

1 ANN: Where did you get this? And why?
2 BETH: I got it from a friend.
3 ANN: Who? We have all the same friends. No one gave me
4 one of these.
5 BETH: Yeah, well, too bad. It's mine.
6 ANN: Are you going to use it?
7 BETH: I don't know. Maybe.
8 ANN: When? Where? With who?
9 BETH: Maybe tonight. And probably with Jeff.
10 ANN: Omigod! Omigod! Tonight? With Jeff?
11 BETH: I believe that's what I said.
12 ANN: Does your mom know?
13 BETH: No!! For heaven's sake, what am I? Stupid? And don't
14 you go opening your big mouth.
15 ANN: How does Jeff feel about this?
16 BETH: How do you think he feels?
17 ANN: Doesn't he worry about, you know, getting in trouble?
18 BETH: Don't worry. These things are foolproof.
19 ANN: For your sake, I hope so.
20 BETH: I gotta go now. I need to get ready for tonight. Ann,
21 do you need one?
22 ANN: Yeah, right. *(BETH starts to leave.)* Beth, yeah. Maybe I
23 do.
24 BETH: I'll ask Jane. She makes these fake I.D. cards really
25 well.
26 ANN: Great. Call me tomorrow and tell me if it worked.
27 BETH: I will. See you later!

Ten-Minute One-Acts

Alone on Prom Night

Cast: Joni, Keri, Anne

Setting: Inside Joni's house

Props: Three cell phones, Anne has a set of keys

1 *(JONI is on the phone talking in a warm friendly voice*
2 *while looking at KERI and ANNE with meaningful*
3 *glances that only three best friends can understand.)*
4 JONI: *(On the phone)* Sure. Of course. Yeah, that was fun. I
5 always have fun with you. Me, too, thanks. Well ... yeah,
6 OK. Uh huh. *(She laughs warmly while she rolls her eyes*
7 *towards KERI and ANNE.)* OK ... I'll talk to you later. *(She*
8 *hangs up the phone.)* Loser. Well, Prom's next week and
9 I still don't have a date.
10 KERI: Brian didn't ask you?
11 JONI: No.
12 ANNE: Nice fake laugh.
13 JONI: Practice makes perfect.
14 KERI: So, what was he talking about?
15 JONI: Oh, about what a great time we had at Dylan's party
16 and lots of how much fun I am to "hang with," and blah
17 blah blah. But did he ask me to Prom? That would be
18 the big N-O.
19 ANNE: I hate the guys at this school.
20 KERI: What is their problem?
21 ANNE: I've had a date for every Prom! Senior year ...
22 *nothing!*
23 JONI: I hate them!
24 KERI: Losers.

1 JONI: I don't get it.
 2 ANNE: I hear that Brian is waiting until seven days before
 3 Prom to actually ask someone.
 4 KERI: All that's going to be left are the ugly girls. *(She*
 5 *pauses reflectively while KERI and ANNE look at her*
 6 *aghast.)* That would include us, wouldn't it?
 7 ANNE: We are so not ugly.
 8 JONI: Totally?
 9 KERI: Promise! Totally.
 10 *(A pause)*
 11 JONI: You're not lying to me are you?
 12 KERI: I swear! You are way beautiful. We all are.
 13 ANNE: This no date thing, however, is not good for the ego,
 14 when you think about it.
 15 KERI: The only thing I feel better about is that you two
 16 don't have dates, either.
 17 JONI: Great. Glad our bitterness makes you feel better.
 18 KERI: You know what I mean.
 19 ANNE: We should just ask guys from other schools since the
 20 guys here are such complete jerks. I hate them!
 21 KERI: What are you complaining about? You at least had a
 22 date.
 23 ANNE: Oh yeah, great. With Albert. Albert! Puh-leeeeeeze.
 24 JONI: He's a sophomore.
 25 KERI: Well, at least he's male.
 26 ANNE: Yeah, and fifteen.
 27 JONI: He's a guy!
 28 ANNE: You like him so much, you go with him.
 29 KERI: Yeah, that will happen.
 30 JONI: At least he's cute.
 31 KERI: And fifteen.
 32 JONI: And tall.
 33 KERI: And fifteen. Hello! Fifteen.
 34 JONI: I don't know, Anne. He might be your last chance.
 35 ANNE: Pass the arsenic.

