

## Scene: The Bus

### The Characters:

Fran (the bus driver) .....Melanie  
Alice (a passenger on the bus) .....Chris  
Bob (a person with a disability) .....Jerry  
Brian (a guy waiting for the bus) .....John  
Alex (Brian's best friend) .....Ryan  
Julie (a woman with a disability) .....Tara  
Marlene (a handi-bus worker) .....Tia

### The Setting:

Fran and Alice are on the bus. Brian and Alex are waiting at the bus stop, being loud and rude. Julie is standing off to the side, waiting for her handi-bus to pick her up. Marlene is sitting at her desk with her back turned.

**Brian:** Hey Alex... Knock knock...

**Alex:** Who's there?

**Brian:** Boo...

**Alex:** Boo who?

**Brian:** (threatening to punch him) I'll give you something to cry about.

**Alex:** (pointing to Julie) Let's make her cry, Brian.

They move toward her, but just then Bob comes running out of his house to the bus stop.

**Bob:** Did I miss the bus?

**Brian:** Can't you tell time?

**Alex:** Yeah, can't you tell time?

**Brian:** The bus comes at 3:15pm, retard.

**Alex:** Retard!

**Brian:** What time is it now?

**Alex:** Tell him the time!

**Bob:** I don't know.

**Brian:** Then why are you out here.

**Bob:** My momma said it was time to catch the bus

**Brian:** His momma told him.

**Alex:** That's so sweet.

**Bob:** Leave me alone.

They move toward him like they are going to beat him up. But just then the bus pulls up.

**Fran:** What's going on here?

**Brian/**

**Alex:** Nothing.

**Fran:** Are you getting on the bus or not?

Brian and Alex get on the bus. As they walk past Alice, they high-five her because they are friends. Bob follows them onto the bus, but as he passes Alice, she sticks her foot out and trips him. So he moves to the back doors of the bus and gets off it.

**Fran:** What was that all about?

**Alice:** He must have forgot his lunch!

**Brian:** Yeah, maybe he forgot to give his momma a goodbye kiss.

Alice, Brian, and Alex all laugh. The bus pulls away. Julie is watching Bob. Bob is mad.

**Bob:** What are you looking at?

**Julie:** Nothing.

**Bob:** Why are you just standing there?

**Julie:** I'm waiting for handi-bus.

**Bob:** Why don't you take the regular bus?

**Julie:** Like you?

**Bob:** I'm an adult. I take the real bus. Not like you, you retard.

**Julie:** You missed it.

**Bob:** (he pushes her as he goes back home). Just leave me alone.

Julie is standing alone waiting for her bus. She checks her watch. Then she goes to the public phone and calls handi-bus.

**Marlene:** Handi-bus.

**Julie:** This is 6234. Where's my bus.

**Marlene:** You're not scheduled for pick-up until 4:30pm.

**Julie:** No, 3:30pm.

**Marlene:** No, 4:30pm.

**Julie:** But I'll be late for work.

**Marlene:** Then you should have booked for 3:30pm.

**Julie:** I did.

**Marlene:** I wish you people could tell time (she hangs up).