

DETENTION

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An empty classroom with a table and two chairs. APRIL is seated, while JUNE may or may not be. Both girls are in their mid to late teens.

APRIL

They shouldn't be able to keep you in detention.

JUNE

I know, my mum'll kill me.

APRIL

It's against your human rights to make you stay in after school.

JUNE

I know, I'm really going to get done.

APRIL

They're keeping us in against our will. It's like kidnapping.

JUNE

They think they can do what they like.

APRIL

It's a bit like a sort of child abuse.

JUNE

You're right, they shouldn't really be allowed.

APRIL

If we were in France or somewhere like that the teachers wouldn't be allowed to keep you in.

JUNE

Try telling that to Mr. Graves.

APRIL

He really thinks he's it. Just because he's Head of Year, big deal.

JUNE

Well, I never voted for him.

APRIL

Me neither. I think he gets his kicks by keeping kids in.

JUNE

How do you spell "apologise"?

APRIL

What?

JUNE

This stupid letter we've got to write, how do you spell apologise?

APRIL

I don't know.

JUNE

I don't suppose it matters about spelling.

APRIL

Why are you doing it?

JUNE

We've both got to do it.

APRIL

I'm not apologising - he can go jump in the river before I'd apologise.

JUNE

We've got to write it or else we'll be in detention forever.

APRIL

I'd rather be in detention forever than apologise to that old fusspot.

JUNE

It's not him, it's Sister Hendricks.

APRIL

Stupid cow.

JUNE

Did you see her though - she was crying.

APRIL

I know, I mean, can't she take a joke?

JUNE

It was only meant as a joke.

APRIL

They should have just let us say sorry instead of all this "letter of apology" crap.

JUNE

It's only a stupid letter, it doesn't mean anything.

APRIL

I don't even know what we're supposed to be apologising about.

JUNE

Come on April, if it wasn't for you we wouldn't even be in detention.

APRIL

What do you mean me? It was just as much you as me.

JUNE

It was your idea.

APRIL

It was your idea as well - you agreed.

JUNE

But it was still your idea in the first place.

APRIL

Nobody forced you to do it.

JUNE

But you thought of it first.

APRIL

But you agreed, so it was a joint idea in the end.

JUNE

It can't be a joint idea if only one of us thinks of it.

APRIL

But I only suggested it - you were the one who said it would be a fantastic idea. I didn't think it was such a great idea until you got all excited about it.

JUNE

I only got excited about it because I didn't think you'd go through with it. I was just going along with it for a laugh.

APRIL

But I wouldn't have gone through with it at all if you hadn't gone on about what a great idea it was. And it was you who said it would be a laugh.

JUNE

Only because I didn't think you'd ever do it.

APRIL

But it was a laugh, wasn't it.

JUNE

Yeah, it was a good laugh. I have to admit that.

APRIL

But I didn't do it on my own, did I. You were just as much a part of it as I was so don't say you weren't.

JUNE

I'm not saying I wasn't a part of it, I'm just saying I wouldn't have done it on my own - that's all.

APRIL

Oh, pardon me, Miss Goody Two-shoes.

Pause.

JUNE

I mean, you're always getting me into trouble.

APRIL

Getting you into trouble? What about all the times you've got me into trouble?

JUNE

Me getting you into trouble? When have I ever got you into trouble?

APRIL

Loads of times.

JUNE

Name one, name one time I've ever got you into trouble.

APRIL

I can name loads of times..

JUNE

I can name loads of times you've got me into trouble - like right now for instance.

Pause.

APRIL

I've been told not to be friends with you, you know.

JUNE

You've been told not to be friends with me?

APRIL

You're supposed to be a bad influence on me.

JUNE

Me a bad influence on you? - You're the bad influence on me. I never got into trouble before I started being friends with you.

APRIL

What about the school trip?

JUNE

What about it?

APRIL

Well, it was your idea to put vodka in our water bottles.

JUNE

But it was you who got the vodka.

APRIL

But it was you who got drunk.

JUNE

You got drunk as well.

APRIL

Yes but it was you who got sick. Nobody would have noticed if you hadn't thrown up in the coach. All over Mr. Graves' shoes.

JUNE

Oh yeah, that was a laugh though, wasn't it.

APRIL

Yeah - his face.

JUNE

Wicked.

APRIL

I can't wait to get out of this school.

JUNE

Me neither.

APRIL

The day I leave I'm going to set off the fire alarms, flood the toilets and chuck rotten eggs at all the teachers.

JUNE

You'll get expelled.

APRIL

They can't expel you on the last day. You can do what you like.

JUNE

We were lucky we didn't get expelled for this.

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