

47th Annual Labrador Creative Arts Festival (LCAF)



“Double Standard”

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Alex and Hunter are known to their peers as 2 inseparable best friends and introverts, working hand-in-hand to survive their final year of highschool. However, they learn that their biggest obstacle is yet to come, and it is not in the form of their local school bully, Chadwick, but is instead the scariest thing known to man...A skirt. The boys discover that their biggest strength is their friendship, and as long as they stick by one another, they can break whatever boundaries life throws their way.

Required Props:

Cafeteria Scene:

- 2 lunch tables
- 4 chairs
- Table for Cafeteria worker to serve food
- Fake food (milk cartons, bowl for yogurt, food tray)

Lost & Found Scene:

- “Lost & Found” sign
- Boxes
- Ugly shirt
- Skirt
- Misc. Items

Classroom Scene:

- 4 small desks OR 2 long tables
- 5 chairs
- Teachers desk (could be used as principal’s desk in later scene)

Principal's Office:

- Principal’s desk
- 3 Chairs
- Microphone for PA system

Sound Effects:

- School bell

Transition Song:

- *Drama* by AJR (clean version)

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ACT I

(School Bell sound effect alarms, indicating class is over)

(Scene opens up to Alex and Hunter walking entering, heading to Recess.)

Hunter: Man, why does math always feel so long?

Alex: Yeah, I know. Think I'd like it better if they taught it properly.

Hunter: I wonder what's for recess I'm actually starving.

Alex: Same, I hope it's edible this time. That pizza last week was depressing.

(Hunter laughs, Hunter is not watching where he is going and walks into Chadwick. Chadwick turns around and huffs)

Chadwick: Well, look who it is; Alex and Hunter. Heading to recess weirdos?

Alex: Again Chadwick? You must have a crush on me or something since you just *loveeeee* chasing me around.

Chadwick: What? I don't swing that way, nutcase. stop comparing me to you and your boyfriend.

Hunter: Hah at least he has options!

Alex (loud whisper): Dude, we aren't together!

Hunter: We're not?

(Alex shakes his head and sighs dramatically)

Chadwick: I wonder what I should do to you during this recess? Down for another pantsing?

Alex: Really Chadwick, one pantsing today wasn't enough? You must really like looking at my minecraft boxers.

Hunter: I mean can you blame him?

(Alex turns to face Hunter)

Alex: Hunter, you're not helping my case.

Chadwick: Sorry, but I play better games. Minecraft is for the weirdos, haven't you seen the Dream fans? You two look like Dream fans.

(Alex and Hunter face each other, nodding in agreeance with what Chadwick just said, shrugging their shoulders)

(Chadwick hits Hunter in the shoulder)

Hunter: Ow! Buzz off man, recess is about to start!

(Hunter and Alex push past Chadwick and head towards the cafeteria.)

Chadwick: See you losers!

(In the cafeteria, Mr.Klock is handing out yogurt bowls and milk boxes.)

Alex: Ay let's go! something that's actually edible.

Hunter: Let's go get some before Chadwick comes to steal it all.

(Alex, Hunter walk up to Mr.Klock, get yogurt and milk handed to them.)

Mr.Klock: I immediately thought of you two when I prepared Recess today. Enjoy boys!

The boys: We will!

Mr.Klock (whisper): don't tell the others but I snuck a little extra berries for you two.

Alex: See, this is why you're my favorite person in this school.

(The two boys walk towards a lunch table, is stopped by Chadwick)

Chadwick: Hey bozos!

(Chadwick walks up to Alex and smacks his recess onto his pants and cackles.)

Chadwick: Hah! Another L for the school bozos! Have fun licking that off your pants, Alex!

Alex (angry): BROOO. WHAT THE ACTUAL-

Hunter: Ay, watch your language, this is a drama play.

Alex: Chadwick, you germ, why would you do that? I was excited to eat that!

Hunter: Bro milk isn't that bad, but yogurt???? That'll stain his pants, gross.

Chadwick: Awww, look everyone! poor Alex made a mess of himself.

Alex (upset): Ew milk smells so gross, yuckkkk.

(Alex pats at his pants, but they are full of yogurt and milk. The two kids at the table laugh and poke fun)

Rando 1 (K): Haha that is disgusting!

Rando 2 (E): Looks like he wet himself! What a baby!

Rando 1 (K): Imagine wetting yourself at 17! What an idiot!

Hunter: Ah that's not coming out anytime soon. C'mon let's go to the lost and found, they should have pants or something.

Alex: yeah.... C'mon let's go. Screw you Chadwick, who names a kid Chadwick? (giggles).

Chadwick (shocked): Parents who love their child call them such a superior name.

Alex: Mhm? I think love is a *strong* word.

**(Alex scoffs, Alex and Hunter walk off stage. Lights go down for scene transition)
(DRAMA by AJR plays during scene transition)**

ACT II

(Scene opens into a room with a few boxes on the floor. Alex begins to root through them and take out an ugly shirt)

Alex: Gosh who loses a shirt? And an ugly one at that.

Hunter: My mom would probably wear that.

