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NARRATOR

Jamal and Scott are 4th grade students in Lowell, Massachusetts. They play soccer together, but they are not close friends. This scene takes place on an autumn day at recess, on a basketball court behind their school. There are only a few students around, and the closest teacher is far away.

EXT. BASKETBALL COURT IN BACK OF SCHOOL - DAY

JAMAL (11) is skating on a faded black skateboard, around the quiet asphalt court and benches. He does a few jumps, misses some, but makes most of them. He's a good skater.

SCOTT (11) walks over to him, tense.

SCOTT

Hey!

Jamal ignores him while flipping his board, finally turns and sees Scott standing before him.

JAMAL

Hey.

SCOTT

Where'd you get that board?

JAMAL

My brother gave it to me.

SCOTT

That's my board.

JAMAL

No, it's mine. It used to be my brother's board.

SCOTT

I had a board just like that, it got stolen from my apartment building, like, a month ago.

Jamal continues to skate casually as Scott gets more heated.

JAMAL

That stinks.

SCOTT

So, give it back.

JAMAL
This isn't your board.

SCOTT
I said give it back.

JAMAL
No.

Scott lunges at Jamal. Jamal easily skates out of the way, frustrating Scott further.

SCOTT
Come on, give me the board!

JAMAL
No, I'm not giving you anything!
You're crazy. Get away or I will
end you, you understand?

Scott's eyes are starting to get teary.

SCOTT
You have brothers with jobs, you
can get a board whenever you need
one. I don't have that. My family
can't just buy me another board.

Jamal looks down as he skates, more slowly.

SCOTT (CONT'D)
Please!

Jamal stops skating, steps off his board. He looks at Scott.

JAMAL
You can use it for recess. Just
give it back when you're done.

SCOTT
Okay.

Jamal slides the board over to Scott, who tentatively starts skating.

Jamal watches for a little, then heads over to play four-square with some other 4th graders.

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Jamal let Scott use his board for
the rest of the day, and Scott gave
it back. The next day Jamal loaned
Scott his board at recess again.
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Scott brought a basketball for them to play with on the following day. Pretty soon, Scott got a used board from his cousin, and he and Jamal started skating together outside of school.