

MISJUDGED

By: The Nalujuk Players

CHARACTERS

STACEY (Bully): Hayley Flowers

VICTORIA (The Bullied): Keira Gear-Collins

OCEAN: Bianca Winters

MOM: Brianna Rabanal

MUMMY: Kelly Flowers

STACEY's MOM: Bianca Winters

STACEY'S DAD (voice): Kelly Flowers

TEACHER: Kendall Piercy

RANDOM FRIEND 1: Kendall Piercy

RANDOM FRIEND 2: Brianna Rabanal

SCENE 1

On the stage, rehearsal blocks divide the stage into two sides. One side is representative of VICTORIA and the other side is representative of STACEY.

STACEY and friends are sitting at the lunch table. They are having lunch and they are scrolling on their phones. As they scroll, something on social media catches their eye. The three bullies and STACEY are on one side of the blocks while VICTORIA and OCEAN are on the other.

RANDOM FRIEND 1: OMG look! Victoria has two moms?! *(shows phone)* Isn't that weird?

STACEY: That is so weird! Two moms?!

RANDOM FRIEND 2: I can't imagine having two moms. I would be so embarrassed.

STACEY: Yeah! Which one is the dad? I don't get it.

RANDOM FRIEND 1: I dare you to say something to Victoria.

STACEY: Yes! What should I say?

RANDOM FRIEND 2: Tell her that she is only going to end up gay because she has two moms.

RANDOM FRIEND 1: Yeah totally you should say that.

STACEY: Okay I will do that right now. *(types on phone)*

STACEY: Did everyone see that Victoria has two moms? She is going to end up gay because she has two moms. How ridiculous is that?!

RANDOM 2: That is sooo good Stacey.

VICTORIA looks quietly at her phone with a slightly sad expression on her face and zones out of convo. Lights down on STACEY'S SIDE.

SCENE 2

Lights up on VICTORIA'S side. VICTORIA returns home from school. During supper, she is stirring her bowl and not participating in the conversation.

MUMMY: *(Sigh)* Today was a stressful day at work for me. I have so many deadlines and not enough time to get it done.

MOM: *(reaches over and rubs shoulder)* Oh love, tomorrow is a new day, I know you will get through it all.

MUMMY: I know, it was just a hard day. Tomorrow will be better. *(pauses and takes a bite of supper)*. Hey Vic, you seem pretty quiet, how was your day at school?

VICTORIA: *(pushing food around in the bowl)* It was okay, I guess. We had art and I finished the painting I was working on but something happened at lunch.

All sitting quietly around the table waiting for VICTORIA to continue. (Pause for 5 seconds)

MOM: So what happened? You can tell us anything.

VICTORIA: *(big sigh)* This girl made a post about our family. She found out I have two moms and thought it was ridiculous. She keeps giving me weird looks and saying that I am gonna be gay too.

MUMMY: Ugh, some people just need to keep their crazy thoughts to themselves. You know she probably heard that from her parents. People are so quick to judge.

MOM: Don't worry about what other people say! You can be whoever you want to be! We love you no matter what.

VICTORIA: Thanks, Mom. I feel better just getting it off my chest. I'm just going to ignore her and hope she stops.

MOM: We are always here for you! *(hugs VICTORIA)*

Lights dim on VICTORIA's side of the blocks while the family cleans supper and brightens on STACEY's side.

STACEY is cooking supper alone and eating alone. She is sad that she is alone. Lights go down.

SCENE 3

Lights up on the whole stage. Rehearsal blocks are removed for this scene. Back at school, STACEY and her friends are standing around in the hall. VICTORIA enters the scene. They point at VICTORIA whisper and giggle.

STACEY: Look at that *lesbo freak*. I bet that's her girlfriend with her. (*laughs loudly with her friends*)

OCEAN: Excuse me?! What did she just say about us?

VICTORIA: What? I didn't hear anything.

