

SCIENCE FRIENDSHIP BREAKUP (AARON HO)

INT. CHEMISTRY CLASS - DAY

BRENDA READS HER TEXTBOOK AS LAUREN WALKS UP.

START

BRENDA

I didn't know chemistry was going to be so hard. Have you read any of this? It's like another language.

LAUREN

That's because it is. That's the book for Spanish class.

BRENDA

Ooooooh. Good catch. You're sooooo smart! Or should I say, you're-o so-o-smart-o?

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LAUREN

No, you shouldn't. I think you mean, "tu eres muy inteligente".

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BRENDA MAKES A "MIND BLOWN" GESTURE AND EXPLOSION NOISE.

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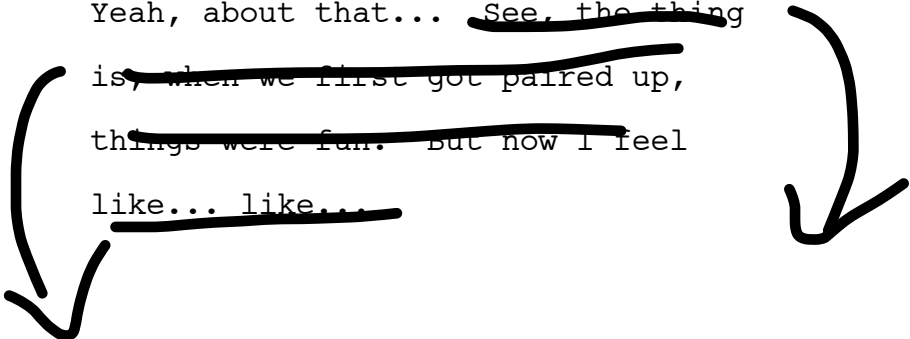
BRENDA

Man, you are just blowing my mind. That's why I'm so happy you're my lab partner!

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LAUREN

Yeah, about that... See, the thing is, when we first got paired up, things were fun. But now I feel like... like...



BRENDA

There's no spark.

LAUREN

Exactly!

BRENDA

This Bunsen burner, it's not sparking

What's wrong with this thing?!

BRENDA PLAYS WITH THE BUNSEN BURNER ON THE TABLE.

LAUREN

~~Brenda, focus! As I was saying,~~ I
feel like this isn't working anymore.
The chemistry... it's just not right.

BRENDA

I know, none of these chemistry
equations are right!

BRENDA HOLDS UP A WORKSHEET

BRENDA (CONT'D)

Like this one, it says to add sodium,
but wouldn't that just make the
equation look bloated? And this one--

LAUREN

I don't wanna be lab partners anymore!

~~BRENDA~~

~~What?!~~

~~LAUREN~~

~~I'm sorry. It's just not working.~~

~~BRENDA~~

~~But... I thought we were so happy.~~

~~Was it something I did?~~

~~LAUREN~~

~~No, it's not you. It's me.~~

BRENDA

Really?

LAUREN

~~no, it's definitely you.~~ I mean,
c'mon, you thought the periodic table
was something you build in wood shop.

BRENDA

See? This is why I need you! Please
don't leave me. Give me another
chance! I'll be better, I promise!

~~LAUREN~~

~~I dunno...~~

~~BRENDA~~

~~Please, please, please, please,
please, please, please, please--~~

LAUREN

Fine! If you can answer one simple
chemistry question, I'll take you
back.

BRENDA

Yay!

LAUREN

(THINKS, THEN) Alright, I got it. If
H-2-O is water, what is H-2-O-4?

BRENDA

Uh, duh! It's for drinking!

LAUREN STARES AT HER, DUMBFOUNDED, THEN EXITS.

END

~~BRENDA (CONT'D)~~

~~(CALLS OUT) Can we still be friends?!~~

~~OFF BRENDA, WE:~~