

1 **KERI:** So am I, but I refuse to miss Prom because the guys
2 we hang out with are such lazy losers.
3 **JONI:** Seriously.
4 **KERI:** So, find your guy's number on your speed dials.
5 *(They do.)* Press call. *(They do. Then, quietly because*
6 *phones have been answered)* Now ask!
7 **KERI, JONI, and ANNE,** filling in the name of their guy: Hi
8 **(Brian, Eric or Mark).** Do you want to go to Prom with
9 me?
10 **ANNE:** Anne!
11 **KERI:** Keri!
12 **JONI:** Joni!
13 *(They all look at each other annoyed because their voices*
14 *weren't immediately recognized.)*
15 **KERI, JONI, and ANNE:** *(Quietly to each other)* Oh my god!
16 *(Back on the phones, fake smiles and sweet voices)* That
17 would be totally awesome. *(They each trill a flirtatious*
18 *giggle.)* OK, talk to you later, and we'll figure out details.
19 *(They all hang up.)*
20 **ANNE:** Well, that's done.
21 **KERI:** So annoying that we had to do that.
22 **JONI:** Well, we've got dates. Now the hard part. The dress.
23 To the mall?
24 **Anne:** I've got my keys in my hand already.
25 **KERI:** I've had a dress on hold at Nordstrom's for a week.
26 **JONI:** Let's go!
27 **ANNE:** I hate the guys at this school!

The Bully

Cast: April, Julie

Setting: April and Julie are at a table in the library. The
intimidation takes place at and around the table.

Props: Table, notebooks

1 **APRIL:** *(Mumbling)* Darn!
2 *(JULIE shifts uncomfortably, focusing on her own*
3 *business.)*
4 **APRIL:** *(Heavy sigh of annoyed disgust)* Sheesh! *(Turns to*
5 *look at JULIE.)*
6 *(JULIE looks up, sensing she is being looked at. Smiles*
7 *wanly at APRIL.)*
8 **APRIL:** What are you looking at?
9 **JULIE:** Nothing ...
10 **APRIL:** You calling me nothing?
11 **JULIE:** No ... I ...
12 **APRIL:** Why are you looking at me?
13 **JULIE:** I'm not. I was just ...
14 **APRIL:** Just what?
15 **JULIE:** Just ... I don't know ... looking.
16 **APRIL:** At me?
17 **JULIE:** No ... you made a sound.
18 **APRIL:** A sound? What kind of sound?
19 **JULIE:** A talking sound.
20 **APRIL:** A talking sound?
21 **JULIE:** Well ... talking. I heard talking.
22 **APRIL:** So? Was I talking to you?
23 **JULIE:** That's what I looked up to see.
24 **APRIL:** So you were looking at me!
25 **JULIE:** I guess.
26 **APRIL:** So when I asked you before what you were looking
27 at and you said nothing, you lied to me.

1 JULIE: No.
 2 APRIL: So, you weren't looking at me?
 3 JULIE: I wasn't looking at you ...
 4 APRIL: Looking through me? What? Am I invisible?
 5 JULIE: No! Wait! No ... I ... uh ...
 6 APRIL: You want to take this outside?
 7 JULIE: Outside? You mean like fight?
 8 APRIL: Exactly.
 9 JULIE: I just want to get my homework done and go home.
 10 APRIL: What homework are you doing?
 11 JULIE: Trig.
 12 APRIL: Who do you have?
 13 JULIE: Mr. Miller. Fourth period.
 14 APRIL: I have him third.
 15 JULIE: Oh. OK.
 16 APRIL: So are you doing the same homework as I am?
 17 JULIE: Yeah, I guess so. He likes to keep all of his classes
 18 pretty much doing the same thing at the same time,
 19 you know. *(She attempts a friendly smile.)*
 20 APRIL: Does he?
 21 JULIE: Yeah.
 22 APRIL: And how do you know this?
 23 JULIE: What?
 24 APRIL: Are you and he good friends? Does he call you up
 25 the night before each school day and confide in you
 26 what the assignments are going to be?
 27 JULIE: Uh ... no ...
 28 APRIL: Are you his pet? His little student confidant?
 29 JULIE: He puts the assignments on the board every day,
 30 that's all. I mean, they're right there on the board.
 31 APRIL: You saying I don't pay attention in class?
 32 JULIE: I don't know. I don't even know you.
 33 APRIL: You don't know me?
 34 JULIE: Well, I know *of* you.
 35 APRIL: *Of* me? What does that mean? *Of* me.

