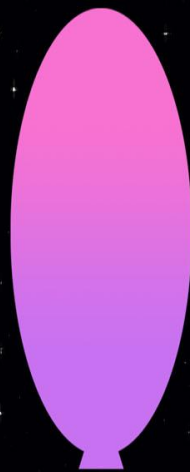


REPULSION

BOY



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Repulsion Boy:

There once was a boy who had a weird power. He had the power to repel anything that came his way as far as he desired. This power was not given but developed through the hardships he faced in life. His powers started to develop during his early years. After many encounters with his elementary school's bullies, he chose to finally defend himself. One day after school, the bullies rushed after him and pushed him to the ground. Repulsion Boy said as he got up and wiped the dirt off his pants, "I will no longer tolerate this." and the bullies said, "Oh yeah, what are you going to do about it?" Suddenly, the ground started to shake, and the wind started to blow hard. Repulsion Boy screamed, "Get away!" and the bully bots were thrown across the floor by some invisible force.

After this incident, although the bully bots stopped bothering him, nobody wanted to get close to Repulsion Boy. He walked through the halls confidently and gave smiles here and there, but nobody would return them. Whenever he tried getting close to someone as if by some invisible force, they were repelled to get away from him. He was kind, honest, loyal, and fun to be around but no one dared to get close and find out themselves. Because of this, Repulsion Boy learned how to be there for himself. As if by some invisible force, he no longer let people get close even though hardly anyone ever tried to. He got used to the distance and learned how to be content with it. Although he has accepted the fact that an invisible force continues to keep people away, he wished that someone would just try to surpass it.

This continued all the way to his junior year of high school. By then, he had learned how to control and suppress his power. From time to time, when his thoughts and emotions finally catch up to him, he loses control over his power and pushes away what is in front of him. This all

changed when he noticed the girl with the pink balloon. He had never seen her before, so he approached her hoping she had never seen him either. He said, “Hi” and got no answer. He continued, “My name is Ryan, what’s yours?” and got no answer again. He left confused but intrigued. Every day after school he would search for the girl and try talking to her, but she kept giving him no answers.

After a month of trying, Ryan went up to her for the last time and said, “Look, I know you may not want to get to know me and I understand. So, I wish you the best. I want you to know that if by some invisible force you reconsider, find me and I won’t push you away.” As he left, the girl with the pink balloon turned and said, “Don’t leave.” Little did Ryan know, the girl with the pink balloon, was just like him. Something occurred in her past and just like Ryan, an invisible force surrounds her that repels others from getting close.

By surprise, the girl with the pink balloon chased after Ryan. Ryan turned around and saw her and stood still with fear and excitement. The girl with the pink balloon said, “My name is Lilly. It’s nice to meet you.” and gave off a smile that was able to take down Ryan’s invisible force that stopped him and others from getting close. Lilly and Ryan walked and told each other their stories. There were tears shed, laughter shared, and many smiles that stretched cheek to cheek. Lilly stopped and said to Ryan, “Why do you keep staring at me and stop smiling you dork.” and Ryan gave her no answer. He just stood there smiling, looking at Lilly looking back at him. Step by step the gap between them got closer and so did the two. Lilly let go of her balloon because she now has someone to hold on to and Ryan felt an invisible force within his chest pulsing and drawing him in.