

Scenes for Middle School

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Two and three character scenes

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FALL OUT

SAM sits on a school bench. JAY enters.

JAY
You okay?

SAM
I'm fine.

JAY
You sure?

SAM
Why do you care?

JAY
You just ran out. I thought maybe...

SAM
You could have said something.

JAY
Like what?

SAM
Like what? Like anything! You could have told them to shut up. You could have told them --

JAY
Oh come on. They were just joking.

SAM
About me.

JAY
It was funny.

SAM
To them. To you.

JAY
Yeah. So?

SAM
Leave me alone.

JAY
Look, I'm sorry.

SAM
Yeah. Sure.

SAM leaves.

THERE WILL BE

*TOM and JEFF enter, TOM keeping JEFF steady.
JEFF is holding an injured hand.*

JEFF
I don't feel so good.

TOM
We're almost at the nurse.

JEFF
No, seriously, I think I'm gonna faint.

TOM
It's just a little cut. Stop whining!

JEFF
A little cut? You stabbed me!

TOM
I bumped into you. There's a difference.

JEFF
You bumped into me, holding a scissors. You're trying to kill me.

TOM
It was an accident! I said I'm sorry. You're acting like you're dying!

JEFF
And you're acting like you don't care!

TOM
Well maybe I don't!!!

JEFF
Oh, yeah?

TOM
Yeah!

*Both glare at each other, about to fight.
JEFF then gets very dizzy. TOM catches him.*

TOM (CONT'D)
Hang on. The nurse's office is around the corner.

JEFF
I don't do well with blood.

TOM
Yeah, I noticed.

A FEW FEET

JAY is not wearing shoes. PETE looks on, laughing.

JAY

Give me your shoe.

PETE

Not a chance!

JAY

I just need something to throw!

PETE

Something else, you mean...

JAY

You could help!

PETE

No. You threw the frisbee in the tree. Then you lost a shoe trying to knock it loose. Then you lost *another* shoe trying to knock the first one loose. This is your problem.

JAY

The frisbee wouldn't be stuck if you'd have caught it!

PETE

Caught it? It was five feet above my head!

JAY

Well, maybe if you weren't so short.

PETE

I'm an inch taller than you.

JAY

For now.

PETE

Yeah, well, now seems to be the issue. In three years, when I'm six-ten, I'll be able to catch your ridiculously high frisbee throws. But for now...

JAY

Just give me your shoe.

PETE

Not a chance.

JAY

Give me your phone?

PETE gives JAY a look, then walks away.

STICKS

JEANNIE
You shouldn't have said that.

ANN
Who cares?

JEANNIE
I think she's crying.

ANN
I only told her what everyone else thinks of her.

JEANNIE
You shouldn't have said it.

ANN
You've said it.

JEANNIE
Not to her.

ANN
So that makes me worse? Because I said it to her face?

JEANNIE
She's really upset.

ANN
Oh, please. Tell her to grow up. People have said worse things to you. And to me.

JEANNIE
Yeah, and the first time that happened, you cried for like three hours.

ANN
And now I don't. So maybe I'm stronger. Or... used to it.

JEANNIE
And that's a good thing?

ANN
It's better than before.

JEANNIE
Not for her. For you, maybe.

ANN
Yeah, for me. Why should I care about her?

JEANNIE
Maybe that's the whole problem.

AVERSION

NINA is sitting on a bench. KENDRA approaches.

KENDRA

You go home sick before almost every test.

NINA

What? I have a fever.

KENDRA

Uh-huh. And we have a math test this afternoon.

NINA

I'm also dizzy.

KENDRA

Maybe your allergic to math.

NINA

Maybe.

KENDRA

Yeah. But how would that explain last week's history test?

NINA

I had food poisoning!

KENDRA

I thought it was a migraine. I guess I'm wrong. Unless you're re-writing history.

NINA

It was food poisoning. My last migraine was two weeks ago.

KENDRA

Oh. When's your next one? Our science project *is* due on Friday.

NINA

You know, what if all this is just a symptom of something bigger? What if I'm really really sick, and I could be dying? If that's true, you'll feel awful for saying all this.

KENDRA

Maybe. Of course, if it's all a lie, you probably feel awful right now. I mean, if I were doing this, it would make me sick.

NINA

Then leave me alone, in case I'm contagious.

KENDRA

Fine.

ADVICE

LYNN

You know, I almost bought that outfit, but I decided it made me look short.

TRISH

Well. I almost bought those shoes, but decided they made my feet look big.

LYNN

Really? I almost got that haircut, but realized it would give me a five-head.

TRISH

A five-head?

LYNN

Yeah!

(Putting her four fingers and thumb on her forehead.)

A five-head. As opposed to -

(Taking her thumb away, so now only four fingers are between her eyes and hair.)

- a four-head.

TRISH

Those earrings make you look like an elephant!

LYNN

Your sweater looks like you killed a raccoon.

TRISH

Witch!

LYNN

Barbarian!

TRISH

Succubus!!

LYNN

Succubus?

TRISH

It's a female demon that attacks men when they're sleeping.

LYNN

Oh. Well. You learn something new every day, don't you?

