

- 1 **John!** Listen to me! This is just Kevin's way of justifying
2 what he's doing. Don't let him suck you into this.
3 **JOHN:** (*Dazedly*) But the students ...
4 **ADAM:** The students are fine, John. Trust me. (*He pulls him out*
5 *of his chair.*) Come on, let's get you to the bathroom so you
6 can wipe that off your arm before Mr. Reynolds comes in
7 and sees it.
8 **JOHN:** (*Still in a daze, looks down at his arm, as if thinking "how*
9 *did that get there?"*) ... my arm ... ?
10 **ADAM:** (*Leading JOHN off*) It's going to be alright ...
11 **KEVIN:** (*Calls after them.*) Free the students! Free the students!
12 Band together!

Shoplifter

(4 Girls)

CHARACTERS:

Tracy: Shoplifts a bottle of nail polish.

Alexis: Rough girl. Encourages Tracy; tells her shoplifting is no big deal.

Kelly: Really upset that Tracy shoplifted. Tries to get her to return the polish.

Gina: Tries to buy the polish for Tracy, but Tracy won't let her.

SETTING:

Gina, Kelly, Tracy, and Alexis are walking in together from Stage Right. They stop Center Stage when Tracy takes a bottle of nail polish out of her purse.

1 TRACY: This is going to look so great with my new dress.
 2 ALEXIS: That is a fabulous color!
 3 KELLY: (*Looks behind her, then back at TRACY.*) Where did you get
 4 that?
 5 TRACY: The store, dummy. You know, the one we just left.
 6 KELLY: But you didn't check out with anything.
 7 TRACY: (*Waving fingers*) Five finger discount.
 8 ALEXIS: Five finger discount! My favorite kind of sale!
 9 GINA: Tracy! (*Grabbing at bottle*) You've got to take that back!
 10 TRACY: (*Jerks the bottle out of GINA's reach.*) No way! It's perfect.
 11 I've been looking everywhere for this shade!
 12 ALEXIS: Ooooh. It's totally you!
 13 KELLY: (*To TRACY*) Then buy it, don't steal it.
 14 TRACY: Can't. I'm broke. I spent my last twenty dollars putting
 15 gas in my car. And you know that's not going to last long.
 16 I barely got half a tank for that!
 17 KELLY: Then wait until you get paid again. You can buy it then.
 18 TRACY: I have a date on Friday. I can't wait another week until
 19 payday.
 20 ALEXIS: And why should you? Don't listen to them. It's no big
 21 deal. Everybody does it.
 22 GINA: Look. Give it here. I'll buy it for you.
 23 TRACY: Yeah, and what do you think's gonna happen when you
 24 waltz back in with that and tell them I lifted it? They're
 25 gonna call the cops, that's what.
 26 ALEXIS: Yeah. You really don't want to do that. Trust me.
 27 KELLY: (*Sarcastically to ALEXIS*) I'm sure you know everything
 28 about cops, huh, Alexis?
 29 ALEXIS: I know a few things.
 30 KELLY: Big surprise there.
 31 GINA: (*To TRACY*) They're not going to call the cops. I'm going
 32 to take it back and pay for it.
 33 TRACY: No way. You'd practically be turning me in. Besides,
 34 you're making a big deal out of nothing.
 35 KELLY: This isn't nothing.

