

## SCENE 1 INTRODUCTION

Both actors will be behind backdrop. The school representative gives the introduction. Note, Actors will check in, give action of encouragement before Tom's entrance.

TEACHER reads introduction script: *This troupe came from New York City. Over 100,000 students a year experience the Box Out Bullying Presentation. Teachers, after the show be sure to use our lesson plans and study guides to help sustain your positive school culture. Teachers and parents, please note that taking video of the presentation is not allowed. But feel free to take pictures. If you use social media, use hashtag boxoutbullying! Now. We have a great show about bullying prevention. It's actually the greatest show on bullying prevention...According to these actors. So please give a warm welcome to Tom and his cousin Jerry!*

Waiting a three count, Enter TOM. Watch video for timing and intention.

## SCENE 2 - TOM WINS OVER THE AUDIENCE

TOM

(Spirited)

Oh! Wow! Hey guys, how are you?

Audience replies despondently.

TOM (CONT'D)

Okay then. Now I know that bullying is a problem in schools in (NAME OF STATE or NYC BOROUGH) and across the country and you guys are definitely not alone.

Tom crosses stage right to reveal placard with images.

TOM (CONT'D)

In fact over 160,000 students in America skip school everyday because of fear. And I don't blame them. On average one out of every three of you experience some kind of bullying once a week, and by the tenth grade four out of five of you will be bullied, or watch someone else get picked on. And I don't know why this is happening. And that's why I called my cousin Jerry. He'll know the answer. See, Jerry and I have known each other for, forever!

TOM, revitalization turns into wrathful outrage, TOM strikes wrathful pose on family trip to Georgia.

TOM (CONT'D)

But we're not as close as we used to be ever since that family trip to Georgia!

AUDIENCE laughs. TOM looks at audience breaks pose.

TOM (CONT'D)

(Trying to save face)

Actually, I have a better idea because we can solve this problem of bullying without talking about.

Tom reveals box, he's facing the audience.

TOM (CONT'D)

(excited)

Because inside this box that just came in lies that answer that will solve the problem of bullying THIS VERY...

Tom turns and notices that there's caution tape around the box.

TOM (CONT'D)

(dumbfounded)

That's not right.

Tom notices there are scissors on stage. **Great!** Crosses downstage left towards scissors, cuts the caution tape, just to reveal that there are locks on the box. **OH NO!**

TOM (CONT'D)

Locks?! Ah, you know what, let's just forget it.

Yeah let's just forget about it.

TOM crosses to Bose. TOM presses forward button to cue the BOO track.

TOM (CONT'D)

(Confidently Re-energized)

How many of you think the best way of solving a problem is by making believe that the problem doesn't even exist?!

TOM, right hand raised, left hand hits play. BOSE gives a "boo" sound.

TOM (CONT'D)

Yeah, that's not a good thing. Man, nothing  
is going my way today.

We hear the 'cherring crowd' track.

TOM (CONT'D)

Okay. Okay! I know.