OCEAN: She just called us lesbo freaks. I'm going to say something to her!

VICTORIA: She probably wasn't talking about us. Let's just go.

Bell rings. OCEAN and VICTORIA rush to class while STACEY and friends snicker and follow behind.

SCENE 4

Rehearsal blocks are returned to center stage. Lights up on STACEY'S side. STACEY'S MOM and DAD are arguing.

DAD: I work for our money and all you do is spend it!

STACEY MOM: Excuse me?! At least I'm not an alcoholic, unlike you! I spend money on things our family ACTUALLY needs!

DAD: How are you gonna take care of Stacey without my money?

MOM goes to storm onto stage but DAD says,

DAD: Oh yeah, you're going to go move in with your *girlfriend*, aren't ya?

MOM storms onto stage.

STACEY MOM: Stacey stop crying! Pack your things, we're leaving.

STACEY: (*whispers*) Mom, can I just stay with dad?

STACEY MOM: How dare you even ask that question? You're not staying here with that *drunk*.

STACEY: At least he cares about me! When it's just me and him, he actually has supper with me! When you're here I always have to fend for myself!

STACEY MOM: Watch your mouth, young lady!

STACEY: Make me!

STACEY MOM: Fine! Stay, you're going to be a drunk just like your father! (*Lights up dimly on VICTORIA'S side. MOMS give her a hug and exit offstage.*)

STACEY: At least he's not gay like you!

MOM is flabbergasted and slams the door shut.

STACEY sits and sobs. The sadness turns to anger and STACEY takes out her phone. Lights come fully up on VICTORIA's side. Text sound and then text received.

STACEY: Your moms are freaks! They're going to try and make everyone gay around them starting with YOU and your girlfriend.

AUDIO: Text received sound

VICTORIA: *looks at phone* Why? What did I do to deserve this? Why do you hate me?

AUDIO: Text sent sound, text received sound

STACEY: You homos ruin everything! That's why!

AUDIO: Text sent sound, text received sound

VICTORIA looks at her phone, scoffs, and puts her phone down. Lights down.

SCENE 5

Lights up. Rehearsal blocks are removed for this scene. VICTORIA is sitting in the hallway reading the “Stonewall Riots” book. STACEY enters, notices the book VICTORIA is reading, and throws it out of her hands.

STACEY: What are you reading this trash for?!

VICTORIA: Excuse me, I was reading that!

STACEY: Not anymore, you’re not.

VICTORIA: What’s your problem? Before, you never knew I existed and now you can’t stand my existence! I don’t get it!

STACEY: I think it’s funny. You’re so happy all the time. Nobody is that happy. Must be because your moms spoil you rotten.

VICTORIA: At least my moms *love* me.

STACEY: How dare you imply my family doesn’t love me! At least my family is straight.

Enter TEACHER

TEACHER: Girls, what’s going on here?

STACEY: This freak of nature won’t leave me alone.

VICTORIA: She’s the one who started it! I was sitting here reading when *Stacey* rudely interrupted me.

TEACHER: (*picks up book*) This must be your book.

STACEY: (*scoffs*) Well, that’s obviously not mine.

TEACHER: Alright that’s enough. We’re dealing this right now.

Lights dim as STACEY, VICTORIA, and TEACHER exit the stage.

STACEY, VICTORIA, and TEACHER re-enter.

TEACHER: Ok girls, what's happening? Why is this going on?

VICTORIA: Stacey has been bullying me online non stop just because I have two moms.

TEACHER: When did this start?

VICTORIA: This year! We've lived in this town for so long and no one has bothered me about it until now!

STACEY: It's not my fault! I only recently found out she had two moms and it's *disgusting*! It's not natural. Families should only have ONE mom and ONE dad. There's no way she's as happy as she is! No one is that happy, especially in a gay family.

VICTORIA: There's nothing wrong with having two moms! It's the same as your parents loving each other.

