

The Outsider?

~~~~~Scene 1: School lockers and then in the ELA room~~~~~

(Mandy's phone rings)

Mandy: Hey Mom!

[REDACTED]: Hi Mandy!

Mandy: (Curious voice) so, why are you calling?

(Mandy's mom is using a calm voice throughout the entire conversation)

[REDACTED]: Just listen please.

Mandy: (Confused) Ok?

[REDACTED]: I'm sorry I have to tell you this now and not at home, but it's very important.

Mandy: (Calm) Ok

[REDACTED]: Nicole's mom just called and told me that her and Nicole's dad are getting a divorce. (Calm, but serious voice)

Mandy: (over-reacting this line) What? Are you serious? This is TERRIBLE!

[REDACTED]: I know honey, but you can't tell any one or mention it to Nicole. I don't want her getting upset.

Mandy: Ok, I won't. But why did they have to get a divorce? Didn't they think about Nicole and how she is going to feel? \*sighs\*

[REDACTED]: I know, it is a very sad situation but it's for the best. Not all relationships work out.

Mandy: I guess?! But why did this one have to end? I can't imagine how Nicole feels.

[REDACTED]: Nicole's mom said she was very upset when she found out last night and isn't taking this easy. She even cried her self to sleep because of how upset she was.

Mandy: I feel awful! Do you think I can do anything?

[REDACTED]: All you can do is not mention this to Nicole or to anyone.

Mandy: Ok mom.

[REDACTED]: (Saying it in a rush) I have to go now; I'm getting another call.

Mandy: Ok, see you later

[REDACTED]: (Cheerful voice) Ok, love you sweetie!

Mandy: Love you too mom, bye.

(Nicole walks on stage right after Mandy puts her phone away into her locker)

(School bell rings)

Mandy: Oh, that's the bell.

Nicole: (In a sarcastic snobby voice) No, really?

Mandy: (rolls her eyes) Well we better get to class.

(Together) Don't want to be late.

(Both girls look at each other and then start laughing)

Nicole: Jinx, now you owe me a sprite!

Mandy: (laughs)

(Walking through the hallway, not saying anything)

Nicole: (Trying to say it in a bragging way) OMG! I just remembered I have to go to dance after school today.

Mandy: And why are you annoyed about that? Why are you in such a bad mood today too?

Nicole: (Attitude) I'm not in a bad mood but whatever!

Mandy: You don't need to be rude.

Nicole: (Snobby voice) I don't know what you're talking about, gosh!

Mandy: (Frustrated voice) All I am saying is that you don't need to be rude just because you're mad at me.

Nicole: (convincing voice with attitude) I wasn't trying to be rude.

Mandy: Well I'm not sure I believe that.

Nicole: (Attitude) Fine! Believe what you want to believe.

Mandy: (Mandy is now really mad) why are you acting like this? All I asked is why you were annoyed about having dance class.

Nicole: (Attitude) I don't know. But you started it so it's not my fault.

Mandy: (Attitude) I didn't start anything! Why are you blaming this on me?

Nicole: (Attitude) Because I can!

Mandy: (Rolls her eyes)

Nicole: (Attitude) Whatever! Plus, we should go into the classroom now.

Mandy: So? I want an answer from you.

Nicole: (Attitude) Well, you're not going to get it so bye.

Mandy: Fine! Bye Nikki, see you in class.

Nicole: (Turns back and looks at Mandy and says with attitude) Don't call me that

Mandy: (Attitude) Excuse me!

Nicole: (Attitude) Yea, you heard me!

(Nicole goes into the ELA room. Mandy then enters after she can't see Nicole through the doorway any more)

~~Off-Stage voice~~ ELA teacher: (Cheerful voice) Good Morning Class! We will have group work today and I will pair you up with kids. Once you have your partner, go to the computer lab and start writing your essay after you have finished interviewing kids in the gym.

Narrator: Soon enough, there were only 4 students left in the ELA room and Mandy was hoping that she didn't get paired up with Nicole; Who was sitting the next table over from her.

Teacher: (cheerful voice) Ok, lets see which students I have left. Perfect! Mandy and Nicole, you girls work great together so get your materials you need for the essay.

Mandy: (Under her breath) Great, just great! Now I have to write an essay with Nicole, this is not going to work out well.

(\*\*\*Nicole gets her belongings together but quickly looks up and glares at Mandy.)  
Mandy and Nicole walk out the door into the hallway, which would be on the other side of the stage and then talk\*\*\*)

Mandy: Ok, look.

Nicole: No, don't say anything. I need to tell you something.

Mandy: Ok... What?

Nicole: I don't know what when on before between the two of us and I'm really sorry if I hurt your feelings. Can we just work together and do this project without arguing? I really need to get at least a 95 to bring up my average.

Mandy: Ok, but I thought your grade was a 98 in ELA?

Nicole: No, it's an 80 and I need to get at least a 90 in order to continue with dance.

Mandy: Oh, ok. (Then they both leave the stage)

~~~~~Scene 2: At the gym~~~~~

Nicole: I'll start interviewing these kids. Who do you want to interview?

Mandy: I'll go by the gym lockers.

Nicole: Ok, but meet back here in 10 minutes. We only need to interview a few more kids.

Mandy: Ok

(10 minutes go by)

Nicole: (talking to herself) Where is Mandy? She was supposed to be back by now. Maybe I should go find her.

(Nicole starts walking by the gym lockers but than stops because she hears the sound of Mandy's voice)

Narrator: Nicole starts hearing voices and recognizes the sound and realizes it is Mandy. Only, she isn't asking the questions for the interview. Then she hears her name and realizes, Mandy is starting rumors about her. Once she heard that, she felt like the world just collapsed on her shoulders. Her face started to get red and she didn't know what to do. Should she go stand up for herself or should she allow herself to hear this?

