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"I didn't mean to!" Connor shouted from the front yard. "I didn't even see him coming when I threw the ball in his direction." Mom sighed, frustrated with her son. "I said I was sorry! It won't happen again!" Mom shook her head and walked back into the house. She couldn't help but remember yesterday when Connor had "accidentally" hit his brother in the face with a remote control. The day before that, she had heard the same "I didn't mean to!" story from Connor when he "accidentally" broke his little sister's crayons in half. She knew that her son was a kind child at heart, but things like this just couldn't keep happening. Later that night, Connor's brother came crying up the stairs. Mom listened as the little boy told the story about how Connor had tripped him as he came down the stairs. Enough was enough. Mom marched upstairs to confront Connor. When she arrived at the top of the stairs, he started his story with, "But, it was just an accident!" With a sigh, mom told Connor to go to his room. She knew she couldn't trust his stories anymore.

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Carolyn looked across the row of tables at Madeline. She had heard enough about Madeline to know that she would never get within ten feet of her! All of the other girls in class had spread rumors about her for years, but this was the first year Carolyn was in the same class. "Stay away from that weirdo!" the kids had said. For years, Madeline had sat at the lunch table by herself, quietly eating her sack lunch. As Carolyn wrote her name on her paper, the teacher announced that this would be a partner activity. Excited about choosing their first partners of the year, the kids let out a collective sigh when Ms. Joe told them she had already selected their partners. Carolyn sat frozen when her name was called alongside Madeline's. "But, but, but. I, I. I need a different partner," Carolyn stammered, to no one in particular. Madeline made her way over to Carolyn's desk and sat down. Carolyn, wanting nothing more than to get this over with, asked the first getting-to-know-you question on their paper. "Oh! My favorite show is Dog with a Blog, too!" Carolyn shouted. As they completed the questionnaire, Carolyn was amazed at how much they had in common. Within minutes, the girls were laughing. Carolyn got up to go back to her seat, but turned back around. "Would you like to sit with me at lunch today?" Carolyn asked Madeline.

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