1 JULIE: Well, everyone knows who April Hailey is.
 2 APRIL: You bet they do. And no one knows who you are,
 3 right?
 4 JULIE: Some people do.
 5 APRIL: I don't know who you are. You're new.
 6 JULIE: Yes. My name is Julie Chambers ...
 7 APRIL: And I don't give a care who you are.
 8 JULIE: OK.
 9 APRIL: So shut up.
 10 JULIE: OK.
 11 *(APRIL and JULIE sit in silence for a moment.)*
 12 APRIL: *(Eyeing JULIE, she mutters something under her*
 13 *breath.)*
 14 JULIE: What did you say?
 15 APRIL: Nothing you want to hear.
 16 JULIE: Oh ...
 17 APRIL: Would you like to do something about it?
 18 JULIE: *(Nervously)* No. I'm good.
 19 APRIL: I bet you are. Always the good girl I bet, aren't you?
 20 JULIE: I try.
 21 APRIL: Thinking you're better than everyone else.
 22 JULIE: Listen, April, I just want to do my homework and get
 23 out.
 24 APRIL: Let me see your homework.
 25 JULIE: You mean copy it?
 26 APRIL: I said see it.
 27 JULIE: No. That would be cheating
 28 APRIL: You calling me a cheat? You really want to go down
 29 that road?
 30 JULIE: What road?
 31 APRIL: The road that leads to no return. Where I meet you
 32 at the end of it and beat the hell out of you.
 33 JULIE: You mean fight? That's the second time you've said
 34 that.
 35 APRIL: I will whup you.

1 JULIE: I don't think you will.
 2 APRIL: Oh, I disagree.
 3 JULIE: Disagree all you want, but I won't fight you.
 4 APRIL: Hey, you said everyone knows me. Why do they, girl?
 5 Why does everyone know me?
 6 JULIE: Because you have a reputation of beating people up.
 7 APRIL: It's not just a rep, it's a reality.
 8 JULIE: You're not going to beat me up because I'm not
 9 going to fight with you.
 10 APRIL: What are you going to do? Go get Mr. Gibson? You
 11 going to tell on me?
 12 JULIE: Maybe.
 13 APRIL: Look around. There's no one here but you and me.
 14 (*JULIE looks around and then back at APRIL.*) You gonna
 15 cry?
 16 JULIE: (*Gathering her things together*) No, I'm going to leave.
 17 APRIL: (*Blocking her way*) I don't think so.
 18 JULIE: Get out of my way, April.
 19 APRIL: Make me, Jooooleeee.
 20 JULIE: How old are you?
 21 APRIL: What?
 22 JULIE: How old are you? Because you act like you're in third
 23 grade.
 24 APRIL: Girl, you are begging for it. Oh, I know. Your
 25 mommy or daddy told you if you confront someone
 26 who is a "bully" they will back down. Sorry, but they
 27 lied.
 28 JULIE: I'm not going to fight with you. You might think that
 29 is a way to be socially involved, but I don't. You see, I'm
 30 an adult. I am seventeen years old, not seven. I don't
 31 know you, we've never talked before this moment, and
 32 I was just sitting here. So, whatever psychological
 33 problems you are having, deal with them in therapy
 34 because I'm leaving.
 35 APRIL: And I say you're not.