Alex: Your mom would wear a trash bag, no hate though.

Hunter: Not cool bro! Just wait til' I tell her, no more leftover meatloaf for you.

Alex: NO PLEASE DON'T! HER MEATLOAF IS GOOD.

Hunter: Then stop slandering my mom.

(Hunter shoves his hand into a box, and yanks out a skirt)

Hunter: Bro imagine this is all they have for bottoms. You'd look soooooo fancy, heh.

Alex: Don't jinx it, I'm already the laughing stock of the school. Wearing THAT would actually be asking for it.

Hunter: I don't know man, I'm not seeing any pants.

Alex: Hunter, I will respectfully punch you in the face. Shush.

(They keep rooting and it isn't looking good for pants)

Alex (Dramatically): Hunter, I can't believe you've done this! There's no pants :((

Hunter: There aren't any pants? Not even short shorts? No way right? Are you sure you checked?

Alex: Yes! Bro you think I *want* to wear a skirt? Chadwick's definitely going to think im gay now.

Hunter: would he be wrong though????

Alex: YES! You of all people should know that, Hunter. Now c'mon stop joking around, I don't want to be in these pants any longer than I have to.

(Hunter scratches his head)

Hunter: C'monnn mannn, wear the skirt and look better than half the girls here.

Alex: But what about Chadwick..!? I don't wanna get laughed at!

Hunter: They'd laugh harder seeing your pants covered in yogurt stains.

(Hunter tosses the skirt to Alex)

Hunter: It's either you suck it up and wear the skirt, or walk around in your drawers?

(Alex sighs and stays silent for a second.)

Alex: Skirt.

(Lights go down for a second, long enough for Alex to put on the skirt. Lights come back up with Alex wearing the skirt)

Hunter: See my guy! Look at those legs! You look great.

Alex: Not going to lie, it's kind of comfy. Breezy, but comfy. Hopefully I can avoid Chadwick until 3.

Hunter: Knowing our luck, he'll be close by.

Alex: Bro, stop saying stuff like that, let a man hope.

Hunter: C'mon, recess is almost over and we know how Veronica gets when people are late to class.

(the 2 boys begin saying their last 2 lines while walking across stage to exit)

Alex: I'm going to bet \$20 that within the first 10 minutes of class she'll send me to the office.

Hunter: Oh you are so on!

(Lights go down, DRAMA by AJR plays during scene transition)

ACT III

(School bell sound effect alarms, indicating class has begun)

(Alex and Hunter take their seats silently in class, 2 random students sit behind them and snicker. Veronica enters soon after, visibly irritated)

2 random Girls: Good afternoon Mrs. Huckleberry! :))

Veronica: Good afternoon girls-

(Veronica stops mid sentence as she takes notice to Alex's skirt, she then walks to the side of Alex's desk to get a better look)

Veronica (visibly disgusted): what in the world?!

(Veronica pauses to collect herself and sighs)

Veronica: Alright class, I understand we are supposed to be respectful of gender expression at this school, but Alex the way that you are dressed is ridiculous.

Alex (under breath to Hunter): told you :)

Hunter (happily): I think he looks nice, hehe.

Veronica: You cannot wear a skirt in my class. The girls will be distracted. Also, that skirt is resting above your knees; it's against dress code. Please change or you will need to leave school for the remainder of the day.

(Veronica points at the students in the back of the class)

Veronica: Girls, are his legs distracting you?

(They laugh to each other and nod)

Both randos (K+E): yes, how are we supposed to focus?

Rando 1 (K): So inappropriate!

Rando 2 (E): Yeah, imagine being allowed outside of your house with a skirt that short on, ha. Let alone a guy!

(Alex sighs and shakes his head)

Alex: Veronica, hear me out, please. Chadwick wasted my recess on me, and my parents aren't home. I couldn't get a change and this is all I could find. We're going home in 2 hours, could you last that long?

Veronica: Don't use my first name, that's disrespectful! I don't see what you're getting all worked up over, If you don't calm down you're going straight to the principal's office.

Alex: I am calm! Like I said, my parents aren't home, how am I supposed to get pants?

Hunter: Yeah, we couldn't find any pants for him! We tried.

Veronica: Hunter, I would appreciate it if you would keep your nose where it belongs.

Hunter: But he's my best friend! We have to stick up for each other right?

Veronica: Do you want a call home too, Hunter? I'm not afraid to make two calls home tonight.

Hunter: Nevermind, you're on your own Alex. I can't lose my Xbox for the fifth time this year.

Alex (under breath) Yeah I understand, it's ok.

(Rando 2 E raises her hand)

Rando 2 (E): Miss Huckleberry, Alex called Chadwick a bad name during recess. I think he should go to the principal. Bullying should not be tolerated. :D

Rando 1 (K): Yeah, and Chadwick really gets picked on for his name.. I feel so bad for him :3

(Alex shoots up from his desk, upset)

Alex: BUT HE BULLIED ME!

Rando (K): Bullied you?? I would say he was picking up for himself, you were there wasn't he picking up for himself?

