

A Little Time to Reflect

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Act 1
Scene 1

*The curtains open and lights up on a classroom full of teens, chatting and joking around.
Enter Macy and Ms. Pebble.*

Teen 1

Oh my gosh, who is that?

Teen 2

Did you see the new girl?

Ms. Pebble

Okay, Okay, shh, quiet down. Good morning folks, how are we this morning?

Bailey

Good morning Ms. Pebble.

Ms. Pebble

Thank you Bailey. Before we get started today, we have a new student here with us who will be joining our class. I expect you all to show Macy a warm welcome. Macy, I would like you to introduce yourself to the class.

The spotlight comes down on Macy as Ms. Pebble walks to her desk.

Macy

(Breaking the fourth wall) So, here's where our story begins. It was the winter of 2021, I was a new student in grade 9 at a new school, and I was shaking in my boots. I had never changed schools before and that made me nervous enough, but there were two more things you need to know about John Dalton Memorial School if you want to get the full picture: 1, it was huge. And 2, my mortal enemy, also known as my ex-best friend Sandra Blake, was a student at this school too.

(To the class, awkwardly) Hello. My name is Macy. Uh, I was at Jelly Blossom Intermediate before I came here. I guess that's it. (Macy looks at Ms. Pebble)

Ms. Pebble

Thank you Macy. Bailey, could you raise your hand please? Okay Macy, go ahead and take a seat over there next to Bailey.

Macy sits at the table next to Bailey.

Ms. Pebble

Okay class, open your textbooks up to page 42...

Bailey

Hey, I'm Bailey.

Macy

Hi, I'm Macy.

Bailey

(Laughing) I know, you just introduced yourself.

Macy

Oh yeah I forgot. I'm just nervous, first day, that sort of thing.

Bailey

Don't be nervous. Do you have somebody to eat lunch with today?

Macy

No.

Bailey

Eat lunch with me! I'll wait for you in the lunchroom.

Macy

That would be great! Thank you so much, you don't have to do that.

Bailey

It doesn't hurt to be nice. Being a new student must suck enough already.

Macy

Trust me, it does. But at least I have someone to sit with at lunch.

The school bell rings, and students begin to leave. Macy walks to the front of the stage to speak to the audience.

Macy

I know what you're thinking: "Hey, that wasn't so bad! She's been at school for like an hour and she's already made a friend". If that's you right now, I have two words for you: buckle up. Because this is where our story really begins.

Scene 2

Bailey enters the cafeteria (stage left) with Macy following behind. They take a seat together.

Bailey

So, what do you like to do after school? Are you thinking about joining any sports teams? I'm on the volleyball team.

Macy

No, I don't play sports. I do play the guitar though.

Bailey

Oh cool, what songs do you like to play?

Macy

I really like this band right now, I don't know if you've ever heard of them but they're called Weezer. I'm learning how to play their song Buddy Holly and-

Bailey

(pointing in the distance) Hey, that's my friend Sandra over there! She's in grade 10 so she's not in any of our classes, but I can introduce you to her later.

Macy

(Looks directly to the audience) You might remember Sandra's name from earlier, you know, when I was talking about my mortal enemy/ ex-best friend? (To Bailey) I gotta go.

Macy leaves in a rush (stage left).

Bailey

See you later!

Lights down.

Scene 3

Lights up on the home set (stage right). Bailey is sitting on the couch, hanging out. Enter Sandra stage right.

Sandra

Hey, what's up? I never saw you at all today. School was so boring, did you have Ms. Pebble today too? Ugh, I hate math.

Bailey

My day was interesting, we got a new student. You didn't hear about the new girl? She's actually really nice.

Sandra

No, I didn't hear. Who is she?

Bailey

She's in my grade and she's super chill. Her name is Macy Smith. Hey, we should invite her to hang out tomorrow!

Sandra

Macy Smith? You don't mean Macy Smith that used to go to Jelly Blossom, do you?

Bailey

Yeah, she said she used to go to Jelly Blossom, didn't you go there before you moved? Wait, do you know her?

Sandra

I do know her actually. (With an attitude) What do you mean she's pretty chill?

Bailey

She seemed pretty cool when we ate lunch together. She told me she plays guitar.

Sandra

(Crosses her arms, and says sarcastically) Oh yeah, I'm sure she's so chill Bailey.

Bailey

What's up with you right now? Did I say something wrong?

Sandra

What's up with me? What's up with you hanging out with Macy Smith? When we went to school together, Macy Smith was not chill. When I went to school with her at Jelly Blossom, Macy Smith bullied these two *innocent* girls so hard. You won't believe what she did this one time.

(flashback music) Enter Macy stage left. Macy stands in the classroom set, there is a bucket on top of the door. She is giggling. Enter Jasmine through the door, the bucket falls, she slips and falls. End of flashback (flashback music). Exit Jasmine. Macy goes and sits at a desk.

Sandra

That girl was fine, but she still had to go to the hospital after. And it was super embarrassing. Another time -

(Flashback music) Enter Katie, Jasmine, and Ms. Pebble to the classroom set. The teens sit. Macy passes a note to Jasmine and they giggle.

