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“Send”

By Linda Daugherty

CHARACTERS

ALYSSA	a teenager
JOSHUA.....	a teenager
SARA	a teenager
NATALIE.....	a teenager
MIA	a teenager
J.D.....	a teenager
KEVIN.....	a teenager

SETTING AND TIME: Bare stage with props. The present.

J.D. (*snatching cell phone from KEVIN, calls to ALYSSA and waves phone in the air, pointing at screen*). Hey, Alyssa! Amazing!

KEVIN (*embarrassed and trying to grab cell phone from J.D.*). Shut up, J.D.! Give me my phone!

J.D. Take some pictures for *me*, Alyssa!

KEVIN. Come on, man!

J.D. You know, like you did for Joshua!

KEVIN (*grabbing phone from J.D. and pulling him off*). Give me my phone, moron!

(*KEVIN and J.D. exit.*)

ALYSSA (*to audience*). It was like I was walking down the hallways of my school...naked. I ate lunch alone. Every day. Nobody called. Nobody texted me. I didn't want to come out of my room. I made a plan to change schools after winter break. My mom didn't know why I was unhappy. But she said okay. I knew a few kids at the new school. I was feeling happy about the change. But the night before—

(*NATALIE and MIA enter R. J.D. and KEVIN enter L. ALL are looking at their cell phones.*)

ALYSSA. The night before—in the middle of the night—

(NATALIE, MIA, J.D. and KEVIN begin rapidly texting and snickering.)

ALYSSA. My phone—it woke me up.

NATALIE *(pushing button on cell phone)*. Send!

MIA *(pushing button on cell phone)*. Send!

J.D. *(pushing button on cell phone)*. Send!

KEVIN *(pushing button on cell phone)*. Send!

(NATALIE, MIA, J.D. and KEVIN continue rapidly texting and laughing.)

ALYSSA. One friend sent it to another. And another. And another! All night long! They sent my picture to kids at the new school! Nearly everyone!

NATALIE, MIA, J.D. & KEVIN *(simultaneously pushing buttons on cell phones)*. Send!!! *(They turn backs to audience.)*

ALYSSA. I didn't change schools. Didn't go anywhere. Didn't talk to anyone. That week someone's mom saw the picture on her kid's phone and called my mom. She sent her the picture. My mom went nuts. She phoned the principal. The principal called a meeting. And the principal called the cops.