

# THREE FIRST KISSES

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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

KATIE, an eighth grade girl.

JEN, an eighth grade girl.

SHELLY, an eighth grade girl.

## SETTING

Katie's bedroom, right after school. There is a bed, a desk with make-up, nail polish, hairspray and books scattered on top of it, and a chair for the desk.

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*(KATIE, JEN, and SHELLY enter Katie's room, laughing and talking about their day at school. There is a bed, a desk, and various stuffed animals, etc.)*

**KATIE:** No way!

**SHELLY:** Way.

**KATIE:** Libby and Tyler?

**JEN:** Hotness!

**KATIE:** Sucking face?

**JEN:** I would totally make out with Tyler Phillips.

**SHELLY:** No, it was Tyler Larson.

**KATIE:** Eew!

**JEN:** Nasty.

*(Jen and Katie drop their backpacks and sit on the bed. Shelly puts her things on the desk and sits at the chair.)*

**SHELLY:** No, it's sweet!

**JEN:** Katie?

**KATIE:** Tyler is just gross, Shelly.

**SHELLY:** Katie, I can't believe you! You and Jen are just...

**KATIE:** What?

**JEN:** Yeah, what are we?

**SHELLY:** Jealous.

**JEN:** Of Tyler? Nooooo!

**KATIE:** Seriously, Shell, I'd never kiss Tyler.

**SHELLY:** Maybe not, but you would kiss somebody.

**JEN:** Ooooh, this is getting juicy! Who is it?

**KATIE:** Just forget about it, okay? You guys want something

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to eat? I'm starving.

**JEN:** Go ahead, run down to your mommy and get some cookies. We'll stay up here and talk about you.

**KATIE:** Hey!

*(She hits Jen with a pillow.)*

Fine, I'll just stay right here. You two have to go home sometime!

**JEN:** Right, good point. Shelly can tell me about this mystery man on the way home.

**KATIE:** Shelly, why did you—

**SHELLY:** I didn't say anything!

**KATIE:** You promised!

**SHELLY:** I didn't say anything. Jen, I didn't say anything to you, did I?

**JEN:** No. Nobody told me anything! I'm waiting. Who is it? Come on, Shelly, spill the beans!

**SHELLY:** Don't look at me!

**JEN:** Come on. Katie won't tell me anything—

**KATIE:** It's nobody, okay?!

**JEN:** Just tell me—you know you will sooner or later.

**KATIE:** It's nobody, I told you.

**SHELLY:** Jen, leave her alone.

**JEN:** I just want a name. Then I'll shut up, promise!

**SHELLY:** Drop it, okay? I'm sorry I never should've—

**KATIE:** It's nobody! Nobody, ever. Nobody wants to date me or kiss me or talk to me. Okay? I've never been kissed by anybody. I'm the only girl in the 8th grade that can say that,

right? Happy? Is that what you wanted to hear?

**JEN:** I'm sorry —

**KATIE:** So maybe Shelly is right. Maybe I am jealous of Libby. At least Tyler likes her.

**SHELLY:** Come on, that's not what —

**KATIE:** How embarrassing! I can't believe this.

**SHELLY:** It's no big deal.

**JEN:** Yeah, jeez, lots of people haven't —

**KATIE:** I'm gonna get some chips or something. You want anything? No? Fine.

*(Katie quickly exits before she starts crying. Jen and Shelly sit quietly for a moment.)*

**JEN:** Wow. That sucked.

**SHELLY:** Why do you have to be so mean?

**JEN:** What? What did I do?

**SHELLY:** You just kept pushing her. She obviously didn't —

**JEN:** Don't start in on me. You two are keeping secrets!

**SHELLY:** Not secrets —

**JEN:** Secrets! You two are talking about boys and kissing and not kissing and not telling me about it. Secrets.

**SHELLY:** It just came up today, that's all. I'm sure she would have told you.

**JEN:** Told me what?

**SHELLY:** You know.

**JEN:** Not really. She's never been kissed?

**SHELLY:** Nope.

**JEN:** Never?

**SHELLY:** No, never had a boyfriend, nothing.

**JEN:** So she's embarrassed.

**SHELLY:** Well, yeah.

**JEN:** It's no big deal, really. Is it?

**SHELLY:** Well, she thinks so.

**JEN:** But do you?

**SHELLY:** Well, kinda.

**JEN:** What do you mean, "Kinda"?

**SHELLY:** It's kind of a big deal. I mean if you've never been kissed and all your friends are talking about it and even Libby and Tyler...

**JEN:** Yeah, I guess so.

**SHELLY:** It's hard. You feel like there's something wrong, you know?

**JEN:** She does? That's not right, she –

**SHELLY:** I do, too.

**JEN:** You?

**SHELLY:** Yeah. It's hard being around everybody. Like there's this secret club that everybody is in but me and –

**JEN:** You?! You and Kevin went out for like 3 months.

**SHELLY:** Well, kinda. We held hands.

**JEN:** He never kissed you?

**SHELLY:** Nope.

**JEN:** Why not?

**SHELLY:** I dunno.

JEN: But—

SHELLY: A couple times I thought he was going to. But he got really pale and sweaty and left both times. I think he was scared.

