

brian on the playground /2/ no callie no cry

previous development: Brian lets us know that Timo did something horrible to him on Christmas but before he tells us what it was, he has a story about what happened in school the other day. apparently, the kids were getting ready to play a game and two boys, one smart one dumb, were acting as captains and choosing members of their teams

James and Thomas took _____ choosing team members. A few girls were _____ to play, but mostly boys. Both teams had _____ chosen, and this new girl, **Callie Clemson**, was just standing there. She didn't look like _____ of an athlete. She looked like a pea on top of two toothpicks – long legs and a round little body. The teams were even, and this kid was _____ over.

"What _____ the new kid?" I said. "She **wants to play** too."

"You can have her," said James. "I don't want her."

"I don't want her, _____," said Thomas. "I already have enough girls on my team."

I didn't want to back _____. "If she doesn't play, I don't play either," I said.

"Big _____," said Thomas. "Just because you're the **smartest kid in the class** doesn't mean you can boss everybody _____ around." What he said surprised me. First of all, I don't consider myself the smartest kid in the class. I always thought that everybody _____ maybe Zubov and Timo got straight A's. I mean, up _____ then I thought it was just normal to get straight A's.

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