

# ***FEARS AND PHOBIAS***

## **CHARACTERS**

**LUIS (MALE):** 16–18 year old overly paranoid boy who tends to overact about everything. Claims to have many, many phobias

**RUBY (FEMALE):** 16-18 year old small teenage girl who loves to read and is happy to help wherever she is needed.

## **SETTING**

There is a row of lockers against the back wall, it is a middle-school hall.

*(LUIS walks in from stage left wearing a heavy backpack with his arms full of school books mumbling to himself in a worried way and RUBY walks in from stage right also wearing a heavy backpack holding a book very close to her face. They finally reach the middle of the stage and neither paying attention bump into each other and fall.)*

### **LUIS**

Oh! I'm so sorry! I didn't see you there. I was a little distracted by my scolionophobia, fear of school. *(Looks at the ground embarrassingly)* I have a fear of almost everything.

*(LUIS and RUBY both stand up helping each other pick the dropped stuff up.)*

### **RUBY**

It's alright. I didn't see you either. *(Picks up the book she was reading earlier)* I just got a new book from the library. This one is by my favorite author A. G. Howard. I spend most of my time either in the library or with my books elsewhere.

### **LUIS**

*(Jumps back)* Aah! Not libraries! I have bibliophobia, fear of books!