TRISH

Are we still shopping Saturday?

LYNN

Of course!

TESTED

ROSE approaches SOPHIA, holding out a piece of paper.

ROSE
Here. You dropped this.

SOPHIA
Thanks.

ROSE
Why'd you lie?

SOPHIA
What?

ROSE
About your grade. You said you got an eight-three. That's a ninety-six. Why'd you lie?

SOPHIA
I... I didn't want you to feel bad.

ROSE
Because I'm so stupid.

SOPHIA
No! I don't think you're stupid.

ROSE
Even though you get better grades. And then lie about them.

SOPHIA
You got upset last time. You got mad at me.

ROSE
I did not. I got... mad. It had nothing to do with you.

SOPHIA
You saw my grade and stomped off. I didn't want that to happen again.

ROSE
So because you don't want me to be mad, you lie?

SOPHIA
You make me feel bad for being smart. You make me feel like I'm hurting you somehow because I do better in class.

ROSE
I don't need your pity.

SOPHIA
Fine. I guess I don't need your judgement.

IN/OUT

EL
You can sit here

CEE
Uh, Thanks

EL
There's no seats over there

CEE
Over where

EL
At that other table, with all the kids you want to be friends with.

CEE
Those are my friends, there just isn't room. Maybe they didn't see me.

EL
Sure

CEE
What's that supposed to mean.

EL
When we were friends, I always saved a seat for you.

CEE
We are Friends....

EL
Not really, not anymore.

CEE
I'm sorry, I just.....things changed

EL
I know. I'm not mad, or blaming you or anything. I'm just saying, it's okay to sit with me for lunch. I'm not saying I want to be best friends again.

CEE
Oh. (They eat lunch) How's soccer going?

STEPS

TODD sits next to TARA. She frowns at him.

TODD
Your dad's picking me up. We're coming over for dinner.

TARA
Again?

TODD
Yes.
(Silence.)
I'm not happy about it either.

TARA
This is the third time in two weeks.

TODD
I know.
(More silence.)
Are they gonna get married?

TARA
That would be hideous!

TODD
My mom's not hideous!!

TARA
Who cares about your mom! I'd have to live with you???

TODD
It's not exactly my dream either.
(More silence.)
Maybe we can sabotage it.

TARA
Yeah.
(More silence.)
No. They're way too happy together.

TODD
Yeah. I've never seen her so happy. Talk about hideous.

TARA
I know. He's happy too. It's ridiculous. And they think that because they're happy, we should be too.

TODD
Yeah. At least it gives us something to complain about.

TARA
True.

USING YOUR WORDS

ROSE

Dillon!!! Did you hear about the fight in the cafeteria?

DILLON

Uh. Kind of?

ROSE

Tim said it was epic!! Like punching, biting, spitting, kicking. Chairs being thrown! I can't believe I missed it.

DILLON

It wasn't like that.

ROSE

You were there! OH MY GOSH. Tell me! What happened? Who got hit? Was there blood? Did they call an ambulance?

DILLON

No. Riley was making fun of Max. Again. Max got really upset.

ROSE

And Max punched Riley? That's awesome! I mean, terrible. Like, use your words, you know? You shouldn't hit people. Wow, who knew Max was such a jerk. I mean, I figured he was, but --

DILLON

I punched Riley.

ROSE

What?

DILLON

I punched Riley. I told him to stop. He didn't. Max looked like he was gonna cry. And... I don't know.

ROSE

(After a long, shocked pause.)

Whoa. Are you in trouble? Are you suspended? Did the --

DILLON

The principal is talking to my parents. Right now.

ROSE

Oh, wow. I mean, you shouldn't have done that. I mean, I understand and all. But, like hitting people. But Riley probably deserved it, probably. I mean--

DILLON

Rose, would you just leave me alone? Please?

ROSE

Oh. Okay. Yeah. Sure.

DILLON

And don't... Don't talk about this. Like, don't go telling everyone.

ROSE

What? Of course not! You know me. Lips sealed!

HUNGER

Can I have a fry? JESS

No. ASH

One fry! JESS

I said no! ASH

Why can't I have one lousy fry? You gonna go hungry? JESS

You do this every day. ASH

No, I don't. JESS

Yes you do! Every day!
(mocking)
"Can I have a fry? Just one?" ASH

So give me a fry and I'll stop bothering you. JESS

Get your own fries. ASH

I don't have money. JESS

Cuz you spent it at the bake sale. ASH

I was hungry. JESS

So suffer. And learn how to save money. ASH

Oh, gross!
(jumping) JESS

What? ASH

Was that a roach? JESS

ASH

WHAT?

JESS

A cockroach? On your tray?

ASH

Where? Where'd it go?

(getting up)

I hate bugs. I seriously hate them!

JESS

Calm down. I'll throw this out for you if you want.

ASH

Really?

JESS

Sure!

*JESS picks up the tray and starts to exit,
eating the fries.*

ASH

Hey!!!

NICK OF TIME

SHERIDAN

Oh no! We're late for class.

PARK

Ms. Blake's gonna kill us. Hurry!

SHERIDAN

Wait! Hold on a minute!!

