

- 1 on a project.
- 2 **JORDAN:** Oh no! You mean I really signed up — and paid
- 3 *money* — to go and *work*? Who does that? Let me rephrase
- 4 that. Who, in their right mind, does that? (*TRENT and*
- 5 *HEATHER look at each other and shrug.*)
- 6 **HEATHER:** I guess us.
- 7 **JORDAN:** (*Loud sigh, groan*) I can't believe this. Is it too late to
- 8 back out?
- 9 **TRENT:** Oh, come on. Lighten up. You're going to have a great
- 10 time.
- 11 **HEATHER:** I promise you, by the end of the week, you'll be sore
- 12 and tired, but it'll all be worth it!
- 13 **JORDAN:** If you guys say so. All I know is we'd better get Big
- 14 Mike or I'm not going! If I don't get to pull some pranks,
- 15 I'll go crazy!

Bad Hair Day

CHARACTERS

(2 Girls, 3 Guys)

Abby: Girl who wears a bathrobe tie in her hair because she can't find a ribbon.

Molly: Abby's friend who tries to stop her from wearing a bathrobe tie to school.

Anson: Abby's best guy friend who makes fun of her new hairdo.

Samuel: Guy who doesn't appreciate Abby's new style.

T.J.: Guy who doesn't appreciate Abby's new style.

SETTING

Starts out at Abby's house, and then moves to different classes at school.

At the Bus Stop

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3 MOLLY: Abby, you know I love you, and you're my best friend.
4 But what is up with your hair today? Did you wake up late
5 or did your mirror break or something?
6 ABBY: What, you don't like it?
7 MOLLY: Well, if you want the honest truth, no. Like seriously,
8 what is this, a bathrobe tie?
9 ABBY: I couldn't find any ribbons. This is the closest thing I
10 could find to being anywhere close to a ribbon. I figured it
11 could pass ...
12 MOLLY: It *could* pass. If you were in preschool. Are you sure you
13 want to go to school like that? You have a few more
14 minutes until the bus comes. I'd go fix my hair if I were
15 you.
16 ABBY: I don't see what the big deal is. It doesn't even look like
17 it's a bathrobe tie. It looks like a ribbon people would
18 normally wear to school. It's barely different than the other
19 ones I wear.
20 MOLLY: Abby, it has rubber ducks on it! People don't wear
21 ribbons like that in their hair, ever.
22 ABBY: Well, whatever. I don't even care. I'm having a bad hair
23 day, and this is better than the frizzy mess I had before I
24 put this in.
25 MOLLY: I'm not so sure it is. I mean, no one will take you
26 seriously like this. Do you want some hairspray or
27 something?
28 ABBY: No, it looks bad enough as it is. There's like nothing you
29 could do to fix it.
30 MOLLY: Maybe you just shouldn't go to school like that. I'd
31 never go to school with my hair like that.
32 ABBY: I'm sorry my hair can't be as perfect as little Miss
33 Molly's. Never a strand of hair out of place. Always perfect,
34 just like her.
35 MOLLY: Hey, this isn't my fault. Don't blame me. And you don't

1 have to listen to me, but if people give you a hard time at
2 school, I'll have to say I told you so.
3 ABBY: No one will even notice. They won't say anything.

At School

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7 ANSON: Hey Abby. Nice hair. It probably took you all morning
8 to get it looking like that.
9 ABBY: Thanks Anson. *(Pause)* Wait, you're being sarcastic,
10 aren't you?
11 ANSON: No ... Well, maybe a little bit. Are you seriously wearing
12 a bathrobe tie in your hair?
13 ABBY: I was having a bad hair day and I couldn't find any
14 ribbons! Is it really that noticeable?
15 ANSON: Yeah, pretty much. I noticed it when I was across the
16 hallway from you.
17 ABBY: Ugh. It's only second hour and three people have asked
18 me about it. How am I supposed to get through the day?
19 ANSON: Why don't you just take it out?
20 ABBY: It'll look even worse! It's actually holding down my frizzy
21 hair.
22 ANSON: Um, yeah. Worse ...
23 ABBY: Oh, shut up, Anson. What do you know about fashion?
24 You're a guy. You think basketball shorts and a T-shirt are
25 stylish.
26 ANSON: They're better than wearing a bathrobe tie in my hair.
27 ABBY: Anson, do me a favor. Zip it.
28 ANSON: Just trying to help you out.
29 ABBY: Well, you just made it worse. You're making me even
30 more paranoid about it!