Ms. Pebble

Girls, give me that note! (Ms. Pebble takes the note and begins to read, getting quieter as she goes). "Katie is like a walrus and a camel combined, look at her teeth and her posture. Also, I heard Ms. Pebble is, like, totally a murderer. What a freak".

Ms. Pebble runs from the room (exit stage left) and Macy and Jasmine laugh.

End of flashback (flashback music). Exit Macy, Jasmine, and Katie stage left.

Sandra

That poor teacher left the school after that. You know, she actually teaches at our school now. But the point is that Macy Smith is a horrible person.

Bailey

(shocked) Wow, I had no idea she was like that.

Sandra

Yeah, you probably shouldn't hang out with her anymore, unless you want people to think that you're a bully too.

Bailey

You're right, I won't hang out with her anymore. Wow, that's awful. Thanks for telling me.

Sandra

It's okay, you didn't know she was a bully. I'm glad I was able to teach you the truth.

Lights down. Exit all stage left.

Act 2

Scene 1

Lights up on school setting. Macy is standing, gathering school things. Enter stage left Teen 1 and Teen 2.

Teen 2

Did you hear about what the new kid did at her old school?

Teen 1

No, what?

Teen 2

Apparently she played a prank on a kid, and that kid **DIED**. No joke.

Teen 1

Oh my gosh!

Exit Teen 1 and Teen 2 stage right.

Macy

(Looks around, then speaks to herself) Wait, what? Are they talking about me? I think I'm the only new girl, but I'm pretty sure I've never killed anyone.

Enter Bailey stage left. She looks at Macy, and tries to walk past quickly. Macy tries to stop her.

Macy

Hey! What's up?

Bailey

Sorry, I can't talk, I'm in a hurry.

Macy

That's okay, do you want to hang out after school today?

Bailey

I can't, I'm busy.

Exit Bailey stage right, quickly.

Macy

That was weird.

Macy paces back and forth.

Macy

(To the audience) Something seemed a *little too* suspicious about that to me. I knew in my heart that someone had to have spread a rumor, but who would want to spread rumors about me already? I'd only been at that school for a day and a half. Hey, do you guys feel a flashback coming on?

(Flashback music. Enter stage right Sandra and Teen 2.)

Sandra

Did you hear that Jessica Collins has fake teeth?

Teen 2

Oh my gosh, really?

Sandra

Yeah, it's totally true.

A lightbulb appears over Macy's head. Teen 2 and Sandra exit laughing. End of flashback (flashback music).

Macy

And then I knew. Who would spread a rumor about me and a brand new school? It had to be my mortal enemy, **slash** ex-best friend, Sandra. And I was going to confront her.

Exit Macy stage left.

Scene 2

Bailey and Sandra are at school, standing and chatting. Enter Macy stage left.

Macy

Why did you tell Bailey that I'm some kind of bully? I thought that stuff we did was in the past now.

Sandra

Why did I tell her that you're a bully? Probably because it's true.

Macy

I'm a bully, what about you?

Sandra

What do you mean? I've never done anything to anyone.

Macy

Oh, come on. Did you leave yourself out of those stories you told?

Sandra

Come on Bailey, let's go.

Exit Bailey and Sandra. Enter Ms. Pebble, who notices that Macy is upset.

Ms. Pebble

Good morning Macy, what's wrong?

Macy

Ms. Pebble, have you ever had a friend that made a mistake, and they wished they could go back and fix it, but they can't?

Ms. Pebble

What do you mean?

Macy

I have heard people spreading rumors about my friend, talking about something they did in the past. The bad part is that some of it's made up, but the even worse part is that some of it is true.

Ms. Pebble

I would tell your friend that things they did in the past do not define the person they are now. (Suspiciously) Everybody makes mistakes, even big ones. I've made some big mistakes in my past, but I've worked to make those situations right again. And you definitely shouldn't believe rumors, especially ones about teachers that might be murderers.

Exit Ms. Pebble.

Macy

(While Ms. Pebble exits) Okay, thanks? (Paces around a little bit). That was weird. How come I never heard any rumors about teacher murderers? I guess everybody's too busy talking about me. Maybe I should just be a bully again, at least then people would be telling the truth.

(Sighs, frustrated) But I don't *feel like* that person anymore. I just wanted to start fresh at my new school, make new friends, and leave all of that behind. I've barely been here for two days, and people have already made up their minds about me. Nobody will listen when I tell them the truth about Sandra. (Pause, considering) Unless I have someone to back me up.

Exit Macy stage left. She crosses around to enter stage right.

Scene 3

Macy sits on the couch, looking stressed. Enter stage right Katie and Jasmine.

Macy

Hi Katie, hi Jasmine, thanks for coming over!

Katie

Uh, not so fast. Why did you invite us over?

Jasmine

Yeah, you and Sandra were awful to us when we went to school together. Don't try to act like we're friends now.

