

THE YOUNG BULLY

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FADE IN:

INT. ART'S HOUSE - DAY

ART (6) is sitting at a kitchen table as his mom BETTY (35) is making breakfast. His dad NICK (35) walks into the room.

NICK
Morning Art! Mom!

Nick pours himself a cup of coffee.

ART
Good morning Dad.

BETTY
Morning Nick.

Nick takes a seat at the table.

BETTY (CONT'D)
Who wants eggs?

ART
I do, and some bacon too!

BETTY
Coming right up.

Betty dumps some eggs, a strip of bacon and some toast onto a plate and places it in front of Art.

BETTY (CONT'D)
How bout you dad?

NICK
Nah, I'm gonna pass on breakfast today, just coffee for me.

INT. BUDDY'S HOUSE - DAY

BUDDY (10), is lying in bed with a pillow over his head as his alarm clock is blaring away. TRISHA (40), Buddy's mom, is in the other bed room.

TRISHA (O.S.)
Buddy, get up and turn that alarm off.

BUDDY
OK Mom.

He rolls over and hit's a button on top of the clock.

TRISHA (O.S.)
Now get your butt ready for school.

BUDDY
Do I have to go today?

TRISHA (O.S.)
Yes you do! Now get ready.

INT. ART'S HOUSE - DAY

Betty is standing at the kitchen counter making sandwiches.

BETTY
You're having peanut butter and
jelly sandwiches for lunch today.

She puts two sandwiches into a small brown bag and puts the bag inside a metal lunch box.

ART
I finished my breakfast; is it time
to go yet?

Betty sits the box next to Art and glances at the c lock.

BETTY
Yes it's bout that time. Gimme a
big hug.

Art picks up the lunch box, walks over and gives Nick a hug and then walks over to Betty and hugs her.

BETTY (CONT'D)
Be careful on your walk to school
OK.

ART
Mom! It's only four blocks.

Art walks out the front door.

EXT. STREET - DAY

Art joins a group of kids walking down the street. He is clutching the lunch box under his arm. He has a book bag in the other hand.

Buddy, much bigger than the other kids, is punching and pushing on the others as they walk.

He slaps Art to the back the head.

BUDDY
What's your name boy?

ART
Art.

BUDDY
What grade you in?

ART
First.

BUDDY
(excited)
I'm Buddy and I'm in the fourth
grade!

JOHN (6), is walking next to Art. Buddy approaches John and pushes him to the ground.

John rolls in the dirt and starts to cry. Art gives Buddy a mean look.

ART
Stop it!

Art walks over and helps John to his feet.

ART (CONT'D)
You alright John?

John points to Buddy.

JOHN
(crying)
He-he-he-he, Buddy pushed me down.

Buddy pushes Art and knocks him off balance as he continues to badger the rest of the children.

Buddy grabs the pony tail of MARIE (9). Marie uses a martial arts move and kicks Buddy in the groin.

MARIE
Get away from me you creep!

BUDDY
(laughing)
You know you like me girl.

Marie raises her foot again.

BUDDY (CONT'D)

OK --- OK!

Buddy leaves her alone. The children arrive at school.

EXT. SCHOOL PLAYGROUND - DAY

Children are running and playing in the background as Buddy approaches Art.

He grabs Art by his arm and pulls him into his face.

BUDDY

What you got in that box?

ART

My lunch.

BUDDY

What are we having? Let me see.

Buddy reaches for the lunch box but ART clutches it and starts to run.

The bell rings as Art runs into the building.

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

Art is running down the hall and Buddy is chasing him.

Art runs past a teacher who is standing in front of her classroom.

TEACHER

No running in the hallway! You, come here.

She points to Art then gives him the come here signal. Art walks over to the teacher.

Buddy walks by and stares at Art as the teacher grabs Art's hand.

TEACHER (CONT'D)

What is your name young man?

ART

Art.

TEACHER

And where are you going in such a rush?

ART
To my class room.

TEACHER
You need to slow down OK, and
remember, no running in the
building.

ART
Yes ma'am.

The teacher lets go of his hand.

TEACHER
Now walk to your classroom.

Art looks around the hallway for Buddy as he continues toward
his class room.

INT. BUDDY'S CLASS ROOM - DAY

MRS. JACKSON (40) is Buddy's teacher. She is standing at the
door greeting students as they enter the class room.

Buddy is walking around the classroom with a box of thumb
tacks in his hand.

