**Alyssa and her mom go to the department store to get her new clothes. They walk past the boys’ section. Alyssa sees a bow tie. It has blue and pink stripes, and ties around the neck. Alyssa likes it. No, she loves it!**

**“Is that your dad’s?” Aveed says, pointing to Alyssa’s new bow tie.**

**“Why?” Alyssa asks. “It’s a bow. And it’s pretty.”**

**“But bow ties are for boys!” Aveed says.**

**Now she is really embarrassed. All the new kids will think she’s dumb for wearing a bow tie. She will ask the teacher when she gets to school to help her take it off.**

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