Macy

That's the problem though, that was all Sandra's idea! And now she's telling everybody at our new school that I was the one in charge. You guys know that's not true, I need your help to clear my name.

Katie

Nuh-uh. Why should we help? Those pranks you pulled might have been Sandra's idea, but you still participated, Macy. And you helped spread so many rumors. You're just as bad as she is.

Jasmine

Katie, maybe we should help. I think everybody needs to know about the awful things Sandra has done. We don't want anybody else to get hurt.

Katie

Come on Jasmine, Macy hurt you too. I don't want to help a bully.

Macy

I didn't mean to hurt you guys, it was all just a joke.

Jasmine

It might have been "just a joke" to you Macy, but it still hurt us. Jokes aren't funny when you're the punchline.

Macy

(Upset) Well, I guess I know how that feels now.

Jasmine

Yeah. I guess you do (Jasmine sits on the couch with Macy).

Macy

That was a long time ago though, you guys aren't over it yet?

Katie

Macy, it's not easy to get over being treated that way. It takes time.

Macy

I'm sorry. I honestly didn't realize how much I hurt you guys, but I know now that I did. And I know that I'll never treat others like that again. I wouldn't want anybody to feel the way I do now. What can I do to make it better?

Katie

You can be honest, and you can grow. If you promise to be honest when you talk about the bullying, me and Jasmine will back you up.

Macy
Really?

Jasmine
Of course. Maybe Sandra will learn to grow too.

Lights down on the entire stage. Exit Macy, Jasmine, and Katie stage right.

Scene 4

Lights up on center stage-stage left. Enter Macy, Jasmine and Katie stage left to the arm of the stage, like they're outside of the school. Then enter Bailey and Sandra stage left, so they're hanging out before class.

Macy
Are you guys ready?

Katie
Yeah, are you?

Macy
As ready as I'll ever be.

Jasmine
We've got this. Let's go tell the truth.

Macy, Jasmine, and Katie walk towards Sandra and Bailey.

Sandra
(Sneering) Hey Macy. Oh my God, did you find new kids to bully? (Panicked) Wait, what are you two doing here?

Bailey
You know those girls?

Macy
They're here to help me tell the truth Sandra. The truth about the bullying, about what me *and you* did when we were friends.

Sandra

I have no idea what you're talking about. You were the biggest bully at Jelly Blossom when I went there, you definitely weren't my friend.

(To Bailey) Can you believe this new girl? I hardly know her and she's spreading lies about me.

Jasmine

You're the one that's lying, Sandra.

Macy

Sandra, I don't know what you told everyone else, but you know you were there. We pulled that bucket prank together, and you definitely wrote your share of mean notes.

Katie

Remember when you stole my homework answers in grade 6? You told me that if I told on you to Mr. Perry you would tell everyone I still slept with a night light.

Jasmine

At my sleepover in grade 7 you made fun of Chloe Brown's pajamas until she cried. She had to call her mom to come pick her up!

Sandra

Wow, this is crazy. I can't believe you all came here to accuse me of things that I didn't do. When I tell my parents about this, they won't be happy. Hey Bailey, I bet Principal Stone would love to know the new girl brought two strangers into our school to attack me. I think I'll go tell him, let's go.

Bailey

Wait, Sandra, what is going on? Who are these people?

Sandra

I told you Bailey, I don't know. Now let's. Go. (Sandra begins to walk away)

Jasmine

Sandra, you don't have to say sorry. But the least you can do is take accountability. Just tell the truth.

Sandra

Bailey, are you coming?

Bailey

(looks between Sandra and the other girls). I don't know, Sandra.

Sandra

You don't know?

Bailey

Is any of that true, Sandra? What they just told us?

Sandra

So you're actually going to believe Macy over me? That's crazy Bailey. I thought you were my friend.

Bailey

I don't who I believe, but I know that you're not acting like my friend right now.

Sandra

Whatever Bailey. I hope you like being friends with a bully.

Exit Sandra.

Jasmine

You did it Macy. You told the truth.

Macy

Yeah, but it's not like it matters. Sandra never admitted to anything, and you know she's still going to spread rumors behind my back. (To Bailey) And I guess you lost your best friend. I'm sorry, I know what that's like.

Bailey

I mean, if everything you guys said is true, I don't think I want to be friends with Sandra anymore. I'm probably better off on my own.

Jasmine

You don't have to be on your own. Hi, I'm Jasmine.

Katie

And I'm Katie. And this is Macy.

Macy

(To Bailey) I'm sure you don't want to be my friend either. I don't blame you.

Bailey

Actually, I think what you just did was pretty cool. I think we could be friends.

Macy

Really?

Bailey

Hm, maybe. I don't know, Katie, is she a good friend?

Katie

She can be.

Bailey

It shouldn't be so surprising to me that Sandra was a bully at her old school. I mean, she did some pretty mean stuff here too, but I feel like she always gave a reason for it. Now I wonder if any of those reasons were real. And I know she can be awful, but it's still hard to lose a friend.

Jasmine

She might come around eventually! Macy did, after all.

Macy

Yeah. Maybe she just needs a little time to reflect.