He puts a thumb tack in Mrs. Jackson's Chair. He walks over
to the front row and puts tacks in each of the front row
chairs.

As the final bell rings, Mrs. Jackson walks into the room and
closes the door.

MRS. JACKSON
Alright class please take your
seats.

AMANDA (10) sits on a tack and jumps up screaming and crying.
Two other children are screaming and crying also.

The crying children approach Mrs. Jackson all holding up the
thumb tacks.

AMANDA
(crying)
He-he-he-he, Mrs Jackson, some body
put this tack in my chair.

Mrs. Jackson grabs the tacks from Amanda and the other two
children.

MRS. JACKSON
I need everyone to look in your
chairs, make sure it is safe, and
be seated.

She looks in her chair and spots a thumb tack.

MRS. JACKSON (CONT'D)
If you find a tack in your seat,
please bring it to me.

She removes the tack from her chair.

MRS. JACKSON (CONT'D)
If you are the one putting these
tacks in the chairs, stop it!

INT. ART'S CLASS ROOM - DAY

Art's teacher, MRS. HOOPER (30) is giving a spelling test.
She walks around the classroom.

MRS. HOOPER
The first word is CAT; the cat is
chasing a mouse; CAT.

Zoom on Arts paper as he writes the word.

MRS. HOOPER (CONT'D)
The next word is HAT; the cowboy is
wearing a big hat; HAT.

INT. BUDDY'S CLASS ROOM - DAY

Mrs. Jackson is writing on the black board with her back to
the class.

Buddy is blowing spit balls at the other students through a
straw.

The bell rings and Mrs Jackson turns around. Buddy hides the
straw from her.

MRS. JACKSON
We will finish this project after
lunch.

The students all stand and start to exit the room.

INT. ART'S CLASS ROOM - DAY

Art grabs his lunch box as he and his classmates exit the room.

EXT. SCHOOL PLAYGROUND - DAY

Art and John are sitting on the merry-go-round. Art opens his lunch box and pulls out a brown paper bag. He reaches into the bag and grabs a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. As he raises the sandwich toward his mouth, a hand snatches it away. Pan up the arm to Buddy.

BUDDY

Gimme that sandwich! What else you got in that bag?

Buddy snatches the brown bag from Art and walks away as he bites into the sandwich. Art, John and several other kids follow Buddy as he eats Art's lunch.

ART

That's mine, give it back.

BUDDY

Mine now.

Buddy sits at the bottom of the monkey bars on the playground. He eats the rest of Art's lunch and drinks his apple juice.

Art and his friends go back and sit on the merry-go-round. Art's friends share their lunch with him.

JOHN

I've got an extra sandwich Art; here you can have it.

MARIE

You can have my juice.

Art reaches out and accepts the sandwich and the juice.

ART

Thanks.

Art and his friends finish their lunch as Buddy approaches the merry-go-round.

BUDDY

Boy, that was a good lunch; what you bringing tomorrow?

Buddy grabs Art's arms, throws him to the ground and sits on top of him. Art squirms and tries to get up but Buddy is too heavy. John and Marie pushes the bully off of Art.

JOHN
Leave him alone!

John takes off running, Art gets up and starts to run also. Buddy gets up and stares at Marie, then chases after Art.

BUDDY
You can't out run me.

As they run, Buddy reaches out and tries to grab Art.

Art dives to the ground, sticks out his foot and trips Buddy up. Buddy crashes to the ground, kicking up dust particles as his face slides through the dirt.

BUDDY (CONT'D)
I'm-ma get you for that!

Art gets up and runs in the other way. As Buddy continues to chase, the bell rings and Buddy gives up pursuit.

BUDDY (CONT'D)
I'll get you after school you
little jerk.

Art and friends all walk into the building.

INT. ART'S CLASS ROOM - DAY

Mrs. Hooper notices Art's clothes are dirty and stained.

MRS. HOOPER
What happened to you?

ART
Nothing, I fell down on the
playground.

MRS. HOOPER
You have to be careful on that
playground.

INT. BUDDY'S CLASS ROOM - DAY

The class is taking a test. Buddy is copying answers from Marie, who is sitting beside him.

MRS. JACKSON
Times up; pass your papers to the
front of the class.

Mrs. Jackson walks across the front of the class and picks up the papers as the bell rings.

The students exit the class room.

EXT. STREET - DAY

As the children are walking home. Buddy continually pesters the others, slapping them on their heads, grabbing their arms and pushing them around. He pushes Art to the chest knocking him to the ground.

