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A short drama by  
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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

CHARLOTTE, a female in her teens. Kind, gentle, if somewhat naïve,

PAIGE, a female in her teens. Very much worried about her social standing, likes to cause trouble.

SARAH, a female in her teens. A bit of a follower, malicious.

LUCAS, a male in his teens. Popular and knows it, spoiled.

## SETTING

If appropriate or applicable, the director or production company should feel free to change the social media setting. For example, the photographs could be taken from Instagram or Snapchat, and the bullying itself could occur on Twitter, Tumblr or any other such platform.

The production company or director should also feel free to use multimedia, such as a projection on the back wall, to add to the storyline; for example, the audience could be able to witness the final comment thread and/or photographs through a series of slides.

*(Each teenager is in their bedroom, sometime in the afternoon after school. They are each at their computers or on their phones. They are using social media at the same time as getting ready for their evenings out. LUCAS is getting homework finished at the same time as trying to get a perfect spike or coif in his hair. PAIGE is laying out her outfit for the night at the same time as putting away her cheer-leading uniform. SARAH is putting away her gymnastics uniform and doing her make-up. CHARLOTTE, the least social of the lot, is simply reading or studying while she takes quizzes on her computer and likes people's photos.)*

**ALL:** www.facebook.com.

**CHARLOTTE:** Log on.

**PAIGE:** Log on.

**SARAH:** Log on.

**LUCAS:** Log on.

**ALL:** Status update.

**LUCAS:** Bring on the weekend. Coach says I've earned it.

**SARAH:** Big plans. Party, then gymnastics try-outs.

**PAIGE:** Counting down the hours. Gonna dance the night away, then leading the cheer squad.

**CHARLOTTE:** Shared, what do your hobbies say about your personality? Ten easy questions to find out now.

**SARAH:** Private message to Paige. Hey, you going to Lucas' thing tonight?

**PAIGE:** Reply. Of course. You?

**SARAH:** Hell yeah.

**PAIGE:** His parents finished the pool.

**SARAH:** Oh, nice.

**PAIGE:** Let's see who else...click events...click Lucas' Birthday...click invited...scroll, scroll... Oh, ew.

**SARAH:** What?

**PAIGE:** Charlotte is invited.

**SARAH:** No way... Events, party, invited, scroll-scroll... Ergh. Who invited her?

**PAIGE:** *Why* would they?

**SARAH:** She won't go.

**PAIGE:** BRB... Private message to Lucas...did you invite Charlotte?

**LUCAS:** Reply. Parents made me.

**PAIGE:** Why?

**LUCAS:** Her parents are friends with my aunt and uncle, or something.

**PAIGE:** So just uninvite her, say it's cancelled, whatever.

**LUCAS:** Can't. Dad already spoke to her mom.

**PAIGE:** That sucks.

**LUCAS:** Sorry.

**PAIGE:** Hang on...invite Sarah to conversation.

**CHARLOTTE:** React to photo of kittens in a basket. Love! Share. Share on wall. Write post. This will brighten up your day. Hashtag, adorable.

**SARAH:** OMG.

**PAIGE:** You read it?

**SARAH:** Yes. OMG, Lucas, your parents suck.

**LUCAS:** Are you still coming?

**PAIGE:** Yeah.

**SARAH:** How embarrassing... Yes.

**LUCAS:** It's not my fault.

**SARAH:** She's so weird.

**PAIGE:** Does she come to your house and stuff?

**LUCAS:** No, she doesn't come to my house. It's just for the party. Mom was all like, you should be nice to her, set a good example, blah blah blah...

**PAIGE:** So, you're friends with her?

**LUCAS:** No.

**SARAH:** On Facebook he is.

**LUCAS:** Yeah, I had to send her a friend request to invite her. FML.

**PAIGE:** I'm totally sending her a friend request.

**LUCAS:** What?

**SARAH:** Do it, it'll be hilarious.

**PAIGE:** You do it too!

**LUCAS:** You guys are crazy.

**PAIGE & SARAH:** Click on Lucas' wall. Click friends. Search friends. Type C-h-a – there she is! Click on Charlotte.

**SARAH:** Are you doing it?

**PAIGE:** LMFAO, yes!

**SARAH:** LOL, me too!

**CHARLOTTE:** Scroll...scroll...like Cousin Maddie's post...scroll...scroll...react to Auntie Jane's photo, haha! Scroll...scroll...

**PAIGE & SARAH:** Friend request sent.

**CHARLOTTE:** Open page in new tab. Read article: I thought this was just a normal box, but when they lifted the lid...wow!

**LUCAS:** Has she accepted?

**CHARLOTTE:** Friend request received...friend request received! Friend request from...click. Paige. Friend request from...click. Sarah. Accept. Accept!

**SARAH:** Haha, she accepted!

**PAIGE:** She accepted me too, LOL.

**SARAH:** What a loser.

**PAIGE:** I'm sending her a message.

**SARAH:** Oh, so funny!

**LUCAS:** Tell her not to come to my party.

**PAIGE:** No way. I'm telling her how much I want to see her.

**SARAH:** (*Laughing:*) You're such a bitch.

**PAIGE:** She's the bitch; she shouldn't make people invite her to their parties.

**LUCAS:** I have to get some homework done. BRB.

**PAIGE:** Private message to Charlotte. (*Sarcastic:*) Hey girl, you going to Lucas' party? Sarah and I will be there. It'll be so, so great to see you! Smiley face. Fireworks. Martini glass. Click send.

