

LOVE IN THE SIXTH GRADE

SS Writer's Tournament 2025 Round 2

OPTION B

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

A few rows of desks with students sitting in them. A teacher gives a math lecture at the front of the room. Some of the kids are paying attention, a couple of them are struggling to stay awake.

Seated at one of the desks is JASON (12). He wears glasses but is otherwise a good-looking boy. He stares dreamily at a girl seated across the room from him, SANDRA (11).

She doesn't notice him at all, her attention fixed on the teacher who continues the lecture.

The teacher writes a simple formula on the large whiteboard: " $2x = 8$." He points to Jason.

TEACHER

Jason, what is x in this formula?

Jason is surprised and perks up at the sound of his name. He looks over the formula a bit before answering...

JASON

Uh, it's four I think.

TEACHER

That's correct. I can see you're paying attention. Now...

Jason goes back to looking over at Sandra and trying his hardest to pay attention.

The school bell rings suddenly, causing all the students to hurriedly gather their things. Jason walks over to Sandra. He's nervous as nervous can be.

JASON

Uh, hi Sandra. Would you like to--

SANDRA

Go away, you're just a dork.

Sandra takes her books and begins to walk out of the room.

JASON

Wait, Sandra! Please!

But she's already gone. A boy seated at a nearby desk, DARRELL (12), speaks up. He is well-built and bigger than Jason is.

DARRELL

She doesn't like you. Give up, dork.

JASON
Shut up, Darrell.

Darrell laughs to himself as Jason leaves the room utterly defeated and forlorn.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Sandra trudges down the hallway looking just as forlorn as Jason. Another girl, HANNA (12), walks beside her.

SANDRA
I don't know why I treat him like that. He likes me, but everyone just likes to hate on him.

HANNA
He looks like a dork, that's why. Who would want to go out with him?

Sandra gives Hanna a stare that could kill.

SANDRA
I would, Hanna.

HANNA
Oh well, it's your funeral. Here's my class, see you later!

Hanna walks into a classroom as Sandra politely waves before continuing on her way.

EXT. SCHOOL BLACKTOP - DAY

Recess time. Students play games of all sorts on and around the blacktop. A few boys, including Jason and Darrell, play a game of basketball.

Jason tries to shoot the ball but it's blocked by the much taller Darrell.

DARRELL
Ha ha! Try again you dweeb.

Unfazed, Jason gets the ball again and tries to drive to the basket, but is pushed to the ground by Darrell.

DARRELL (cont'd)
Can't get past me. Might as well quit.

JASON
You know what they say Darrell?
Winners never quit and quitters never
win.

The ball is passed to Jason by another boy. He tries driving to the basket but Darrell shoves him to the ground.

DARRELL
There you go again. How's that
working out for you?

Sandra and Hanna watch the proceedings from a set of bleachers nearby. Without a word, Sandra gets up and walks toward Jason and Darrell.

HANNA
Hey, what are you doing?

SANDRA
Helping a friend. Shut up.

Hanna looks on, confused.

By this point Darrell is pushing and shoving Jason around while taunting him.

DARRELL
Wimpy wimpy Jason, where are your
friends now?

SANDRA (O.S.)
Right here, you jerk.

Darrell wheels around and does an evil stare at Sandra.

DARRELL
Go away. This doesn't concern you.

SANDRA
Oh? I believe it does.

DARRELL
Says who?

SANDRA
Says me.

Jason is surprised at this. He backs away from behind Darrell while he's distracted.

DARRELL
What are you gonna do about it?

SANDRA

This.

Sandra kicks Darrell square in the groin area, causing him to hit the ground hard and moan in pain.

SANDRA (cont'd)

Didn't expect that, did ya? Now leave him alone or you'll get it worse next time.

Jason stands nearby, shocked. He reluctantly walks up to Sandra, smiling from ear to ear.

JASON

Thank you so much, but why did you help me? I thought you said I was a dork.

SANDRA

You are, but in a good way.

Jason smiles.

JASON

Thanks. So, you wanna go out sometime? Maybe see a movie?

It's Sandra's turn to smile now.

SANDRA

Yeah, I'd love that very much.

The school bell rings. Jason extends his hand. Sandra takes it. They both walk back to the school, hand in hand.

FADE TO BLACK