BUDDY
I told you I'd get you after school
punk.

Art gets up and dusts off his clothes. Buddy grabs his arm.

BUDDY (CONT'D)
You better bring me some food
tomorrow or I'll beat you up again.

He pushes Art back to the ground.

ART
OK! I'll bring you something. Now
leave me a lone.

Art gets up and runs down the street. Buddy chases him until he reaches his front yard. Buddy stops and stares as Art walks onto his porch.

BUDDY
You chicken!

Buddy flaps his arms.

INT. ART'S HOUSE - EVENING

Betty is in the kitchen as Art walks into the house.

ART
Hi Mom!

BETTY
Hi Art, how was school today?

ART
Fine.

BETTY
What do you mean, Fine?

ART
We had a spelling test.

BETTY
How'd you do?

ART
Good I think; we won't get grades
till tomorrow.

BETTY
Got any home work?

ART
No home work today mom. Mom, can I
have a snack?

BETTY
Alright Art, go wash up and I'll
make you a snack. Dinner will be
ready in a couple hours.

Betty makes bologna sandwiches, puts them on a plate and places it on the table.

Art returns from washing up and sits at the table. Betty slides a bottle of apple juice next to the plate.

BETTY (CONT'D)
Enjoy.

ART
Thanks mom.

Betty leaves the room. Art picks up the sandwich, removes the meat and wraps the bread in a napkin. He walks over to a cabinet and grabs a brown bag. He puts the bread in the bag and shoves it into his book bag. He goes back to the table and finishes his snack and apple juice.

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD PARK - EVENING

Buddy is standing in the park when Marie enters the area. Buddy approaches Marie and grabs her by the arm.

BUDDY
You told the teacher didn't you?

MARIE

Told the teacher what?

BUDDY

That I copied off your paper.

MARIE

No, I didn't know you copied.

Buddy swings at Marie, but she ducks and kicks him in the stomach. He crashes to the ground and scrapes his arm on some loose gravel.

MARIE (CONT'D)

I told you to leave me alone!

BUDDY

OK, I won't bother you no more!

Buddy gets up, looks around and brushes himself off. JACK (15) and his girl friend JANICE (15) are sitting in a swing.

JACK

(laughing)

You let a girl beat you up!

JANICE

(laughing)

I think she could beat you up too.

Buddy looks at Marie and then at the big kids and walks away with his head down. Marie leaves the playground.

EXT. ART'S BACK YARD - MORNING

There are several free range chickens roaming around the yard. Art scrapes a couple scoops of chicken poop off the ground. He lays two slices of bread out on a napkin and spreads the poop on one side of each slice. He puts the bread together forming 2 sandwiches. He urinates into an apple juice bottle. He shoves the sandwich bag and juice bottle into his book bag.

INT. ART'S HOUSE - MORNING

Art finishes his breakfast. Mom hands him his lunch bag. He peeks into the bag.

ART

Oh! Chicken sandwiches and apple juice.

BETTY
Your favorite.

ART
Thanks Mom.

He puts the bag into his lunch box, hugs mom and dad, and exits the house.

EXT. ART'S HOUSE FRONT PORCH - DAY

Art takes the poop sandwiches and the urine bottle out of his book bag and puts his lunch in the book bag. He put the poop sandwiches and the urine bottle in his lunch box and leaves the porch.

EXT. STREET - DAY

The usual neighborhood crowd is on their way to school. Art and John are walking fast to stay ahead of Buddy.

JOHN
(whispering to Art)
You should hide your lunch?

ART
I don't wanna hide it.

JOHN
(whispering)
Buddy's gonna take it again.

ART
I hope so.

As the group reach the school campus, Buddy catches up to Art and John.

BUDDY
Hey Art, what did you bring me for lunch today?

ART
Chicken sandwiches and apple juice.

BUDDY
Good, I'll see you clowns at lunch time!

The bell rings and Art enters the building.

INT. BUDDY'S CLASS ROOM - DAY

Mrs. Jackson is checking papers from the day before; she notices that Buddy and Marie has the exact same answers.

She positions a student desk on both sides of her desk. As the students enter the room, she grabs Buddy and Marie from the crowd.

MRS. JACKSON
Buddy, I want you to sit here.

She points to the desk on her right.

MRS. JACKSON (CONT'D)
And, Marie, you'll sit over there.

She points to the other desk, as the two students walk up to the desks and sit. She puts a document in front of them.

MRS. JACKSON (CONT'D)
I need you to retake this test.