1 Third Hour
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 3 T.J.: Dude, Anson was right! Look at her hair. It *is* a bathrobe
 4 tie.
 5 SAMUEL: Oh man, that's hilarious! We need a picture.
 6 ABBY: Leave me alone! I'm having a bad hair day. This is the
 7 best I could do.
 8 SAMUEL: Well, you're doing a great job of hiding it. Not!
 9 ABBY: Oh haha, you're soooo funny. Maybe you should be a
 10 comedian.
 11 T.J.: Seriously, what were you thinking? A bathrobe tie, really?
 12 On what planet did you think that would look good?
 13 ABBY: I don't know! I'm so embarrassed. I wish people would
 14 just leave me alone about it. Maybe I just wanted to be
 15 unique and different.
 16 SAMUEL: Well, I can promise you that no one else is wearing
 17 their hair like that.
 18 T.J.: I was thinking about wearing my hair like that today. You
 19 stole my look.
 20 ABBY: Oh my gosh! It's not that big of a deal. No more talking
 21 about it. I'm already about to die of embarrassment.
 22 SAMUEL: Sorry Abby, it's just pretty funny. We're laughing with
 23 you, not at you.
 24 ABBY: Do you see me laughing? I've been trying to hide it all
 25 day. Even the teachers have asked me about it.
 26 T.J.: It's not like we're trying to be mean, we just think it's
 27 hilarious.
 28 ABBY: Well, it's not to me! This is the absolute worst day of
 29 my life.

30 Fifth Hour
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 33 ANSON: Anyone else say anything about your ... extremely
 34 unique hairstyle?
 35 ABBY: Yes! Pretty much everyone has. I've gotten made fun of

1 all day because of it.
 2 MOLLY: Everyone thinks you're doing it for attention.
 3 ABBY: Yeah, like I want this kind of attention.
 4 ANSON: Well, you do have to admit, it has gotten you a *lot* of
 5 attention.
 6 MOLLY: Don't worry about what people are saying. Just wear
 7 your hair like normal people do tomorrow and you'll be fine.
 8 ABBY: I'll be sure to never do anything this stupid again. I've
 9 never been so embarrassed in my life.
 10 ANSON: Even worse than when you tripped in the cafeteria and
 11 got food all over you?
 12 MOLLY: Or when your pants fell down in front of the class?
 13 ABBY: OK, can we not relive all of those things, please? I'm
 14 trying to block those out. But yes, this beats all of them,
 15 by far. I can't ever show my face at school again. I tried to
 16 get my mom to come pick me up, but she was laughing too
 17 hard to even let me finish my story. This is going to ruin
 18 my life.
 19 MOLLY: Don't you think you're being a tad bit overdramatic? I
 20 mean, you thought it was the end of the world when you
 21 got your first pimple. You didn't come to school for four
 22 days until it went away. I promise this will all blow over. By
 23 tomorrow, no one will even say anything about it to you.
 24 ABBY: Overdramatic? Are you kidding me? I have sixth graders
 25 coming up to me and saying, "That's the girl who wears
 26 bathrobe ties in her hair." I will never live this down. People
 27 will still be making fun of me when I'm eighty years old.
 28 ANSON: Now you're definitely being overdramatic. It's really not
 29 that big of a deal. It's just you being you. You're different
 30 than everyone else, and this just proves your point. It's not
 31 like you're perfect.
 32 ABBY: But I don't want to be known as the girl who wears
 33 things in her hair that don't belong there. Everyone will be
 34 waiting for me to mess up again.
 35 MOLLY: Abby, you're fine! They'll find someone new to make

- 1 fun of by tomorrow.
2 ANSON: Don't worry about it. I'm sure people have already
3 forgotten about it.
4 ABBY: I really hope you guys are right. I can't take much more
5 of this. I might even have to switch schools. Better yet, I'll
6 move states.
7 MOLLY: Oh gosh, here we go again. See you guys tomorrow, I
8 can't deal with Miss Dramatic anymore.
9 ABBY: Hush, Molly. Bye, see you tomorrow.
10 ANSON: Remember, dress normal tomorrow.
11 ABBY: I'll be sure to. Thanks guys.

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13 The Next Day at Abby's House
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- 15 MOLLY: Hey Abby, I like your hair today.
16 ABBY: Are you being sarcastic?
17 MOLLY: No! I'm serious. One hundred times better than
18 yesterday, promise.
19 ABBY: Oh good. I woke up an hour early to make sure I didn't
20 look as bad as I did yesterday.
21 MOLLY: Don't worry. Everyone will love it and regret giving you
22 a hard time yesterday.
23 ABBY: Thank you! I was so nervous this morning. I almost
24 pretended to be sick so Mom would let me stay home.
25 MOLLY: You're worried for nothing. I promise it'll be fine.

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27 At School
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- 29 MOLLY: (*Rushes up to ABBY.*) You are *never* going to believe this!
30 ABBY: What? What's going on?
31 MOLLY: Looks like you've started a new trend. I just walked
32 through the sixth grade hallway and *all* the girls had a
33 bathrobe tie in their hair!
34 ABBY: No way!
35 MOLLY: I'm serious, Abby! You've started a new fashion.

Embarrassing Dad

CHARACTERS

(3 Girls, 2 Guys)

Anna Martin: Main character who has an embarrassing father.

Grace: Anna's best friend who is having a party.

Jake: Cute boy at the party (no speaking lines).

Mr. Martin: Anna's embarrassing father.

Mrs. Martin: Anna's mother who is preoccupied with work issues and doesn't have time to take Anna to Grace's party.

SETTING

Action starts with Grace and Anna on the phone with each other (one on each side of the stage), then action is at Anna's house, and finally action is in the car with (gasp) Mr. Martin.

Note: For the first part of the play, Grace and Anna can either use phone props or mime being on the phone with each other.