Pick four students to perform aloud pages 22–23 from the book. Prior to a public performance, have students look through the pages and identify their character. Students can then use the scripts provided on this CD-ROM to practice their parts. Suggested props: lab coat and sunglasses for Max Axiom (Summer and Spring), winter coat and hat for Max (Winter).

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