

**VENGEANCE IS MINE  
(longer)**

2 ACTOR SCENE FOR FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

RUNTIME: 4:30

from

***BACKSTAB The Musical***

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THEME

**Speaking the TRUTH in LOVE**  
**"Do not repay anyone evil for evil."**  
**"...by speaking the truth with love,**  
**let's grow in every way into Christ."**  
**Eph. 4:15; Rom 12: 17**

**SYNOPSIS**

Ashley thinks Mia is her friend...until she overhears Mia talking about her. Ashley is naturally hurt, but her best friend Dusty is furious – and hilarious. How will Ashley keep Dusty's anger under control, manage her own hurt feelings, and confront Mia – in love?

**CAST**

**ASHLEY**(F) Loves the Lord, well liked, wants to do what's right, struggles with confrontation.

**DUSTY**(F) Best friend to Ashley, outspoken, strong personality, bold, colorful, struggles with anger.

For Perusal Only

*ASHLEY stands in school hallway staring off, stunned and sad.*

*DUSTY enters.*

**DUSTY**

Whaddup? What was that about?

Hello! Hey, I said, "What's up?"

**ASHLEY**

Mia. She's talking about me behind my back.

**DUSTY**

*(aggressive)*

Again!?! Where is she? Lemme at her!

**ASHLEY**

Whoa! Chill, Dusty. It's OK.

**DUSTY**

NOT OK! You forgot NOT. It's NOT OK that she backstabs you like that. Or anybody. Ever since you beat her for class representative, she's been so mean to you. It makes me so mad! Still acts like your friend to your face, but behind your back...

*DUSTY makes knife grinding gesture/sound.*

We gotta put a stop to it.

**ASHLEY**

How!?

**DUSTY**

You say, "Back off sister, or God's gonna strike you with a plague!"

**ASHLEY**

Dusty! I can't say that!

Too aggressive? **DUSTY**

Yeah, maybe a little. **ASHLEY**

Well, "Vengeance is **mine..**" **DUSTY**

Uh, "...saith the **Lord.**" **ASHLEY**

OK, OK, vengeance belongs to the Lord...and best friends. **DUSTY**

I don't think the Lord wants us to take revenge. **ASHLEY**

Are you kidding!?! The Bible is full of revenge. **DUSTY**

*Ponders.* **ASHLEY**

Maybe I've done something to hurt her and don't realize it. Maybe I should just talk to her.

Are you clueless? She's just building herself up by putting you down. You gotta talk tough with her. **DUSTY**

I'm not sure "tough" is my vibe. **ASHLEY**

**DUSTY**

It will be when I get through with you.

**ASHLEY**

It will?

**DUSTY**

*(mocking)*

Not, "It will?"

*(confident)*

"It will."

So you tell her you've got **me** on your team...and beware the wrath of Dusty McDuff.

**ASHLEY**

Who?

**DUSTY**

It sounds so much better than Dusty Smith. Look, all I know is, the Bible says God does bad things to people when they make Him mad.

**ASHLEY**

Like what?

**DUSTY**

He sent plagues when Pharaoh didn't release Moses and the Hebrews. You know,

*(singing)*

"Pharaoh, Pharaoh, OH, OH, let my people go. HUH!"

Frogs...hail...flies! He turned the water turned to blood.

And once, He struck a guy dead for lying in the temple.

Oh yeah, one time He turned a lady into a pillar of salt!

*DUSTY does comical freeze.*

**ASHLEY**

You have a disturbing knowledge about **revenge** in the Bible.

**DUSTY**

Are you kidding...those were my memory verses...in Kindergarten.

**ASHLEY**

I'm not sure Jesus-

**DUSTY**

Oh yeah! And isn't there also a bunch of stuff about weapons? The Sword of the Spirit...the Helmet of Truth....the Lightsaber of Darkness...

**ASHLEY**

Hold it. A light saber of darkness?

**DUSTY**

Ok, I might have made that one up.

But when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus in the garden, didn't one of the disciples whack somebody's ear off?

**ASHLEY**

Yeah, but...I'm pretty sure Jesus healed him.

**DUSTY**

Wait, what?

**ASHLEY**

Didn't Jesus press his hand against the Soldier's head and heal his ear?

**DUSTY**

Are you sure?

**ASHLEY**

Yeah, I'm pretty sure.

Now that I think about it, I know Jesus showed when He was angry, but I don't think he ever took revenge. He always showed love to everyone, even when they did wrong.

Even His enemies.

**DUSTY**

*(dumbfounded)*

Whoa! Radical.

**ASHLEY**

So, thanks for having my back Dusty, but, I really need to handle this myself.

**DUSTY**

Aw, man! You're no fun.

**ASHLEY**

I think it's best if I start by talking to Mia privately.

**DUSTY**

So I can't even be around to enjoy it? Lemme guess...that's how Christians are supposed to do it?

**ASHLEY**

I think so, but isn't that how you'd want it? If someone has a problem with you, don't you want them to talk to you?

**DUSTY**

*(comical aggression)*

Who has a problem with me?

**ASHLEY**

Nobody. That was hypothetical.

**DUSTY**

I don't know your medical terms.

So what are you gonna say?

**ASHLEY**

I don't know yet. I'm trying to think how it would sound...with my heart... and just a little bit of your muscle...

**DUSTY**

Oooh. I can think of some colorful language!

How about black and blue? You are a bruised woman.

*DUSTY stands behind Ashley, hands on her shoulders, helping her confront imaginary Mia, who is straight downstage.*

Say it with me: I am a bruised woman!

**ASHLEY**

*(awkwardly)*

I am a bruised woman!

**DUSTY**

You hurt my feelings till I'm black and blue.

**ASHLEY**

You hurt my feelings till- Dusty, that sounds so dumb.

**DUSTY**

Yeah, it does. But I like your sass.



**ASHLEY**

Yeah, where'd that come from?

**DUSTY**

You just got a little dose of Dusty to spice up your sweet self!

*(eager, back to her aggressive self)*

So, when are you gonna confront her?

*(remembering)*

Privately.

*(backpedaling)*

In love, of course.

**ASHLEY**

Lemme think...I see her early almost every morning before first period.

**DUSTY**

OK, OK, you got this.

*As they exit.*

**DUSTY (CONT'D)**

Remember, "I am a bruised woman. I am a bruised woman."

**ASHLEY**

Dusty, I got this.

**DUSTY**

If it doesn't go well, call me and I'll beat her—Oops, nevermind.