



Jack, seeing how much Paul had hurt John by spreading the rumor, told him he should apologize.

He said, "Hey man, John doesn't seem so good. You two used to be the best friends. You need to fix this."

Paul, ashamed, could only reply, "Yeah."

Later on, Paul apologized. "John, I'm really sorry. I spread the rumor, and then I lied to you when you asked me about it. I feel terrible."

John accepted, saying, "Thanks man. That means a lot. And yeah, we're cool again."

The next day, after practice, they walked home together, best friends once more.



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**RUMORS  
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As basketball practice ended one day, two best friends, John and Paul, congratulated each other on another job well done. Paul high fived John saying, "I gotta work harder. You got really good this summer."

John replied, "Yeah, but I'm not going to take your starting spot."

Paul looked back at him and said anxiously, "I'm not so sure about that."



Paul, worried that John *would* take his spot in the lineup, decided to spread a rumor about him to mess with him a little.

He said to a few other friends, "John has weird hair and his feet really smell."

John, who was walking passed, had heard it all.



After practice the next day, John confronted Paul about spreading the rumor. Paul denied saying anything, telling him only that he didn't know what he was talking about.

Later on in the halls, Paul was laughing with a group of friends.

He snickered to them, "And then he comes up to me and he's all like..."

"Dude, stop spreading rumors about me."

All I said was that I didn't spread rumor.

And the guy believed me!  
What a loser."  
Once again, John heard everything.