1 JONI: I can't believe we are going to be sitting at home on
 2 Prom Night.
 3 KERI: Prom Night!
 4 ANNE: Alone.
 5 KERI: Alone on Prom Night.
 6 ANNE: I hate the guys at this school.
 7 KERI: We should go anyway.
 8 ANNE: Yeah. Sure.
 9 KERI: I'm serious. The three of us should just go and have
 10 a good time.
 11 ANNE: I want to go, but I'm not desperate. *(JONI looks at*
 12 *her.)* Well, not desperate enough to go with a
 13 sophomore or with girls.
 14 JONI: It's not desperate. It's a statement.
 15 KERI: Of what? That we are such big losers and so repulsive
 16 to men in general that the only people we can get to
 17 take us to Prom is each other?
 18 ANNE: I don't get it!! How can we not have been asked?
 19 We're popular, and cool!
 20 KERI: Everyone likes us!
 21 ANNE: Everyone wants to be like us.
 22 KERI: Everyone knows who we are.
 23 ANNE: We are super cool girls.
 24 KERI: What the heck, man?
 25 ANNE: I know! I am so serious.
 26 JONI: Maybe that's the problem.
 27 ANNE: What?
 28 JONI: That everyone knows who we are and assumes that
 29 we have dates. That's why no one has asked us.
 30 KERI: You think so?
 31 JONI: Totally! I mean, think about it. Everyone knows who
 32 we are, right?
 33 KERI and ANNE: Right.
 34 JONI: And we've all three been to every Prom since
 35 freshman year, right?

1 KERI and ANNE: Right.
 2 JONI: We've all had boyfriends, right?
 3 KERI and ANNE: Yeah, sure. Lots of boyfriends.
 4 JONI: So, we've been to all the Proms, we've all had
 5 boyfriends, everyone knows us, we're cute, too, right?
 6 KERI and ANNE: Like you even have to ask, of course, who's
 7 cuter?
 8 JONI: And we don't have dates, right?
 9 KERI and ANNE: Right.
 10 (A pause)
 11 KERI: You're going somewhere with this, aren't you?
 12 JONI: Yeah ... at least I thought so.
 13 ANNE: So what's the bottom line here, then?
 14 KERI: That Prom is next week and we don't have dates and
 15 it looks like we might not.
 16 JONI: Yep. So, what are we going to do?
 17 ANNE: I'm not going with a sophomore.
 18 KERI: At least you can say you were asked.
 19 ANNE: By *Albert Gwaltney*. Big whoop.
 20 JONI: Gah-ross
 21 KERI: So beyond!
 22 JONI: And the nerve of him!
 23 KERI: He's not even cute.
 24 ANNE: At least I was asked.
 25 JONI: Good point.
 26 KERI: Yeah.
 27 JONI: Which brings us back to our original point. What are
 28 we going to do about this?
 29 (A pause)
 30 KERI: How about this. We could ask guys from another
 31 school. We could say that we've been actually *seeing*
 32 these guys, and that's why we are not interested in
 33 going to Prom with anyone from this school.
 34 ANNE: And may I point out again ... they are losers.
 35 KERI: Yes, they are.

1 JONI: But continue your train of thought.
 2 KERI: OK. So, what we do is start mentioning these guys. A
 3 lot.
 4 ANNE: Get the word out, you mean.
 5 JONI: Show we don't care that no one has asked us.
 6 KERI: Exactly.
 7 ANNE: So, we could tell people that these fictional guys ...
 8 JONI: Not real guys?
 9 ANNE: If we knew real guys we would have dates for Prom.
 10 JONI: We could come up with real guys, couldn't we?
 11 KERI: If we could come up with real guys, we'd have dates!
 12 JONI: You two need to think about this. I mean, if we are
 13 going to *say* we have dates, why don't we get some?
 14 KERI: If we could get dates, then we wouldn't need these
 15 fictional guys.
 16 JONI: Between the three of us we must know *someone* who
 17 we could go with.
 18 (A pause)
 19 ANNE: No one.
 20 KERI: Joni, don't you have that really cute cousin?
 21 JONI: Todd?
 22 ANNE: Oh, yeah, he's a hottie! I'd like to tear me off a slice
 23 of that!
 24 KERI: And those friends of his. Mmmm mmmm. Yum.
 25 JONI: Gay.
 26 KERI: Of course.
 27 ANNE: What the heck?
 28 JONI: I am ready to resign myself to a life alone.
 29 KERI: I say we make a decision right now.
 30 ANNE: To do what? No one has asked us to Prom.
 31 JONI: Albert ...
 32 ANNE: No one worth going with.
 33 KERI: Here are our choices. A. We stay home.
 34 ANNE: Lame.
 35 KERI: B. We go with just ourselves.