STACEY: Well, my parents don't love each other! Not all of us have the most perfect homes like you.

VICTORIA: Is that why you're so mean to me?

STACEY: (*starts crying*)

TEACHER: Ok, I think we're done here. Stacey, stay here with me. Victoria, you may head back to class.

VICTORIA exits the stage. Lights go down.

SCENE 6

Lights up. Rehearsal blocks are returned for this scene. VICTORIA'S MOMS are sitting at the kitchen table as VICTORIA enters coming home from school. While this is happening, STACEY is home alone and crying at her kitchen table. Near the end of the scene, STACEY musters up the courage to make herself supper.

VICTORIA: Hey, what's up?

MUMMY: Hi Sweetie. How was your day at school?

VICTORIA: It was fine. (*shrugging her shoulders*)

MOM: Honey, we just got a call from the school saying you were in an argument with Stacey. What happened?

VICTORIA: I told you she has been picking on me at school and it just ended up being a huge argument. I'm fine, but her family is not in a good place. I think that's why she's been picking on me.

MUMMY: Maybe you should try to be friends with her since she doesn't have support at home.

MOM: Yeah! Why don't you invite her over for dinner tomorrow?

VICTORIA: I don't know, mom. The whole reason she was bullying me in the first place is because I have two moms.

MUMMY: Maybe she needs to see that we are no different from any other parents.

VICTORIA: I'll think about it and I'll let you know in the morning.

Lights down.

AUDIO: The next morning

VICTORIA: Good Morning. I thought about what you said last night and I think it might be a good idea to invite Stacey over.

MOM: That's awesome! It's a good choice, she probably needs a friend right now.

MUMMY: I'm proud of you, honey. I knew you would choose to be the bigger person.

VICTORIA hugs her MOMS and exits the stage for school.

SCENE 7

Rehearsal blocks remain for this scene. Lights are cool blue on STACEY's side of the stage. STACEY is at her locker at recess time. VICTORIA enters and approaches STACEY.

VICTORIA: Hi Stacey, how's your morning going?

STACEY: Fine. Why do you care?

VICTORIA: I just wanted to check-in. You were really upset yesterday when we talked in the guidance office.

STACEY: Thanks for checking on me. I'm fine. It's just hard when my parents are splitting up. I shouldn't have taken it out on you.

VICTORIA: That's okay, the past is in the past.

Stands awkwardly beside each other. School bell rings for next class.

VICTORIA: Before you go to class, I wanted to invite you over for supper at my house tonight, if you're interested.

STACEY: *(taken aback)* Ahh, sure, I guess.

VICTORIA: Cool! See you later!

VICTORIA and STACEY exit stage. Lights go down. Lights come up to a knock on VICTORIA'S door.

VICTORIA: Hey, come on in! My moms are in the kitchen finishing up supper.

STACEY: Thanks, you have such a nice house.

VICTORIA: Thank you!

MOM enters.

MOM: Welcome, Stacey! Come on in and make yourself comfortable!

STACEY: Thanks.

VICTORIA: Come meet my other mom!

STACEY: Sure.

MUMMY: Hi Stacey, How was your day at school today?

STACEY: It was good, thanks for asking.

MOM: Supper is ready! Let's eat! We made spaghetti, I hope you like it, Stacey!

STACEY: Yeah, sounds delicious!

Everyone sits to the table and begins to eat. They pass around the food and conversations fly. STACEY sits back and takes it all in. Lights go down.

Lights come up and STACEY and VICTORIA are at the door saying goodbyes.

VICTORIA: Thanks for coming over for supper!

STACEY: Supper was great! Your moms are pretty awesome too!

VICTORIA: Yea, I might be biased but they are pretty great.

STACEY: I'm sorry I misjudged your family. It was nice not eating supper alone for once!

VICTORIA: You are welcome here anytime!

STACEY: Thanks. *(leans in and hugs a surprised VICTORIA)*

Lights go down. End music plays.