(Off-Stage voice #1, talking to Mandy during the "interview")

Mandy: (Snobby, and with attitude) Guess who I got paired up with?

#1: Who?

Mandy: (Rolling her eyes) Nicole!

(Off-Stage Voice #2) Really?

Mandy: Yep, it's awful! And do you want to hear something?

#1: Sure

Mandy: (Lots of attitude) so, talking about Nicole, or little Miss Perfect Nicole... Well she isn't so perfect!

#1: *gasps* Really? How do you know that?

Mandy: She told me herself! She lied about having a 98. She really has an 80!

#1: OMG! This is great (in a joyful, sneaky voice) I'm going to go post this on Facebook and the WHOLE school will know that Nicole isn't so perfect any more.

#1: She is going to be SO embarrassed! (Laughs)

Mandy: But is it really necessary to post it on Facebook?

#1: Oh whatever Mandy! Who cares?

█: Yea, get over it.

Narrator: Nicole is still standing by the doors next to the lockers listening to everything that is being said. She's afraid to say something but know she should. She just can't find enough confidence in her to stand up for herself and say something but she knows she has to.

Nicole: (strong voice) Ok, enough! (Emotional) Please! Mandy how could you tell them that?

Mandy: Tell them what?

Nicole: You know exactly what I'm taking about. I stood over there and heard everything. You were talking about me the entire time!

Mandy: Ok, I'm sorry.

Nicole: Sorry doesn't cut it! Now the whole school is going to know my grades.

Mandy: Well, it's not that big of a deal.

Nicole: You're not the person who everyone is going to humiliate now.

Mandy: Stop over-reacting to this.

Nicole: I'm not. I trusted you and I shouldn't have.

Mandy: Sorry, just forgive me already.

Nicole: No, I won't.

Mandy: Fine! I'm sorry, I really am.

Nicole: You were my best friend and best friends don't tell other people personal things like that.

Mandy: I know but stop yelling at me!

Nicole: I'm not...

Mandy: Ok, whatever.

But what else do you want me to say besides sorry?

Nicole: Well, you can say bye to our relationship because it's over! You're not even my friend any more. You're nothing more than just a person to me!

Mandy: (Attitude) Excuse me!

Nicole: (Rolls her eyes)

Mandy: (A strong voice and basically yelling) you know what? At least I didn't tell them about your parents getting divorced! Then you really would have had something to complain about and not your grades.

Nicole: Mandy, how do you know that? Who told you?

Mandy: My mom called me this morning and told me! And if your parents getting a divorce was the problem, than why did you cover it up by saying your grades was the problem?

Nicole: But still! And I didn't "cover" that up by using my grades. I haven't been able to focus on school it's just been way too much for me to handle.

Mandy: Thanks for lying to me!

Nicole: I didn't lie to you. If you were a true friend, you would understand how this situation is going. It's not easy.

Mandy: (Snobby) don't blame me! It's not my fault your parents are getting a divorce.

Nicole: I'm not blaming you. You don't understand what I'm trying to say.

Mandy: (Attitude) oh, please.

(Nicole rolls her eyes)

Mandy: You know some relationships just don't work out. So-rry...

Nicole: That's it, I'm done. I'm not going to stand here and listen to you say hurtful comments to me.

(Nicole jogs away before Mandy can say anything else)

(Mandy rolls her eyes, says "whatever," watching Nicole jog off and then she leaves the opposite direction on the stage once Nicole is completely off the stage.)

~~~~~Scene 3: At their lockers~~~~~

(Mandy walks over to her locker and Nicole is standing at her locker getting other books)

Mandy: (Calm voice) Hey Nicole

(Nicole looks at Mandy)

Nicole: I'm not talking to you so just please leave me alone!

(Nicole puts a book into her backpack)

(Mandy puts her hand on Nicole's shoulder, then says her line)

Mandy: No, I won't, I left you once and I shouldn't have. It was a huge mistake.

Nicole: (While saying her line, Nicole takes Mandy's hand off of her shoulder) Mandy please, I'm not in the mood for it.

Mandy: You just need to listen I'm serious.

Nicole: And why should I? (Puts her back pack down)

Mandy: (Calm) just listen please. Look, I'm really sorry about what happened before. I acted like a complete bully and you don't deserve that. I don't know what got to me. All those mean comments just came out of me and I don't know why. You're right, I don't know how hard this situation is going for you and I'm really sorry. I hope you can accept my apology.

Nicole: (Calm) I'm sorry I just...

Mandy: Please Nicole!

Nicole: Your apology was very nice but I don't know if I can say yes to someone who talked behind my back and than treated me like I wasn't there best friend.

Mandy: (calm but depressed and sad) I'm REALLY sorry Nikki. I know I screwed up but don't I deserve a second chance?

Nicole: I'm sorry but all the comments you made, cannot be undone.

Mandy: But please Nikki! I promise I won't ever do anything like that again. Can you just accept my apology?

Nicole: I'm sorry but... (Gets cut off by Mandy)

Mandy: I pinky promise!

Nicole: Like I was saying...words kill and that's something you can never take back. (Nicole picks up her backpack)

Nicole: Bye Mandy

(Mandy \* Waves bye\* and has a look of disappointment on her face.)

(Nicole leaves stage and Mandy is standing at her locker watching Nicole exit the stage)

(Mandy also leaves the stage after Nicole has completely exited the stage)

