

1 say anything, you just assumed the worst.
2 GABE: *(Beginning to realize his mistake)* Yeah, well ...
3 MONICA: Now I'm upset.
4 JOANIE: I'm sorry, Monica, I shouldn't have just assumed.
5 MARCEL: Yeah, Gabe, why didn't you just ask?
6 GABE: Sure, like, "Hey, Marcel, why wasn't I invited?"
7 Right.
8 MARCEL: Exactly. I would have asked you if it were the
9 other way around.
10 JOANIE: I guess we didn't have all the facts.
11 GABE: Yeah, I guess I should have asked.
12 MONICA: Yeah, you should have. Well?
13 GABE: Well what?
14 MONICA: Are you coming?
15 GABE: Sure, I wouldn't miss it for the world!
16 MARCEL: Sure your little sister won't mind?
17 GABE: You kidding? I can't stand that little pest!
18 MONICA: I nominate Gabe and Joanie for the clean-up
19 committee! *(They start walking off.)*
20 MARCEL: I second that nomination!
21 JOANIE: Hey, wait a minute!

22. Gossip among Friends

Topic: A play based on the harm that can come from gossip.

Cast:

SUSAN: anxious to share gossip

MARY: not as gossipy as Susan

JEFF: the voice of reason

1 *(Scene opens with SUSAN and MARY standing Center Stage*
2 *deep in conversation.)*
3 SUSAN: Well, that's what she said.
4 MARY: Are you sure she wasn't talking about Jimmy?
5 SUSAN: No. I heard her say Adam three times in the
6 conversation. I know she wasn't talking about Jimmy.
7 MARY: Well, somebody really should tell Jimmy.
8 JEFF: *(Enters and joins SUSAN and MARY, overhearing the end*
9 *of the last line.)* Tell Jimmy what?
10 SUSAN: *(Pretending innocence)* Oh, nothing.
11 JEFF: Come on, I heard you say somebody should tell
12 Jimmy and he's one of our best friends. What is it he
13 should know?
14 SUSAN: *(Suddenly hesitant to talk)* I don't think it's my place
15 to say.
16 MARY: Oh, that's a switch. Now you don't want to be
17 caught gossiping.
18 SUSAN: It was different when I was telling you. But if I tell
19 Jeff ...
20 JEFF: *(Offended)* If you tell Jeff what? Are you saying I'm a
21 blabbermouth?
22 SUSAN: No, it's just that you and Jimmy are good friends
23 and I don't want this getting back to him.
24 MARY: Well, maybe it should get back to him. It would be for
25 his own good if he knew. You know how sensitive Jimmy is.

1 SUSAN: That's just the reason why he should know what
 2 people are saying about him.
 3 JEFF: *(Frustrated)* What are they saying about him?
 4 SUSAN: OK, Jeff, if someone heard someone say that they
 5 had heard someone say you were seen by someone else
 6 smoking cigarettes, would you want that someone to tell
 7 you they had heard it?
 8 JEFF: *(Completely confused)* If ... if who someone heard a
 9 someone do *what*?
 10 SUSAN: See, I told you it was stupid.
 11 MARY: It's not stupid. You're just not explaining it right.
 12 Jeff, if one of your friends heard something bad about
 13 you, wouldn't you want to know?
 14 JEFF: Well, that depends.
 15 MARY: On what?!
 16 JEFF: *(Being deliberately confusing)* On whether they actually
 17 saw or heard something or whether their cousin's
 18 brother's friend's dentist's secretary's dog heard it.
 19 MARY: *(Absolutely lost)* What?
 20 SUSAN: I think he's trying to say that gossip never helped
 21 anyone, right?
 22 JEFF: Right!

23. The Snob

Topic: A play about judging a book by its cover.

Cast:

JOSEPH: cheerful and friendly

DIMITRI: obviously bitter and angry

CATHY: polite but confused by Dimitri

1 *(Scene begins with DIMITRI sitting alone, brooding. JOSEPH*
 2 *enters and joins him.)*
 3 JOSEPH: Hey, Dimitri, what's up?
 4 DIMITRI: *(Gloomily)* I don't want to talk about it.
 5 JOSEPH: Come on, it's me. You can talk to me. What's
 6 wrong?
 7 DIMITRI: That new girl in guitar class is so stuck up.
 8 JOSEPH: *(Sits beside him. Seems curious)* Who, Cathy? I
 9 thought she was pretty cool.
 10 DIMITRI: Yeah, well, you didn't go to grade school with her.
 11 Her father is like president of the world and her mom
 12 drives a Lamborghini. She's so rich it's ridiculous.
 13 JOSEPH: So what? What's rich got to do with anything?
 14 She's always really nice.
 15 DIMITRI: Shhhh! Here she comes. *(CATHY enters and joins the*
 16 *BOYS, but does not sit.)*
 17 CATHY: Hi, Joseph. Hi, Dimitri.
 18 JOSEPH: Hey, Cathy.
 19 DIMITRI: *(Grouchy, not looking at her)* Hmph.
 20 CATHY: *(Genuinely concerned)* Is something wrong, Dimitri?
 21 DIMITRI: No, nothing's wrong. Everything is just peachy
 22 keen.
 23 JOSEPH: Ignore him, Cathy. He hasn't had his breakfast
 24 today.
 25 CATHY: I tried to get your attention during guitar class,
 26 Dimitri. When Mr. Reynolds said, "OK, musicians!"