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CHAPTER ONE

OPEN AUDITIONS



Max stood in front of his bedroom mirror with a script in his hand. “But soft, what light through yonder window breaks? It is the east and Juliet is the sun,” he read aloud slowly.

“I know you’re speaking English,” his sister Lily said as she walked in through the open door. “But those words make no sense to me. Who are you even pretending to be?”

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“One of the most famous characters in literature—Romeo Montague,” Max answered. “Tryouts for *Romeo and Juliet* are tomorrow. The play is going to be part of the middle school’s annual Shakespeare festival. In this scene, Romeo is comparing Juliet’s beauty to the **intensity** of the sun.”

Lily made a face, pretending to feel ill. “Why doesn’t he just say that Juliet is pretty?” she asked.

Max knew that Lily wished she were in middle school too. He also knew that the lines he was reciting sounded a little odd. He explained, “William Shakespeare wrote this play more than 400 years ago. People in England spoke differently back then. But I think it’s poetic. Shakespeare had a great talent for. . .”

“Wait,” Lily interrupted. “You can’t play an English boy. We are Korean.”

“Korean actors can play all kinds of roles,” Max insisted. “Daniel Dae Kim is Korean American. He performed *Romeo and Juliet* early in his career. And he played a Hawaiian police officer in Hawaii Five-O.” Max and Lily had been streaming this television show with their parents. Daniel played Chin Ho Kelly on the police drama. He was Lily’s favorite character.

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