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1. Character's Qualities: What kind of person is Caroline?

Caroline is sensitive and feels hurt by Kevin's mean comment.

2. Character's Motives: Why did Caroline decide not to share her granola bar with Kevin?

Caroline doesn't share the granola bar because she wants to get back at Kevin.

3. Theme: What lesson does the story teach about anger and kindness?

Holding onto anger can stop us from doing kind things for others.