

LOVE OR SACRIFICE?

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FADE IN:

INT. MIDDLE SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - MORNING

KAT, purple hair, 12-year-old is talking to JASMINE, redhead, 13-year-old. Until the English teacher, Mr. Johnson, speaks louder than before.

MR. JOHNSON

I will be picking your partner for this assignment since you kids could use more friends.

JASMINE

We should be able to choose our partners.

MR. JOHNSON

Jasmine, you will be with Michael. Iris please stand up.

MICHAEL, blonde, 13-year old, is sitting at the back of the classroom close to IRIS, 12-year-old, brunette.

MR. JOHNSON (CONT'D)

Iris, you will move here with Kat, you will be partners.

KAT looks up and blushes when they see IRIS smiling at them.

IRIS

Hi, Kat.

KAT

Hi, Iris.

MR. JOHNSON

You all need to create the plot of a play. I will write down the requirements for this.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. CAFETERIA- LATER THAT DAY

JASMINE

I am glad Mr. Johnson paired us up with cool people.

KAT

He paired me up with a very smart person but are you going to be okay?

JASMINE

Yes, Michael invited me over to his house to work on the project. Tonight! How awesome is that?

KAT

Nice. Iris and I will work on it after school tomorrow. I have something very important happening tonight.

JASMINE

Can't wait to hear about it but first, what should I wear?

Kat smiles and nods with half a smile.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. KAT'S HOUSE- LIVING ROOM- LATE AFTERNOON

KAT's older sister and grandmother are sitting on the couch. KAT is standing up.

KAT

I am a gay. I thought I might be bi or pan, but I just like women.

SISTER

I love this for you. I am so proud of you.

Kat's sister hugs KAT and kisses their cheeks. KAT's grandmother sits in silence.

SISTER (CONT'D)

Is there something wrong, grandma?

GRANDMA

I love you, Kat, but you are not sure yet. It can be just a phase.

KAT

But I am sure grandma, I only like girls.

GRANDMA

At your age we all thought boys
were gross.

SISTER

I had my first crush at 11 and it
was a boy. Girls were pretty but I
never liked them.

KAT

I don't find boys gross, I just
don't feel anything when I see
them.

GRANDMA

Kat, I wouldn't recommend you
coming out yet. Kids will hate you
for being gay. Maybe just wait a
couple more years, sweetheart.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. EMPTY BATHROOM- NEXT MORNING

KAT

I talked to my family last night
and-

JASMINE

I have tea too!! But continue.

KAT

I came out as gay. Wow, I can
finally say it out loud.

Jasmine tilts her head to the sides and squints her eyes.

JASMINE

Are you joking?

KAT

No I am not, I am gay.

JASMINE

I just hope you don't try anything
with me because I am not gay and I
am Michael's girlfriend now.

Kat raises her eyebrow.

KAT

Congratulations, Jasmine and okay?
I don't like you like that anyway.

JASMINE

You mean you don't like me at all?
Are you sure?

JASMINE grabs KAT's face with her hands and kisses KAT on the lips for at least 6 seconds. IRIS comes into the bathroom.

IRIS

I am so sorry I didn't mean to
interrupt, I am sorry.

IRIS leaves before KAT or JASMINE can say anything.

JASMINE

Do you think she saw us?

KAT

I assume.

JASMINE

You talk to her. I don't want
people thinking I'm a d-

KAT

Are you sure you want to finish
that sentence? After you pushed me
into a kiss?

JASMINE

I am not gay, Kat, but I know you
like me. You are obsessed with me.

KAT

The only person obsessed with you
it's yourself, Jasmine.

JASMINE

What is that supposed to mean?

KAT

It means what it means. I got to
go.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. LIBRARY- AFTER SCHOOL

Iris is sitting on a two person table.

IRIS

Hi, Kat! I wanted to apologize for earlier.

KAT

It's not your fault, Jasmine was being weird.

IRIS

I know, I heard and saw everything, I am sorry.

KAT

That's fine. It just sucked to be alone all day but I was able to get some good ideas for english!

IRIS

You can always sit with me, I am here for you!

KAT

We can always start having lunch together, that would be awesome.

Two boys are walking behind KAT and IRIS over and over again.

BOY #1

Look, it's the little lesbian who tried to steal Michael's girlfriend!

BOY #2

Hey, you, lesbian, why are you so obsessed with Jasmine?

KAT

What are you talking about?

KAT's eyes start to tear up.

BOY #2

Jasmine said you were a predatory lesbian who forced her into a kiss.

The two boys laugh and run away.

IRIS

I am so sorry about that, Kat.

KAT

I can't believe she would make that up. Who does she think she is?

IRIS

You should talk to her.

