

brian on the playground /3/ talkin' 'puters

previous development: brian is shocked to realize that the boys in his class hate him only because they think he is smarter than they are. after sticking up for a girl he hardly knows against a bunch of boys, he begins wondering if what they say may be true.

I don't think people should hate you _____ something you inherit. They were giving **Callie** a hard _____ because of the _____ she looked. Zubov was giving me a hard time because of my grades. _____, I never boss anybody around. My mother _____ me **Know-it-all O'Brien**, because I think I have all the answers, but that's not the same thing as bossing people around.

So neither one of us played keep-away that afternoon. _____ we went over to the wall. Callie started **talking about computers**. She knew everything about them, and _____ her father to get her an inexpensive _____ for **Christmas**. Since I read so many magazines in the public library, I knew exactly what she was getting – “the Only True Computer for Under a Hundred Dollars” the company called it. **The reviews** _____ that a connection sometimes didn't work _____. I mentioned this to Callie, but she didn't know anything about electronics. She just knew _____ to **program computers**. She promised I could come _____ and see it after Christmas.

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