**SARAH:** You sent it?

**PAIGE:** I'll add you in a minute.

**CHARLOTTE:** Scroll, scroll...pin link to recipe for chocolate brownies to top of the page...private message received! (*Pause. She reads.*) Click reply! Hi Paige, yes I am going to Lucas' party. It'll be lovely to see you and Sarah.

**PAIGE:** Agh! She replied.



**SARAH:** OMG.

**PAIGE:** Invite Sarah to conversation... (*Sarcastic:*) Hey Sarah, don't you think it'll be *lovely* to see Charlotte?

**SARAH:** (*Sarcastic:*) OMG, so lovely. Private message to Lucas. She is totally excited about your party.

**LUCAS:** I officially hate my parents.

**CHARLOTTE:** I thought I'd bake chocolate brownies. Do you think that's okay?

**PAIGE:** Yes, totally do that! Yummy.

**SARAH:** Yeah, you should bake brownies. Lucas loves brownies.

**PAIGE:** Private message to Lucas and Paige. LOL, she's going to bake you brownies, Lucas.

**LUCAS:** I'll throw up.

**SARAH:** Wait, I've got an idea. PM to Charlotte and Paige. Hey, Charlotte babe, I've got to tell you something, but it is, like, totally a secret.

**CHARLOTTE:** Oh, okay.

**PAIGE:** PM to Sarah. What's the secret?

**SARAH:** Just wait, it's hilarious. PM to Charlotte and Paige. Okay, I'll tell you, but you can't tell anyone. It's really cool.

**CHARLOTTE:** I won't tell. Promise. Trust is very important to me.

**PAIGE:** PM to Sarah. She's so lame.

**SARAH:** I know. PM to Charlotte and Paige. Lucas likes you. He *like* likes you, Charlotte.

**PAIGE:** PM to Sarah. ROFLMFAO!

**CHARLOTTE:** Click search friends. Search names, L-u-c...click on Lucas' profile. PM to Sarah and Paige. What do you mean?

**SARAH:** He has a total crush on you.

**CHARLOTTE:** Really?

**SARAH:** Yeah, that's why he invited you to the party.

**PAIGE:** He's going to ask you out. He thinks you're really cute.

**CHARLOTTE:** Oh, wow. That's so nice.

**SARAH:** Do you like him?

**PAIGE:** PM to Sarah. Ha ha, this is hilarious!

**SARAH:** What if she likes him?

**PAIGE:** So gross! Sick face emoji.

**CHARLOTTE:** ...yeah, I think he's very nice.

**SARAH:** You think he's hot?

**CHARLOTTE:** ...he's pretty good looking.

**PAIGE:** Do you have a crush on Lucas?

**CHARLOTTE:** ...a bit, yeah.

**PAIGE:** PM to Lucas and Sarah. Lucas, Charlotte totally has the hots for you!

**SARAH:** Yeah, she loves you.

**LUCAS:** FML.

**SARAH:** Wait. PM to Charlotte and Paige. You should send him a pic.

**PAIGE:** OMG, yes! He'd so love that.

**CHARLOTTE:** A pic? Like a photograph?

**SARAH & PAIGE:** Yes!

**CHARLOTTE:** Oh, Mom and Dad don't really want me to send photos on Facebook...

**PAIGE:** Don't be lame.

**SARAH:** Yeah, just do it, it'll be cute.

**PAIGE:** He sent you a friend request, didn't he?

**CHARLOTTE:** Yes.

**SARAH:** Then he wants to see your pics!

**PAIGE:** Go on, he'll love it.

**CHARLOTTE:** ...okay. PM to Lucas. Add attachment. Upload from computer. Search photos. Attach school photo. Type, hi Lucas, I hope you're having a nice day. Looking forward to the party tonight... Click send. PM to Sarah and Paige. I did it.

**SARAH:** PM to Paige. OMG!

**PAIGE:** Ha ha ha! Crying with laughter emoji.

**LUCAS:** Private message received. Click... *(Pause while he reads the message and looks at the photo.)* ...PM to Paige and Sarah. What the hell? She sent me a photo.

**SARAH:** Yeah, she loves you!

**PAIGE:** She wants to have your babies. Reply to her.

**LUCAS:** What? No.

**SARAH:** Just do it.

**CHARLOTTE:** I sent the pic.

**SARAH:** We know.

**PAIGE:** Lucas loves it. He messaged, he's so excited. Hang on... Add Lucas to conversation. Lucas, don't you totally love Charlotte's pic?

**LUCAS:** *(Sarcastic:)* Oh yeah. It's so great.

**SARAH:** Sorry, we had to tell her you have a crush.

**PAIGE:** Yeah, trust is very important to Charlotte, Lucas.

**CHARLOTTE:** (*Panicked:*) ...leave conversation.

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