1 TRACY: Oh, come on. Didn't you see the sign? Buy one get one
 2 free.
 3 KELLY: But you didn't buy one.
 4 TRACY: (*Laughing*) I know. I just went ahead and got the free
 5 one.
 6 ALEXIS: Good one, Tracy! I'll have to use that sometime!
 7 GINA: (*Ignoring ALEXIS – to TRACY*) That's not right and you
 8 know it.
 9 TRACY: Look. It's nothing. A stinking bottle of nail polish.
 10 Everybody does it ... they practically expect it!
 11 ALEXIS: That's right. They might as well put signs up that say
 12 "Take me!"
 13 TRACY: It's all part of the pricing, you know? The stores know
 14 that people are going to shoplift little things like this, so
 15 they up the price to make up for the loss.
 16 KELLY: Well, maybe if people didn't actually steal then they
 17 wouldn't have to do that.
 18 TRACY: Yeah and maybe we shouldn't be letting kids starve all
 19 over the world, Kelly.
 20 GINA: What? Are you on drugs? You're comparing what you did
 21 with world hunger? Are you kidding me?
 22 TRACY: I'm just saying the world's not perfect. Things are what
 23 they are.
 24 KELLY: That is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard. So you
 25 think that just because the store can't afford to keep their
 26 prices down because people are stealing from them that it
 27 makes it OK to actually steal from them?
 28 ALEXIS: It's a vicious cycle, isn't it?
 29 TRACY: It is what it is. If they don't want people stealing, then
 30 either lock things up better or lower the price. Simple as
 31 that.
 32 GINA: Simple as that? I've got a better one. How about, if you
 33 don't like the prices, then don't shop there?
 34 KELLY: Yeah, you're just justifying what you did with logic that
 35 doesn't even make sense. If I use your logic then I could

1 get away with murder. I'd be like, hey, you shouldn't have
 2 let me buy the gun if you didn't want me to kill people with
 3 it. You're totally putting the responsibility of this on the
 4 store! Like it's their fault you broke the law.
 5 TRACY: Geez, Kelly. Calm your feathers. Nobody's committing
 6 murder here.
 7 GINA: *(Very sarcastically)* Oh, so that makes it OK.
 8 ALEXIS: *(To TRACY)* Didn't know your friends were so uptight.
 9 How do you stand it?
 10 TRACY: Normally they're pretty cool.
 11 KELLY: Guess maybe we lost our "coolness" when our best
 12 friend became a thief right before our eyes.
 13 GINA: Really, Tracy. I thought I knew you better than this. We've
 14 been friends since kindergarten!
 15 TRACY: So, nothing's changed. I'm still Tracy.
 16 GINA: Not the Tracy I know. What's gotten in to you?
 17 ALEXIS: What's it to you? You writing a book? *Life and Times of*
 18 *Tracy McGuire?*
 19 KELLY: Maybe you should stay out of this, Alexis.
 20 GINA: In fact, maybe you should just stay out of Tracy's life.
 21 Ever since you came along, it's been nothing but trouble.
 22 ALEXIS: I think you're confusing the words "trouble" and
 23 "exciting." Maybe Tracy's sick of hanging out with a bunch
 24 of goody-two-shoes. *(Mocking)* Like, what do we want to do
 25 tonight? Watch our hair grow, or, I know! We could pluck
 26 our eyebrows! They're getting so bushy.
 27 KELLY: *(Leaning into ALEXIS)* Actually, Alexis, I'd say you could
 28 use a night with a pair of tweezers. You know that uni-
 29 brows really never were in style. At least not on a girl. But
 30 then again ... *(Looking her up and down as if to imply she's*
 31 *not a girl anyway.)*
 32 ALEXIS: Ooooh, Barbie here's getting mad. Watch out! She
 33 might break a nail or something!
 34 TRACY: Stop it! This is so stupid!
 35 KELLY: She started it.

