## Standing Up for a Friend

(Confident, standing tall)

Hey. Yeah, I'm talking to you.

I see what you're doing. The teasing. The mean jokes. The way you laugh when he gets upset. And honestly? It's just not cool.

Do you really think picking on someone makes you tough? 'Cause it doesn't. It just makes you mean.

He never did anything to you. But you? You go out of your way to make him feel bad.

Well, guess what? Not anymore.

Because I'm not just gonna stand here and watch you be a bully. And if you wanna mess with him? You're gonna have to deal with me, too.

And I don't walk away from my friends.

So go ahead. Say whatever you want. But we're not scared of you. Not anymore.

(Steps forward, steady.)

What are you gonna do now?