

LIFE'S A PICNIC

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STAGE SCRIPT

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Age Group: 12+



No. Characters: 6

Logline:

In *Life's a Picnic*, a group of friends faces the pressures of school, relationships, and unspoken truths during a pivotal weekend that forces them to confront their hidden burdens, uncover deep secrets, and learn the value of honesty and empathy.

Character List:

- Jackie
- Sam
- Charlie
- Kelly
- Scout
- Taylor

Synopsis

Life's a Picnic follows a group of friends navigating the pressures of school, relationships, and expectations during a pivotal weekend that changes everything. The story unfolds in a series of flashbacks and present-day confrontations, revealing the cracks beneath their seemingly carefree lives.

Sam, the group's dependable figure, struggles to balance his desire to please everyone with the weight of his own hidden burdens. Jackie, Kelly, Taylor, Scout, and Charlie each wrestle with personal conflicts, from academic pressures to romantic entanglements and the strain of unspoken truths. A party meant to provide relief spirals into a catalyst for self-discovery, misunderstandings, and regret.

As tensions rise and secrets surface, the friends are forced to confront their own actions and the consequences of their choices. Through heartfelt conversations and emotional reckonings, they begin to learn the importance of honesty, empathy, and leaning on one another when life feels overwhelming.

Have fun with it!



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THE END

JACKIE, SAM, CHARLIE, KELLY, SCOUT & TAYLOR.

Everyone apart from Sam is gathered around the lockers.

JACKIE

This can't be happening.

CHARLIE

Someone must know something.

JACKIE

Don't look at me!

KELLY

Stop shouting.

JACKIE

I'm sorry, am I not allowed to be angry?

KELLY

No one said that, but it's not helping.

CHARLIE

Well what will help, cos I feel pretty helpless right now.

SCOUT

Let's just be there for each other.

TAYLOR

Sounds like you have something to hide.

SCOUT

What.

TAYLOR

You heard, did you say something?

SCOUT

How dare you, of course I didn't. I can't believe you'd think that.

CHARLIE

I'm sorry but it didn't happen for no reason.

JACKIE

If someone has something to say then
I suggest you speak up. You don't
want it hanging over you for the rest
of your life.

KELLY

You just want to say something so it
will make you feel better.

JACKIE

And what's that supposed to mean?

KELLY

You know exactly what that means.

SCOUT
(SCREAMS)

Stop! Just shut up, please! You're not
helping, none of this is helping.

Scout storms off.

JACKIE

I just want to say...

KELLY

No one cares.

Kelly leaves.

TAYLOR

They'll come around, just give them
some space.

Taylor walks off.

CHARLIE

I think you're right, someone said
something, they just don't want to
admit it.

*Charlie leaves, Jackie sits down. Sam enters from the crowd, speaking to them but
looking at Jackie.*

SAM

Strange. Doesn't really make any
sense. Doesn't make much sense to
me.