

If only I had known.....

Two best friends were walking along the pavement on a beautiful Monday morning in summer.

The sun always smiled when the two 10 year old girls went to school holding hands. A girl with blonde locks was named Lily and she had dark brown eyes that shimmered in the sunlight. The other girl was named Rosie and she had dark, straight, long hair and light blue eyes. Although they looked completely different, they were BFF's (Best Friends Forever) and were kind-hearted. Lily and Rosie were walking to school when Rosie asked politely,

"What did you do on the weekend Lil?"

"I have some secrets to tell!" exclaimed Lily.

The two BFF's were at GyMEA Bay Public School's gate. The school bell rang so they dashed to their class. Luckily, they were in the same class, sat next to each other AND did partner work together. Although, to keep their spot next to each other, they could not talk to each other during class unless they were asked to. Mr Daves was a strict but lovely teacher who was skinny and had a bald head!

"Tell me the secrets at lunch!" puffed Rosie.

Lily and Rosie made slime in class and had a slime fight.

"Aaahh!" said Rosie as Lily threw slime at her.

"Ok everyone stop please or else we are not doing art," said Mr Daves calmly.

Fortunately, the lunch bell rang and then Rosie whispered,

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"Secret time!"

At lunch, the BFF's sat in their hiding spot and Lily softly whispered in Rosie's ear,

"Please don't tell anyone," said Lily worriedly.

"Why would I?" questioned Rosie.

They did a pinky promise.

"Ok, now that you have promised, I will tell you. Secret one is that I love Jack Love and my other secret is that-"

"You do?" interrupted Rosie. "I thought you meant Jack Louis!"

"Really! I forgot my other secret because of your interruption!" laughed Lily.

"Sorry!" Rosie said with a giggle.

You could obviously see that Rosie and Lily were totally meant to be together. There was a party at Rosie's classmate's house that night. Lily was invited but she had a family dinner and couldn't go to the party. At the party everybody was talking about who likes who and without thinking, Rosie spluttered out,

"Lily likes Jack Love!" then she cupped her mouth.

"Ooh," gasped everybody.

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"Don't tell anyone though," said Rosie worriedly to the girls who had heard. But Rosie didn't trust them one bit because rumours at their school spread fast. The party finished at 9:00pm and Rosie was exhausted but she dreamt about what she had said that night.

The next morning, she pretended that she was really sick but it did not work, even though she was feeling a little sick because she had blurted out the secret she had promised not to tell. She acted normally to Lily when she walked to school with her and crossed her fingers that nobody would say anything.

Eva strutted over to Lily and Rosie. Eva was a mean person who was jealous of Lily and Rosie's relationship. She was unable to keep secrets and that is why she didn't have many close friends. Eva was only at the party because all the girls in her class were invited.

"Hey Lil," said Eva, twirling her black and unruly hair. "Did you know that your so called 'BFF' (making the fingers to show quotation marks) said that you like Jack Love?"

"What?" said Lily, with her mouth wide open as if she was a fish.

Rosie shot a horrendous look at Eva. Lily ran off to the bathroom crying with embarrassment and shocked that Rosie had told her secret. Rosie clenched her teeth and shouted,

"How dare you, you're a devil," as she ran to the bathroom after her friend .

"Lil, I am extremely sorry."

"I trusted you Rosie," sobbed Lily. "That was a mistake."

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For the rest of the day, Lily gave Rosie the silent treatment. They did not walk home together nor did they walk to school the next morning. At lunch they didn't sit next to each other gossiping about Lady Gaga as they would usually do. Instead, Eva came over to Lily and sat next to her. Although Lily didn't laugh, Rosie knew that Lily was having fun.

"I wish I had never said that," muttered Rosie holding back the tears.

After lunch Mr Daves's class was continuing their assignment which was to research a native animal that was threatened in Australia. Of course Lily and Rosie were together. But as they were not talking to each other they didn't get the Hairy Nosed Wombat researched at all. In one whole hour they did nothing. They just sat there playing with their fingers while everybody researched and used their valuable time. At the end of the hour Mr Daves asked for the sheets back so he could mark them.

When Rosie gave the sheet back he was stunned. He yelled,

"What is this Lily and Rosie? You're my best students. Stay after school to have a chat."

"Yes," Lily and Rosie said quietly.

There was 10 minutes left until the bell rang.

"Reminders," began Mr Daves. "One - I still don't have everybody's permission note for -"

"Friday," said the class.

"Thankyou. Two- homework is due tomorrow as I won't be here on Thursday and the excursion is on Friday. Three- you need to give these notes to your parents. It is about parent and teacher

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interviews," Mr Daves said calmly. "One for you and you and you," said Mr Daves politely as he handed the notes out .

The bell rang. "Ding ding ding dong."

Everyone got up and rushed out of the classroom except for Lily and Rosie. Mr Daves put a stern look on his face.

"This is not good enough," he said, still shocked that he had to talk to them for a negative reason. "Pick up your act!" screamed Mr Daves.

"Sorry, it's just that I... never mind," whispered Lily.

"Sorry I raised my voice and, what did you want to say?" said Mr Daves inquisitively.

"I told a secret at a party and Eva told Lily. I don't know why I did it. It's just that I didn't fit in at the party. I missed Lily so much. It wasn't a party for me. Then Lily gave me the silent treatment. It didn't feel like we were BFF's," blubbered Rosie.

"Well please say sorry Rosie," asked Mr Daves.

"Sorry" she said to Lily, looking her in the eyes.

"Next time you'd better catch up with your work, you 2 munchkins," Mr Daves said with a smile. "Hurry home now," he said, shooping them away.

They merrily skipped all the way home.

"I am so sorry for giving you the silent treatment. It is just that I don't like being in the 'who likes who' situation," Lily said quietly.

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"If only I had known how much that secret meant to you," sighed Rosie.

"I'm so glad we are friends again," Rosie and Lily said at the same time.

They laughed and laughed.

"Tell me another secret and I promise I will not tell anybody," said Rosie keenly.

"Ok," Lily said happily.