Rando (E): Yeah, he gets bullied soooooo badly. I didn't take you for the bully type, Alex. You should be ashamed of yourself.

Hunter: Bro, you 2 in the back, respectfully shut your mouths.

Veronica: That's it! Out of my classroom, now! You too Hunter! And I'm calling your parents tonight.

Hunter (Whining): Noooooo my xbox ;-;

Alex: This is actually insane, Ver-

(Veronica gives him the death stare, and Alex stops his sentence.)

Hunter: Let's go before she rips us a new one.

(2 boys hurry from their seats to exit the stage)

Alex: And just when I thought today was bad enough now I have to deal with Principal Karen? I'm actually dead, my guy.

(Hunter and Alex exit stage, Veronica speaks to the girls in the back)

Veronica: kids these days, so disrespectful to their elders. I'm glad you two aren't like that, girls.

(Scene ends, DRAMA by AJR plays during transition)

ACT IV

(Alex and Hunter enters principal's office, Principal Karen is sitting at her desk)

Karen (shocked): Good afternoon Alex-... I can assume what brings you here.

Alex (annoyed): heh, tell me about it.

Karen: That isn't up to dress code, Alex. Could you please remove it and get something...longer?

Hunter: You don't think he tried? This was all we could find in the lost and found.

Karen: What about your parents? We know you have those.

Alex: That's the problem, they're busy at work. I tried explaining it to Veron-I mean Mrs. Huckleberry, but she wouldn't listen to me.

Karen: Please refer to your teachers respectfully Alex. It's rude. Now, if you can't change, you'll have to go home. The girls in your class can't wear skirts that short so what makes you think you can? Wouldn't you be distracted if they wore inappropriate clothes?

Alex: No, because I don't sexualize my classmates. It's literally fabric, miss. It isn't hurting anyone.

Hunter: And it isn't *his* fault; Chadwick has been making him a laughing stock all week. And what have you done to fix that?

Karen: I've spoken to Chadwick and his parents, I have it sorted out.

Alex: You think you do but you don't! Chadwick is relentless!

Karen: Alex, please lower your tone. I will have to send you home about that skirt, so pack up. And you Hunter, clean the whiteboards afterschool.

Hunter: WHAT!! I didn't do a thing, I stuck up for Alex! I thought schools didn't tolerate bullying??

Karen: Hunter unless you would like a call home as well I would recommend keeping quiet.

Alex: Just give me a second, I'll call my mom real quick.

(Lights lower for a second, and come back up with Hunter and Alex in the corner, Mother sitting in front of KAREN)

Mother: So, my child just called me saying something about a bully?

Karen: It appears there's been a misunderstanding ma'am. Your son was called to my office for violating dress code and must be sent home or get some proper pants.

Mother: So, you're telling me that I was called out of work about a... skirt?

(Alex's mother looks Alex up and down)

Mother: What's wrong with his skirt?

Karen: It's distracting the other students-

Mother: How? It's clothing, and he's covered. Maybe the other kids should mind their own business and keep their minds out of the gutter? And have you ever once considered *WHY* my son is wearing a skirt in the first place?? Not that I have any problem with it but I know for a fact that that is not what he was wearing when he left the house this morning.

(Mother looks at Alex, indicates for him to join her at the desk)

Mother: Okay tell the principal why you're wearing a skirt.

Alex: Hunter and I went and got our recess and Chadwick threw it on me, I didn't want to call you out of work so I went to the lost and found and this is all I found for bottoms.

Mother: Chadwick. I should've known. I can't even remember how many times I've called you about that brat. Why hasn't this issue been resolved?

Karen: I have contacted the child's parents about the issue, that's as much that I can do.

Mother: That's all you can do??? Oh so my child has to be sent home for wearing a skirt while this child is harassing and assaulting children and he gets off scott free??

Karen: Your sons skirt is inappropriate-

Mother: No! What's inappropriate is how Chadwick is acting towards not only his classmates but to the school's staff as well. I've had enough of this standing by and waiting for you to do something about this issue. Where can I find a phone number to contact the school board?

Karen: You'll have to ask the front desk.

Mother: Ha right as if you, the principal, don't have the school boards number. (sighs) look, if you just punish that Chadwick kid accordingly, I'll let this go. All I ask is that you let Alex stay and finish the rest of his school day. OR, I will be contacting your higher ups about how you pay more about what my son is wearing from the waist down rather than him being harassed under *your* supervision. .

Karen: Alright, it will be done ma'am. I apologize for the inconvenience. Alex, return back to health, I'll tell Miss Huckleberry about the misunderstanding.

(Alex mouths "thank you" to mother before leaving, Hunter dodges out behind him)

Mother: Thank you very much, Miss Karen. Now, if you'll excuse me I will be going back to work. If this Chadwick situation isn't resolved by tomorrow, You will be hearing from me about that phone number..

Karen: Understood, and again my apologies for the misunderstanding..

(Mother leaves, Karen sighs and turns on the P.A. system)

Karen: Chadwick to the principal's office immediately.

(Lights go down, DRAMA by AJR plays as actors enter stage for final bow)

(Play ends)