

NOBODY'S PERFECT, EVEN IF YOU'RE SPOILED

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Cast:

Sophie – humble but smart, the quiet artist.

Mariah – the new girl.

Carmen – thinks she is perfect.

Narrator – narrates the show.

SCENE 1

Narrator: Hello everyone! I am the narrator, and I will be here to interrupt this story's scenes as they happen!

Um, not really. But allow me to introduce the story.

Three friends at a middle school, Sophie, Mariah, and Carmen just finished their third period class, and are on their way to the school cafeteria for lunch.

(Sophie, Mariah, and Carmen peek under the curtains and wave at the audience.)

Although they are friends, sometimes they like to argue about little things in life. Sometimes this leads to absolute chaos...

(Narrator exits stage right)

(Sophie and Mariah step out from behind the curtain.)

(Carmen makes a dramatic entrance through the curtain.)

Mariah: Hey guys!

Sophie: *(awkwardly)* Hey...

Carmen: Hello.

Mariah: *(to Carmen)* How was math class?

Carmen: I got a 100 on my test. *(Flipping her hair)* A perfect day as always.

Mariah: That's awesome! Let's get lunch.

(They all grab a tray.)

Sophie: What are we going to get for lunch?

Carmen: A salad like I always do.

Mariah: Cool! I'm getting pizza.

Sophie: Me too.....

Carmen: You don't want to eat a lot of pizza or YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!

(awkward silence, pause)

Carmen: Don't get any ideas about being friends with Sophie, because she's awkward.

(Sophie holds her tray, and looks around)

Mariah: I don't, but okay.

Sophie: Wait, what... please don't fight over me again!

(Carmen accidentally drops her tray on her shoes, and then screams)

Carmen: Mariah pushed me!

Mariah: *(whispering in Carmen's ear)* Karma!

(Sophie snickers)

Carmen: *(to Mariah)* You crazy lemon!

Mariah: I didn't do anything!

Carmen: My shoes got dented! And they were \$500!

Sophie: What kind of shoes are those?

Carmen: They are unique, designer shoes.

Mariah: I'm sorry, but you did that to yourself.

Carmen: *(in disgust, annoyed)* Uhh...

Sophie: This is not worth fighting over. You don't need to wear \$500 shoes to school if you don't want them to get ruined.

Carmen: *(looking around at the others)* Okay, but next time, if you talk about my shoes again, it might not end well.

Mariah & Sophie: Okay then...

Mariah: Well, let's go get lunch! I am hungry!

Sophie & Carmen: Me too!

(They all go back behind the curtain.)

SCENE 2

Narrator: So, it seems that the girls got into a disagreement over Carmen's shoes after dropping a tray on them! She likes wearing her very expensive shoes and loves to brag about her family's money. But not all kids can afford shoes like Carmen's, and that's okay. During lunch, Sophie, Mariah, and Carmen decide to discuss what makes somebody "perfect."

(Narrator exits stage right)

(Open curtain. Sophie, Mariah, and Carmen are seated, eating their lunch.)

Carmen: *(to Mariah)* Did you see that fight in the hallway? It was, like, so cool! One boy's glasses flew across the room!

Mariah: I'm not interested in fights like that. That's abusive to others.

Carmen: So not! It's not like we're the ones doing the abusing here.

Mariah: It's still abuse to talk about it.

Carmen: ...I thought I was told to always say something if I see something suspicious.

Sophie: *(to Carmen)* Like you.

Mariah: It's actually that you tell a trusted adult. You don't gossip about it.

Carmen: I'm not suspicious because I'm perfect! La la la, la da de da...

Sophie: Carmen, no one is perfect. Humans make mistakes.

Carmen: No, I'm the only perfect girl in the whole wide world! I have everything I want and everything I need! And I don't need you low-lives to tell me how to live my life!

(They all go silent, concentrating on their eating...)

Mariah: Why do you have to be so spoiled just because your family's rich?

Carmen: It's easier than being nice. And besides, you were the one that dropped your tray on my designer shoes!

Mariah: That was an honest mistake, and I'm sorry. You don't need to bring it up again.

Carmen: I am never going to forgive you for ruining my shoes, and now you owe me 500 dollars!

