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1LOVE IS BLIND, BUT
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CONTEXT

One Saturday morning, Jake wakes up and logs in to his social network profile to see his newsfeed. He's very surprised by his former girlfriend Vanessa's status.

Vanessa is in a relationship with Bill.

Jake writes a comment on Vanessa's wall.

QUESTIONS

- Initially, how did Jake feel? How did he express his emotions?
- To prevent the situation from deteriorating, what could the following people have done?
 - Jake? -Their friends?
 - Vanessa? -Bill?
- What consequences do you think the post will have for Vanessa? And for Jake?
- Given that Jake's original message was inappropriate, how could he have expressed himself more respectfully?
- What do you think happened next?

**JAKE**

So you're going out with Bill now? Way to go! Now everyone knows what a real #*@!!*# you are. We were together for two months and broke up barely two weeks ago . . . and you're already seeing someone else? Well, I couldn't care less. Your boyfriend looks like a real **fag**, besides which he's just a **nerd** from 5th grade. Long live your loser relationship!!!

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VANESSA

Hey, what's your problem? It's over between you and me, and I can do whatever I want with my life. Quit being stupid and move on. I love my boyfriend, he's a million times better than you.

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AMELIA

Jake, leave my friend alone! What gives you the right to judge her like that? Sorry, but you're turning into a real idiot, and you're in no position to do that . . . I realize it sucks, but move on. Show some respect . . .

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SARAH

OK Jake, you're going way too far! Vanessa and I are good friends, and she isn't at all like you say. She's one of the coolest girls I know.

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BILL

How can you call me a fag?!! :O Have you looked in the mirror recently? Leave my girlfriend alone, or you're asking for trouble. Don't forget that I'm the captain of my hockey team.

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Jake withdraws from the conversation. Two hours later, he realizes he may have gone too far, and should never have written what he did as a public comment. He gets scared. When he logs back onto the social network, he sees other people's comments. There are more and more threats.

Jake also reads a private message from Bill. It contains a threat, and Jake becomes even more frightened.

Jake wonders what he can do to reduce the damage; he's terrified.

QUESTIONS

- What solutions would you suggest to Jake?
- Now, in the classroom or using the "Be cyber cool" platform, write a message that you believe might have a positive impact on the conversation. Share your answers with other students at the school.