1 TRACY: Well, I'm ending it. This has gotten out of hand. No
 2 harm was done. End of story, OK? *(Pleading)*
 3 GINA: *(Silent for a second as if she wants to let it go but can't.)* What
 4 if you'd gotten caught? What if they thought I was in on it?
 5 TRACY: Oh, so that's it? Isn't it? The real problem. We sure
 6 can't have anything tainting your saintly record, now can
 7 we?
 8 GINA: What are you talking about? Just because I don't steal
 9 you think I'm some goody-two-shoes?
 10 ALEXIS: That and about a million other reasons.
 11 KELLY: Don't turn this around on her! Tracy, you're the one
 12 who's wrong. Don't you feel the least bit guilty?
 13 TRACY: *(Shrugging)* Nah. They can afford it. They charge way
 14 too much anyway. I mean, come on. Over the years I've
 15 paid for this a dozen times.
 16 ALEXIS: That's right! They practically owe you for it!
 17 KELLY: You haven't paid for it once, Tracy. That's the point.
 18 TRACY: Don't get all righteous like you've never done anything
 19 wrong. Maybe I should tell everyone about the time you
 20 stole liquor out of your parents' stash.
 21 KELLY: That hardly compares to this. I doubt my parents were
 22 going to call the cops on me. We could've all gone to jail
 23 because of you.
 24 ALEXIS: *(Sarcastically)* Yeah, I hear that jail is overflowing with
 25 dangerous shoplifters! They go real hard on them. Some
 26 probably even get the electric chair!
 27 GINA: *(Looks at ALEXIS with obvious disgust.)* Is everything a joke
 28 to you?
 29 ALEXIS: They would've called her parents. Talked rough to her.
 30 Made her cry. Nobody was getting carted off to jail in
 31 handcuffs.
 32 GINA: Says the shoplifting expert.
 33 ALEXIS: What can I say? I've been caught a few times. I'm not
 34 as slick as my girl here. *(Puts her arm around TRACY.)*
 35 GINA: Yeah, that's something to be proud of. "Meet Tracy, my

1 new best friend. She's got hands like lightning when it
2 comes to lifting things!"

3 ALEXIS: Lightning. I like it. Maybe that'll be her new nickname.

4 KELLY: Just shut up, Alexis. *(To TRACY)* Tracy, you might think
5 this is all a big game, but it's not. It's against the law.
6 Doesn't that mean anything to you?

7 TRACY: So is speeding but that sure doesn't stop you, does it?

8 KELLY: Now you're comparing this to speeding?

9 TRACY: The law is the law.

10 KELLY: Whatever. You've completely lost it. I'm outta here. *(She
11 walks off.)*

12 TRACY: It's a stupid bottle of polish. *(Yelling after KELLY)* It's not
13 like I held up a bank or something.

14 ALEXIS: *(Mockingly, acts like she has a gun.)* Put your hands in the
15 air and give me all your nail polish! *(She and TRACY laugh.)*

16 GINA: *(Ignores ALEXIS.)* Stealing is stealing, Tracy.

17 TRACY: *(Turns and gets in GINA's face.)* And annoying is annoying.

18 GINA: What's that supposed to mean?

19 ALEXIS: You sound worse than her mother.

20 TRACY: For real, Gina. Lighten up. You guys really blew this out
21 of proportion. Geez. It's a three-dollar bottle of polish.

22 GINA: Exactly. Was it really worth it? What will be next? CDs?
23 DVDs?

24 TRACY: Oh, come on. I'm not a thief.

25 GINA: You're not? Could've fooled me.

26 TRACY: For crying out loud. You are so dramatic. I take ...

27 GINA: Steal!

28 TRACY: OK. *Steal* one bottle of lousy polish and now I'm prison-
29 bound?

30 GINA: Well, you sure don't seem too guilt-ridden over it. You
31 know, everything starts somewhere.

32 TRACY: Yeah, well, everything has to *end* somewhere too. See
33 ya later, Gina. Oh, and here! *(Throws polish at her.)*

34 Something to remember me by! Come on, Alexis; let's get
35 out of here.

Revenge of the Rash

(3 Girls)

CHARACTERS:

Emily: Popular, snotty teenage girl who attempts to prank Leah.

Claire: Popular, snotty teenage girl whose mother keeps her supplied with bath and body accessories.

Leah: Not-so-popular girl who is supposed to be the victim of Emily and Claire's locker room prank, only she catches on and turns the tables on them.

SETTING:

Girls' locker room at school after P.E. class. Emily and Claire are there first, discussing the prank. When Leah enters, they try to convince her to take a shower so they can steal her clothes.