



Monet's

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Excluding

Today at school there was a basketball/cheer event. Every basketball player had to have someone to cheer for them. I was Justin's cheerleader. But you will never guess what happened. He never even showed up. When they called his name to come out, he never came. I stood there, cheering practically to the wall. It was so embarrassing when they called "Justin Foley" and it got silent because the big crowd had no one to clap for.

You know what is rude? To not show up to a big event at school. Embarrassing me! How could he do this? He didn't even text me and say, "Hey, I'm sorry. I can't come." If he texted me that I might have been a little less mad. Now me, Alex, nor Hannah can even get in touch with him. This is typical Justin, does something so wrong and you won't even hear from him again until he feels like it's good to come out of hiding. But he has another thing coming.

So Justin, Alex, Hannah, and I have this daily thing to go to our favorite coffee shop after school, Monet's. But after this stunt he pulled, we decided to leave Justin out. I mean, it's not like he's going to know, right? If he asks, we could just say that none of us went. It may be rude, but he has done enough today to not deserve to come to Monet's with us. Looks like school events aren't the only thing he's not going to be showing up to today.

At Monet's it was fun. We didn't even think twice about how Justin wasn't with us. It was quite relaxing having one less person. An hour or two passed by and the 3 of us were still having fun and laughing together. Then, it happened. The thing we all hoped wouldn't. Justin happened to walk by Monet's, he saw us. I'm not sure why but at that moment we all became speechless and motionless. We looked at him through the glass like he was dead and came back alive. We hadn't heard from him all day long, and now here he is. Someone had to do something.

Christine Chabbouh
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James Morris
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5/6/17

Resolution

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1. Have you ever been excluded? If so, why and how did it make you feel?
2. How could the situation resolve instead of not inviting Justin in the first place.
3. Have you ever been a bystander in a related situation like this?
4. Would you have done what Alex, Hannah, and Jessica did to Justin in their situation?
5. Have you ever caused something like this? If so, how was the situation resolved?

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Tableau Memoir

Excluding Students: Hannah's point of view

I thought we were best friends! I can't believe he would do this to us!! He just bailed as if we didn't mean anything to him! I am so tired of Justin acting up like this. Jessica, Alex, and I are here for him, but he just doesn't get it.

It all started when he didn't come to the basketball game. Usually, we go to the basketball games together. Alex and I watch Jessica cheer on Justin while he plays, but he just bailed. Supposedly, he stayed home. We then decided to leave. Most of the time after school, we go to Monet's to have a coffee and talk together; Alex, Jessica, Justin, and I. This one time, we decided not to invite Justin because he had bailed on us. But of course, our plan backfired. He wasn't supposed to know that we went without him but, he walked by the coffee shop and saw. He saw us there, without him. He became so mad at us, so hurt. To be totally honest, he put this upon himself. This is what happened between us.

It's not possible. It's not right, or at least it doesn't feel right. We have been friends since kindergarten! We feel so terrible for excluding him. We have to make up and save our friendship!

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