of school, their parents own a company together.

“When are you going to tell Jordan!?” Summer, Anna and Sophie asked. The four girls just got back from Winter break. “I’m not sure, his friends keep on sending me these rude texts from his phone.” Natalie frowned. “You’re going to have to tell him somehow.” Mentioned Sophie. Suddenly, Jordan, the “popular” girls and his friends walked over to the four girls. Alison, the main “popular” girl came over and stared at Natalie and whispered. “Back off Natalie, Jordan’s mine.” Ronald nearly punched Natalie when Jordan stopped him. “Stop it! You both need to stop messing with Natalie, just leave her alone, okay!?” Natalie hugged Jordan. “Thank you so much!” Natalie, you need to stand up for yourself, if

not, you'll get bullied so much more. " Jordan said with a worried voice.

## **2 weeks later after winter break**

Alison and Ronald walked up to Natalie. "Thanks a lot Natalie. " Ronald said with a very annoyed voice. All of Jordan's friends walked up to Natalie. You saw Jordan in a corner watching them go up to you. "What happened?" Natalie asked with a puzzled look. " You really don't know? Jordan said he quit the football team because of you. He wanted to keep you safe and not be friends with us." Alison said still clearly annoyed. "Oh well I guess that was his choice, not mine. I didn't tell him to quit the team. He was on it to be happy and I respected that. Sorry not sorry"

In Natalie's mind she was thinking. *You go Natalie! Good job, you finally stood up to your bullies!* You found Anna, Summer and Sophie standing next to Jordan. "Good job standing up for yourself." Jordan said with a smile. " I knew you could do it!" Said Anna very cheerfully. "GROUP HUG!" Summer and Sophie said as they pulled all of you into a big bear hug. "Well, no more bullying for me!" Natalie said with a happy look." If you need, all of us are here for you Natalie." Jordan held Natalie's hand. "All of us."