JEN: Really? That's hilarious!

SHELLY: See? There you go again! You're so mean.

JEN: Come on—it's funny! You wanted to kiss him and he was too scared?

SHELLY: It's scary! I was scared too. I could've kissed him and I didn't. It's terrifying!

JEN: You're terrified of Kevin?

SHELLY: No, not him. Haven't you ever worried that a boy wouldn't kiss you back? Or that he'd tell his friends about it? Or that he wouldn't like it? Or that you wouldn't like it? It's like the whole world is watching and if you do anything stupid or wrong or silly your whole life is ruined.

JEN: That's a little extreme.

SHELLY: Well, maybe. But that's how I felt. So, Katie isn't alone. I've never had my first kiss either.

JEN: It's no big deal.

SHELLY: What was yours like?

JEN: Don't—

SHELLY: Come on. I told you my terrible secret. Who was it? Caleb? Or was it Dan?

JEN: I don't want to talk about it.

SHELLY: Why not? Chicken?

JEN: Let's go see what Katie is up to, I'm worried about her.

*(Jen makes a move for the door, but Shelly cuts her off.)*

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**SHELLY:** Oh no you don't! You were the one complaining about us having secrets. Now you have to spill.

**JEN:** Fine. Neither.

**SHELLY:** Who then?

*(Jen shrugs.)*

Nobody? You haven't kissed anybody?

**JEN:** Guess not.

**SHELLY:** Holy crap.

**JEN:** Hey!

**SHELLY:** No, this is huge!

**JEN:** What? You gonna tell everybody?

**SHELLY:** Not everybody. Just Katie. Katie! KATIE!

**JEN:** SHHHHH!

**SHELLY:** You gotta tell her! You saw how freaked out she was.

**KATIE:** *(Off:)* I'm coming!

**JEN:** Not cool.

**SHELLY:** Here she comes. Shh!

*(Katie enters carrying a bag of chips. Jen sits with her head down on the bed while Shelly bounces with excitement at the desk. Katie stares at them for a moment.)*

**KATIE:** What?

**JEN:** Nothing.

**SHELLY:** Jen has a secret!

**JEN:** No, I don't.

**KATIE:** Guys, I don't feel like talking about it so...maybe you

should—

**SHELLY:** Jen never kissed anybody!

**JEN:** Shut up!

**KATIE:** What?!

**SHELLY:** Never! Not once.

**JEN:** Neither has Shelly!

**SHELLY:** That's true! Me neither!

**KATIE:** What about Kevin?

**SHELLY:** He panicked. Every time. No kisses!

**KATIE:** Caleb? Dan?

**JEN:** Nope.

**SHELLY:** Neither one!

**KATIE:** What? Why not?

**JEN:** They both tried. But...

**KATIE:** Shelly? What happened?

**SHELLY:** I dunno—she never told me this part. What happened?

**JEN:** It, well, they tried to kiss me but I kinda...hit them.

**SHELLY:** Cool!

**KATIE:** Hit them?

**JEN:** Caleb got real pushy so I smacked him. Dan wasn't so bad, so I just sorta pushed his face like, you know, into the ground.

**SHELLY:** That is awesome.

**JEN:** No, it isn't awesome. Who is ever gonna want to date the girl that beats up everyone that tries to kiss her?

**KATIE:** And you?

**SHELLY:** Me?

**KATIE:** Yeah, you never kissed anybody?

**SHELLY:** Oh, no.

**KATIE:** We're pathetic.

**SHELLY:** No! Don't you see?

**JEN:** See what?

**SHELLY:** This is all perfectly normal.

**KATIE:** NOT kissing is normal? Everybody but us is probably making out right now.

**SHELLY:** No way. For all we know, Libby and Tyler are the ONLY people in the 8th grade that have ever kissed anybody!

**JEN:** She's got a point.

**SHELLY:** I know, right?

**KATIE:** Wow. This is a lot to take in.

*(Katie sits on the bed and begins to eat chips as she contemplates what she has just learned.)*

**JEN:** It feels good to talk about it, right?

*(Jen takes a chip and munches on it while she thinks.)*

**SHELLY:** It's nice to be, you know, not alone.

*(Shelly takes a handful of chips and eats them while staring off into space. After a few moments, the chips are gone.)*

**KATIE:** No more chips.

**JEN:** I'm gonna go. I'm gonna go to Dan's house and kiss him.

**SHELLY:** Why?

**JEN:** Just to get it over with.

**KATIE:** I'll call Kevin.

**SHELLY:** No!

**KATIE:** What? Why not?

**SHELLY:** No, no, no, no! It's wrong!

**JEN:** It's not wrong, we're just scared. Once we kiss one boy the rest will be easy.

**KATIE:** Right. I'm tired of worrying about it!

**JEN:** Text me later, let me know how it goes.

*(Katie gets out her phone and starts dialing. Jen grabs her backpack and heads for the door. Shelly grabs hair spray off the desk and blocks Jen from leaving, threatening her with the hairspray.)*

**SHELLY:** No! I mean it. Sit down or Jen gets it.

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