

MFS Creative Writing Competition 2017-18

F.4 1st Prize

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Would I tell if I saw a popular kid bullying?

Tiff Claridge Secondary is the school I am studying. Probably one of the best schools in the city. Our average in GPA last year was 3.72, so basically those who were born smart or crazily hard-working study in my school. Labelling for students happen in most of the school. Mine is not an exception.

There are the ‘super smart’ ones, the ‘arty’ ones, the sporty ones... and of course, the popular ones. I’m basically the quiet one. Speaking of popular ones, Janet Karver is the most popular girl in school. Rich, smart, pretty and so on are the definition of popular, I guess. Yet, one huge thing happened just last week that she shouldn’t do, screwed her popular life up.

It was just morning, when everyone arrived early in the morning. ‘Can’t you see when you walk?’ Croaky shouting was the first thing I heard when I went through the locker. I hurried up, walked pass the crowd and I saw this — a classmate was kneeling in front of Janet. Head down liked an erring student. ‘What happened?’ ‘Rob spilled the vegetable juice o her.’ The one next to me said. When I looked down, there was a cup. I guessed that was the vegetable juice that was on her dress.

‘This cost \$500 US dollars. How are you going to pay for that?’ ‘You can’t pay for that, you are broke! Rob’ ‘Hey, are you mute? Talk!’ Janet kept insulting Rob. She kept pressing him down and more disrespectful, mean words are coming from her filthy mouth. I was pissed off, but what was worst was that nobody was trying to help. They filmed it instead. How awful are they? ‘Can you stop, Janet?’ I looked at her serenely. ‘Who let you talk, Brooklyn?’ She turned to me.

‘Your action did.’ Billows started happening on her face. ‘You want to be the scapegoat? If you don’t, just shut up.’ I looked at her fiercely, but spook tranquilly, ‘I guess you didn’t learn.’ And I left the crowd and head to the principal office. Told him the cause and he called Janet right away. So what if she is smart, pretty and rich. You

bully, you should pay the price.

She got detention and her popular life end on the same day. Video of her bullying went viral for the whole week at the school website. And I realize something — even the quiet ones speak up when quarrel thing happened. However, to those like Janet, speak up is speechless. To tell is the way. So when someone asked me, ‘would you tell if you saw a popular kid bullying?’ I nodded and said, ‘yes.’