Marie looks at Buddy.

MARIE
You creep, you did copy off my paper.

BUDDY
Did not!

MRS. JACKSON
Quiet, both of you. Now take the test, you have 10 minutes.

INT. ART'S CLASS ROOM - DAY

Mrs. Hooper is walking around the class room handing out graded papers from a spelling test.

MRS. HOOPER
We have two students who received a 100 percent on their spelling test.

Zoom on Arts test; across the top, marked in red "100%" Great Job Art!

MRS. HOOPER (CONT'D)
Those students are, Art and Jean, congratulation to you both.

INT. BUDDY'S CLASS ROOM - DAY

Marie finishes her test and passes it to Mrs. Jackson.

MRS. JACKSON
Thanks Marie.

Buddy starts to quickly mark answers on the multiple choice test.

MRS. JACKSON (CONT'D)
Buddy, time is up, hand in your paper now.

He passes the paper to Mrs. Jackson.

EXT. PLAYGROUND MERRY-GO-ROUND - DAY

Art and John are sitting on the merry-go-round. Art removes the bag from his lunch box.

Buddy walks into the scene, there is a crowd behind him today. He yanks the brown bag and the apple juice bottle from Art and walks away. The crowd follows Buddy as he heads for his usual spot.

EXT. PLAYGROUND MONKEY BARS - DAY

Several other kids are standing around as Buddy sits down.

He opens the bag and pulls out a sandwich. He rips the napkin off and takes a huge bite out of the sandwich.

He frowns as he chews. His front teeth are covered with black and white specks as he starts to spit and gag.

AMANDA
What's wrong with him?

Buddy grabs the apple juice bottle, pops the top off and slams the contents down his throat.

He throws the bottle and the sandwich to the ground as he continues the gag and pawk.

Amanda picks up the sandwich and sniffs it.

AMANDA (CONT'D)
Oh, Snap! that's Chicken Poop!

The crowd of kids roar into laughter, as another kid picks up the apple juice bottle and smells it.

MARIE
Eeeew! It's Pee Pee!

EXT. PLAYGROUND MERRY-GO-ROUND - DAY

Art and John finishes their lunch. A crowd of children are rushing in their direction. Buddy enters the scene; his shirt is covered with pewk. Chicken poop is running down his chin.

BUDDY
I'm gonna get you, you little
twerp.

He dives for Art as Art rolls out of the way, jumps to his feet and runs. Buddy falls in the dirt.

Art and the rest of the children laugh at Buddy as he is now dirty.

MARIE
God you stink!

KIDS
(chanting)
Buddy eats Chicken poop! Buddy eats
chicken poop!

The bell rang and the students all head back to class.

INT. BUDDY'S CLASS ROOM - DAY

Mrs. Jackson drags the two desk back in line with the others. As Buddy enters the classroom, all of the children are whispering and giggling at him.

MRS. JACKSON
What happen to you?

BUDDY
(mumbling)
Nothing.

The children take their seats and Mrs. Jackson starts to pass out papers. She hands Buddy his paper; there is a grade mark on the top that reads "30 %" FAIL. She hands Marie her paper and it reads "100%" Outstanding Work.

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - LATER

A crowd of children are walking down the hallway chanting.

KIDS

Buddy eats chicken poop! Buddy eats
chicken poop! Buddy eats chicken
poop!

EXT. SCHOOL - DAY

The children are still chanting as they spill into the street.

KIDS

(chanting)

Buddy eats chicken poop!

EXT. STREET - DAY

The neighborhood kids are walking home; Buddy is not bothering anyone today, he is walking quietly at the back of the crowd, alone.

Jack, approaches the group from behind. Jack reaches out and slaps Buddy to the back of the head.

JACK

Hey! Poop Breath!

Buddy takes a swing at Jack and misses. Jack pushes Buddy to the ground; dust and gravel flies into the air as Buddy rolls in the dirt. Jack Steps over him.

JACK (CONT'D)

I ain't Art! Fool!

Buddy gets up and dusts himself off. Jack grabs Buddy's arm and twists it behind his back.

BUDDY

Ouch, Ouch, stop! You're hurting my arm.

JACK

You stop bothering my friends; got it.

BUDDY

Ouch, Ok, Ok!

Jacks releases Buddy's arm and jogs ahead past the other children. Zoom on Buddy's face.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

A young bully was taught a valuable lesson in life. You can cheat and you can push people around, but there will always be consequences.

FADE OUT.

THE END