1 JONI: Who's going to make the signs we wear around our
 2 necks that say "Loser"?
 3 KERI: C. We ask the guys on our own.
 4 ANNE: What?
 5 JONI: Us ask the guys?
 6 KERI: Why not?
 7 JONI: Because it is *Prom!!!* The guy is supposed to ask.
 8 KERI: Yeah? Well, I don't see them doing it, do you? I mean,
 9 think about it. Of all the guys we know and hang out
 10 with, who has actually asked a single person to Prom?
 11 ANNE: Paul, Bill, Tony, Eddy ...
 12 KERI: Yeah, but they've all asked sophomores and juniors.
 13 They don't count. Fringe guys. The good guys in our
 14 group are just standing around with their fingers up
 15 their noses saying "duh."
 16 JONI: Sad, but true.
 17 KERI: So, why should we wait around? Do you want to go to
 18 Prom?
 19 ANNE: Yes!
 20 JONI: Brian was supposed to ask me. He was telling
 21 everyone he was going to ask me. You heard him.
 22 ANNE: Yes I did. But that was two weeks ago and he still
 23 hasn't. Keri has a point. Are we going to sit around and
 24 wait for things to happen or are we going to go out and
 25 make them happen?
 26 KERI: Do you want to sit home alone on Prom Night?
 27 JONI and ANNE: No!
 28 KERI: Do you want a date? Do you?
 29 JONI and ANNE: Yes!
 30 KERI: I can't hear you!
 31 JONI and ANNE: *(Louder)* Yes!!!
 32 KERI: *(Like a cheerleader, full of enthusiasm and*
 33 *encouragement)* Then, ladies, take out your cell phones
 34 and let's start asking!
 35 KERI, JONI and ANNE: *(Whipping out cell phones, full of*

1 exuberant energy over having made a decision) Yeah!
 2 Whooo! So cool!!
 3 *(A pause)*
 4 ANNE: So, who should I call?
 5 JONI: Yeah?
 6 KERI: Huh. I hadn't thought that far. *(The cell phones close.)*
 7 OK, here's what we will do. Joni, you will call Brian and
 8 ask him to Prom.
 9 JONI: What!?!?!?
 10 KERI: You know he wants to ask you. He may think seven
 11 days is enough time, but it isn't. He's an idiot because
 12 he thinks all you have to do is put on the dress and go.
 13 He's unaware of the prep time. So, call.
 14 JONI: What do I say?
 15 ANNE: Duh! You say, "Brian, do you want to go to Prom
 16 with me?"
 17 JONI: What if he says no?
 18 KERI: He won't. He's just too darn lazy to do this himself, so
 19 you have to take care of it for him. Anne, who are you
 20 going to ask?
 21 ANNE: Whoa. I don't know.
 22 KERI: Ask Eric. He's cute, he's nice, he's sweet ...
 23 ANNE: He's so quiet.
 24 KERI: You're not going to Prom to talk, you're going to
 25 Prom because it's your senior year. Call him.
 26 ANNE: What about you? Who are you going to ask?
 27 KERI: Mark.
 28 JONI: Mark? Why?
 29 KERI: Because I know he'll say yes. He's liked me since
 30 seventh grade. He'll be thrilled. And I want to go to
 31 Prom with my two best friends.
 32 ANNE: For sure! And once we get there and are seen with
 33 dates, then we can dump them and have fun!
 34 JONI: Exactly.
 35 ANNE: I am so annoyed that I have to do this.

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.