

*(Lights shift back to the GIRLS.)*

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→ ARIEL. Come on! I was only teasing him.

RUSTY. That's more than teasing. Ren is from out of town,  
and don't tell me that doesn't curl your toes.

WENDY JO. You want out of Bomont so bad I bet you  
memorize bus schedules.

URLEEN. You told us that you read just to escape to other  
worlds.

ARIEL. Exactly! In books, I get to meet guys who amaze  
me.

WENDY JO. What about Ren?

ARIEL. What about him?

RUSTY. He's sorta smart.

WENDY JO. He's kinda tall.

ARIEL. *(dismissive)* Everybody's tall on roller skates.

URLEEN. And I think he's handsome.

ARIEL. *(shrugs)* Cute, maybe.

WENDY JO. But can he really compete with Chuck  
Cranston, the rugged, dangerous high school dropout-  
slash-drug dealer who was recently evicted from a  
trailer park? I don't think so.

← End

*(Lights shift back to REN and WILLARD.)*