Mariah: *(looking at Carmen's shoes)* Carmen, those shoes don't look ruined to me. I don't even see a scratch.

Sophie: I don't see a scratch either. Why do you have to fight over this? They're just shoes.

Carmen: They're not just shoes, they're DESIGNER shoes! I told you already, I'm perfect!

Mariah: If you act like that, do you think you will keep your friends?

Sophie: What makes someone perfect anyways?

Carmen: I have a rich family and that's all I need to be perfect!

Mariah: Rich people aren't perfect. Even Hollywood celebrities trip on their heels!

Sophie: There's a difference between being rich and being stuck up. A lot of rich people give away some of their money to charity. I bet your family does the same, and you don't know it.

Carmen: I know my parents, and they never give away their money!

Sophie: What about that charity gala they hosted? Isn't that raising money for charity?

Carmen: Yeah, for my amusement!

(Bell rings. Sophie, Carmen, and Mariah get up from their table)

Mariah: It seems that being rich doesn't make people perfect at all.

(Close curtain.)

SCENE 3

(Sophie, Mariah, and Carmen discuss what it means to be perfect, and why no one can be perfect)

Narrator: During lunch, Sophie, Mariah, and Carmen started a discussion on what it means to be “perfect.” They continue this discussion after school lets out for the afternoon. Everyone knows that Carmen is not perfect, just like everyone else in the world...

Carmen: *(interrupting, peeking through the curtain)* I hear you, and I’m not as spoiled as you think!

Narrator: I guess it’s time I leave... let’s hope Carmen stops being so spoiled.

(Narrator quickly exits stage right)

(Curtain opens, revealing Carmen and Mariah in a conversation)

Carmen: I would like to apologize for my behavior. I was only trying to impress Sophie, but it didn’t work.

Mariah: It’s okay. Even my little brother and sister act that way... all the time!

Carmen: That’s good to know that I’m not the only one!

(Sophie enters stage left.)

Sophie: I heard every single thing you said. Anyways, how were your classes?

Carmen and Mariah: *(together)* Good! How was your day?

Sophie: It was okay.

Carmen: *(awkwardly, to Sophie)* You really heard everything?

(Sophie nods in agreement)

Carmen: Anyhow, I regret everything I said to you guys. My sincerest apologies.

Mariah: I accept your apology.

Carmen: Oh, that makes me think; you guys were right, my shoes aren’t ruined.

Sophie and Mariah: We told you so!

Mariah: I just thought about something. Sometimes girls feel pressure to be perfect, to have everything, to be pretty, to be successful, to have the nicest clothes. But do all of these material things really matter?

Carmen: Of course not.

Sophie: I can relate as well. Our actions can hurt other people's feelings.

Mariah: My little brothers and sisters pressure me to play dress-up with them, but I accidentally fell on top of their toys while pretending to be in a beauty pageant. Just like those celebrities who trip on their heels at an awards show!

Sophie: I find that very funny!

(They all laugh.)

Sophie: I think we should not be pressuring ourselves to be perfect.

Mariah and Carmen: We agree.

(Pause.)

Carmen: You know? Come to think of it, why can't we all just get along with each other? Why don't we stop putting people down for not being perfect, for not being rich, for not fitting into a certain image of "perfection?" I think we would be much better off that way. That's actually how my parents think.

Sophie and Mariah: That's what our parents taught us too!

Mariah: Let's promise not to make fun of other people again.

(They all make "pinky promises" with each other)

Mariah: A promise is a promise!

Sophie and Carmen: *(sarcastically)* We know!

Carmen: But seriously, I don't want to hurt anyone else's feelings ever again.

Sophie and Mariah: And we don't want to either!

Mariah: We all make mistakes, but we learn from those mistakes too! I think we all learned a valuable lesson today, don't you think?

Sophie and Carmen: We agree!

Mariah: No one's perfect, and that's a wonderful part of the beauty of life.

(Close curtain.)

Narrator: So it seems that Carmen has a nice side after all. Sophie, Mariah, and Carmen go on to become role models for the other kids in their school. They teach their friends to not bully other kids, and to not gossip about others behind their back. And they make sure to forgive each other for their mistakes.

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