1 JULIE: You're going to have to physically stop me.
 2 APRIL: (*Grabbing her*) OK.
 3 JULIE: Get your hands off of me.
 4 APRIL: Make me. (*Pushing her*) Make me. Come on, make
 5 me.
 6 JULIE: I said don't touch me.
 7 APRIL: (*Goes to lightly slap Julie's face to intimidate her.*)
 8 Don't what? Don't do this? Or this? Or this?
 9 JULIE: (*Getting emotional*) Stop it, April.
 10 APRIL: Oh, gonna cry? Boo hoo? Are those tears?
 11 JULIE: (*She snaps, turns on APRIL, grabs her by the hair and
 12 throws her on the ground. APRIL, taken by complete
 13 surprise, falls on her back. JULIE jumps on top of her,
 14 grabbing APRIL by the shoulders and pinning her down.
 15 She speaks in an almost frightened voice, a warning.*) I
 16 told you to stop, didn't I? I warned you, but you
 17 wouldn't listen.
 18 APRIL: (*Shocked*) What the heck?
 19 JULIE: You don't even know me. You have no idea who I am,
 20 just some new girl that you can mess with.
 21 APRIL: (*She struggles to get JULIE off. JULIE is unmovable.*)
 22 Get off of me.
 23 JULIE: Shut up. Shut it! (*Grabbing April's face by the chin,
 24 she brings her up close to her own face.*) You messed
 25 with the wrong girl. (*She holds up her other hand.*) See
 26 this ring? You know how deep a scar this would leave
 27 on your face?
 28 APRIL: You wouldn't
 29 JULIE: Don't be so sure. I could take you out. I could swipe
 30 it right across your eye and blind you. I could cut your
 31 nose right there (*She touches APRIL's nose on the side.*)
 32 and leave a truly disfiguring scar.
 33 APRIL: (*Just as tough as JULIE*) You wouldn't.
 34 JULIE: Wouldn't I? Why do you think you don't know me? I
 35 transferred here from Garr High School. They expelled

1 me for fighting. You ever been to Garr? You ever been
2 around that area? You think you are so tough. You
3 people with your SAT classes and your honors classes,
4 you have it so easy here, April. Even your name is easy,
5 I could kill you just because your name is so annoying,
6 *(She gets up.)* But I won't.
7 **APRIL:** *(Starting to get up)* I'm not afraid of you.
8 **JULIE:** You should be. The last person I got into a fight with
9 is still home recovering. I told you I didn't want to fight,
10 but you didn't listen. You gonna listen now? Huh? Are
11 you?! *(She slaps APRIL as APRIL slapped her.)*
12 **APRIL:** Yeah ...
13 **JULIE:** I thought so. You spread the word. You leave me
14 alone, your friends leave me alone, stay away from me
15 and from the people I make friends with. I'm starting
16 over, and this is my last chance. You mess it up for me
17 and you will pay and pay big. I'll have nothing to lose if
18 I blow this chance and I will take you down with me.
19 Am I understood?
20 **APRIL:** Yeah ...
21 **JULIE:** Good. Now get your stuff and get out so I can finish
22 my homework.
23 **APRIL:** Fine. *(She gathers her things.)* I'll see you around.
24 **JULIE:** If that's a threat, I'd reconsider it. If it's an invitation
25 to be friends, don't make me laugh.
26 **APRIL:** Whatever. *(She starts to go.)*
27 **JULIE:** Oh, and April. It looks like bullies do back down
28 when confronted, doesn't it?

Different Paths

Cast: Ariana, Zana, Paria

Setting: Inside Paria's house

Prop: A cell phone

1 **ARIANA:** What time is it?
2 **ZANA:** It's about five minutes later than the last time you
3 asked what time it was.
4 **PARIA:** What is your problem, Ariana?
5 **ARIANA:** You know I have to be in by nine o'clock.
6 **ZANA:** Oh, grow up.
7 **ARIANA:** I am growing up.
8 **PARIA:** Not fast enough.
9 **ARIANA:** Faster than my mom and dad would like me to ...
10 at least that's what they are always telling me.
11 **PARIA:** Your mom and dad need to back off.
12 **ZANA:** For real.
13 **ARIANA:** My mom and dad are OK.
14 **ZANA:** Yeah ... whatever. Paria, did you bring your cell
15 phone?
16 **PARIA:** Of course.
17 **ZANA:** Let me borrow it for a sec. I need to call Joey.
18 **PARIA:** I thought he broke up with you.
19 **ZANA:** He did. That's why I am using your phone. He has my
20 number on caller ID. He doesn't know yours.
21 **ARIANA:** If you aren't going out with him anymore, why are
22 you calling him?
23 **ZANA:** To find out who he's with.
24 **ARIANA:** You guys aren't together. Why do you care?
25 **ZANA:** Why don't you shut up? How's that for a great idea?
26 **PARIA:** Jeez, Ariana, what's your problem?
27 **ARIANA:** Me? Zana is using your unidentifiable phone to
28 call Joey to find out who he's with, they aren't together