KAT

I have to go, Iris, I am sorry, I'll text you.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. SCHOOL- EARLY MORNING

KAT

Hey you! Traitor!

JASMINE sees KAT and turns around and walks fast. KAT runs behind her.

KAT (CONT'D)

You kissed me, I did not kiss you. Why would you start rumors instead of pretending nothing happened?

JASMINE

It's not like people didn't know you were gay. Look at your clothes and hair. Maybe if you dressed less gay people would stop making fun of you.

KAT

I am not going to dress like a closeted diva, who wants to shame other people for being able to live their truth the way she wants to but can't.

JASMINE slaps KAT on the cheek, they both stare at each other in disbelief. JASMINE then pushes KAT to the ground.

JASMINE

Stay away from me, you freak.

IRIS runs towards them. IRIS pushes JASMINE and grabs her by the long hair she had on a ponytail.

IRIS

One more negative thing I hear
about Kat before the day ends and I
will end your reputation, I
recorded you force-kissing Kat.

JASMINE

You did not.

IRIS

Don't believe me, just let me know
what your parents think of the
video.

JASMINE

I will fix it, okay? Please let me
go, it hurts.

IRIS lets go of JASMINE pushes her against the lockers.
JASMINE glances over KAT and leaves. IRIS picks up KAT from
the floor.

IRIS

Are you okay?

KAT

I am now, thank you for helping me.
Thank you, Iris.

IRIS

My pleasure. I don't like bullies,
much less homophobic people.

KAT

Do you really have the video?

IRIS

I wish, I just needed her to believe
that.

KAT pulls IRIS on her arms into a tight hug.

IRIS (CONT'D)

Kat, I have a confession to make. I
used to have the biggest crush on
you last year.

KAT blushes but does not break eye contact.

KAT

I used to have a crush on you too.

IRIS

Used to?

KAT
Still do, do you still, um do?

IRIS
I still like you, Kat. Nothing would make me happier than to be your partner.

KAT gets closer to IRIS.

KAT
Would you be my girlfriend, Iris?

IRIS
Nothing would make me happier, Kat.

IRIS embraces KAT and they both lean in for a kiss.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

INT. LIBRARY- AFTER SCHOOL-TWO DAYS LATER.

KAT
I'm so glad Mr. Johnson picked our play!

IRIS
He was not going to pick Jasmine's and Michael's. who wants a to see concepts of a play?

KAT

It was "Beauty and the Beast" with extra steps.

KAT and IRIS are Laughing until they see JASMINE and MICHAEL entering the library.

KAT (CONT'D)
You know? I never thought Jasmine was capable of doing something so messed up.

IRIS
I guess people's true colors do show in challenging situations.

JASMINE and MICHAEL go up the stairs, kisses MICHAEL on the lips and signals for him to go upstairs and wait for her. JASMINE walks towards the couple.

JASMINE
Kat, can we talk?

IRIS looks at KAT waiting for her response.

KAT
We are talking, aren't we?

JASMINE
I meant alone.

KAT
Whatever you have to tell me it can
be in front of Iris.

IRIS
It's okay, Kat, I have use the
restroom. If you need me please
either call or yell and I will be
here in seconds.

IRIS kissed KAT and gives JASMINE A deathly stare.

JASMINE
So are you dating her now?

KAT
What do you want?

JASMINE
Right. I wanted to apologize, Kat.
I been an a-

KAT
Thanks for the apology but I do not
forgive you. You can leave now.

JASMINE
I am scared of loving you, Kat. You
know how conservative my pare-

KAT
You just want someone to treat you
like a Goddess and you just
realized Michael doesn't worship
you and you want me around again to
feed your ego.

JASMINE
Not at all, Kat. I want us.

KAT

Really? After all you said and did?
After you literally just kissed
Michael two minutes ago?

JASMINE

I just want you to give me time to
break up with him.

KAT

No, Jasmine. Like I said, I don't
like you, besides, I am with Iris
now and I adore her. You did what
you did and there is nothing you
can do to fix it. I don't want to
be friends with a mean person like
you, much less date you.

JASMINE

But Kat-

KAT

I will never give up on my self-
expression and I will keep being
loud, I always had to diminish
myself for you and I lost myself.

JASMINE

Those weren't my intentions.

KAT

Love and friendship should not feel
like a sacrifice and pain. I am
gonna keep being true to myself and
I hope you get to do that Jasmine,
everyone deserves that.

KAT pauses and sees Iris walking back towards them.

KAT (CONT'D)

Also you shouldn't have to choose
between two people.

JASMINE

I respect you, Kat. I will be here
for whatever you need.

KAT sees IRIS walking towards the table and stands up to kiss
her.