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Jason and Jessica are sitting on playground swings. Jessica has taken her puppet off. Jason has not.

JESSICA. You don't take that thing off much do you.

JASON. I do. I do all the time. I spend long periods of time with it off. Like in the bath. Or when swimming. Or ...

JESSICA. Only when dealing with water.

JASON. What?

JESSICA. What, is he some kinda hydrophobe?

JASON. Who Tyrone?

JESSICA. Is that his name.

JASON. Ummm. Yeah.

JESSICA. And he's afraid of water.

JASON. I know what hydrophobe means.

JESSICA. I didn't think you didn't.

JASON. He just takes a really long time to dry. You take him into the pool once and there goes your Saturday night, alone in the bathroom with the hair dryer. *(She giggles again. He gets red again.)*

JESSICA. Aww you're embarrassed.

JASON. I'm not embarrassed.

JESSICA. You don't have to be embarrassed.

JASON. Good I'm not.

JESSICA. I think it's sweet how much you love your puppet.

JASON. I don't love my puppet.

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JESSICA. Well how much you like your puppet.

JASON. I don't like my puppet.

JESSICA. How much you need your puppet. (*He gets up to go.*) Hey. Hey, don't leave.

JASON. Stop making fun of me.

JESSICA. I'm not.

JASON. I'm ...

JESSICA. Really I'm not. I saw *The Lion King*. I think it's cool.

TYRONE. He thinks you're hot.

JASON. That is enough. (*Puts his hand over the puppet's mouth.*)

JESSICA. You think I'm hot.

JASON. No ... (*She looks a little hurt.*) Yes. (*She looks a little embarrassed.*) I don't know. (*The puppet bites Jason's finger. Jason puts his finger in his mouth.*) Ouch.

TYRONE. So hot. So hot he can't keep from touching himself.

JESSICA. Jason.

TYRONE. Touching himself in the dark.

JESSICA. Jason stop.

JASON. Tyrone.

TYRONE. The things he thinks about you.

JESSICA. Jason this isn't funny.

JASON. I know.

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TYRONE. Thinks about doing to you.

JASON. Tyrone.

TYRONE. What.

JASON. Stop.

TYRONE. You can't stop it.

JASON. Yes I can. *(He grabs the puppet by the neck in a violent motion and pulls it clear off. He throws it to the ground. There is of course a pause.)*
Jessica. I ...

JESSICA. I'm gonna see if my dad's here.

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