PARK

I'm not waiting!

SHERIDAN

Let's say you fell and cut yourself.

PARK

I don't have a cut.

SHERIDAN

Well, come here!

PARK

What? No!

SHERIDAN

Don't be such a baby.

PARK

You're making us even later!

SHERIDAN

Work with me here!

PARK

By letting you hurt me? You're nuts!

SHERIDAN

You're weak.

PARK

Not offering a blood sacrifice makes me weak? I can live with that.

SHERIDAN

Not if I catch you!

PARK

(Running off stage to class)

Ms. Blake!!

THE BOOK

(Ames is in the school library talking to the librarian, Bri, his/her friend comes up)

AMES

Yes ma'am , I know the book is due today. No ma'am . I don't have it.

BRI

You are going to get in trouble!

AMES

Be quiet. She'll hear you!

BRI

You better tell her something good.

AMES

What do you mean?

BRI

I mean you better have a really good story or you are going to get in big trouble.

AMES

You mean I should make something up? Lie?

BRI

It isn't really lying. I mean it doesn't count like a real lie. You are just saying something to get out of trouble.

AMES

How is that not a lie?

BRI

Because it doesn't really matter. I mean, who is going to get hurt?

AMES

Here she comes. Do you really think I should make something up?

BRI

I would...

AMES

(Listening to librarian) Yes ma'am. I came to tell you that I don't have my book because... I loaned it to Bri, so I brought him/her with me to explain where it is.

BRI

What???...

AMES

Go ahead Bri, explain what you did with the book.

BRI

Uh....I....I don't have the book.

AMES

(Listening to the librarian) Yes, I agree, it was very irresponsible of him/her. I will definitely think twice before I loan a book to him/her again. I am sorry. Thank you.

BRI

But...

AMES

Thanks Bri. You were right! That was so much better than getting in trouble.

BRI

(listening to the librarian) What? But I didn't do anything! That is so not fair! I didn't lose the book. I am not lying . Yes ma'am. I'll be here after school for detention.

GROUP PROJECT

RICKY

You give the oral presentation and I will make the PowerPoint.

JJ

The PowerPoint is practically made after I wrote most of the paper and found all the images.

RICKY

We wrote the paper together.

JJ

Yeah, if you call coming over to my house and eating pizza while I work doing it together.

RICKY

You should give the oral presentation because you are better at it than me and we will get a better grade if you give it.

JJ

I am tired of doing all the work for this group project. You need to do something.

RICKY

How can I do anything. Every time I try you tell me I am doing it wrong, then you redo everything I did.

JJ

Well if you did it right In the first place then I wouldn't have to redo it.

RICKY

Who says I did it wrong? oh yeah...you did...the know it all. The one who always gets everything right. Must be hard to be so perfect!

JJ

Well I do get better grades than you. I think I know more about how to do this.

RICKY

You think you know more about everything, but you don't. Maybe if you stopped for two seconds and listened to what I have to say then you would see that I know some things too.

JJ

Yeah, cuz two seconds is all it would take for you to tell me everything you know.

RICKY

That was mean

JJ

One...two...are you done?

RICKY

Stop it

JJ

One...two....oh brilliant! So wise!

RICKY

Cut it out

JJ

One...two...sounds like you are ready to graduate from college!

RICKY

Fine...I'll give the oral presentation and you do the PowerPoint.

JJ

No way. I'm doing the oral presentation. You will mess it up. Well go over to my house this afternrnoon and work on it.

RICKY

Okay....can we order pizza.?

LEFT BEHIND

CHRIS, COLE and MAX stand in the cafeteria, alone.

CHRIS

This is so disgusting

MAX

I hate lunchroom clean-up.

CHRIS

Just disgusting.

MAX

Who does that? Who leaves a half-eaten sandwich behind? How do you forget half a sandwich?

CHRIS

Seriously, I may throw-up.

MAX

Did you get distracted as you were eating? Did someone kidnap you mid bite?

CHRIS

It's really the smell that gets to me. That trash smell. Makes me wish I'd never eaten lunch.

MAX

How do you just put down half a sandwich and walk away??

COLE

You know, if you two got to work instead of complaining, we'd be half done by now.

CHRIS

I can't work. Seriously, I may get sick.

COLE

Then you can clean that up too.

CHRIS

Gross!

COLE

Help!

MAX

I just can't believe how disgusting it is in here. I mean, doesn't anyone throw anything out? Ever?

COLE

You left your tray behind last week.

MAX

Yeah, but that's 'cause I forgot it.

COLE
So how's that different?

MAX
It was a mistake.

COLE
And how is that different from the sandwich.

MAX
It's different 'cause... it's different. It's just different.

CHRIS
It's different because he wasn't cleaning up last week.

MAX
Yeah! Wait.

COLE
So imagine the poor kids who had to clean up your mess last week. They were feeling the same way we're feeling now.

CHRIS
The poor kids? It was Colleen, Jeff and Reggie.

COLE
Oh.

MAX
Oh! Is that why Colleen's mad at me?

CHRIS
Maybe.

COLE
Can we just finish this? Please?

CHRIS
I'll do my best. But if I run out suddenly, you know why.