

**VENGEANCE IS MINE
(shorter)**

2 ACTOR SCENE FOR FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

RUNTIME: 3:30

from

BACKSTAB The Musical

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THEME

REVENGE

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil."

Eph. 4:15

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.

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

DUSTY enters.

DUSTY

Whaddup? What was that about?

No response.

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!

DUSTY

Too aggressive?

ASHLEY

Yeah, maybe a little.

DUSTY

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

ASHLEY

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

DUSTY

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

ASHLEY

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

DUSTY

Are you kidding!?! The Bible's full of revenge.

Ashley ponders what went wrong.

ASHLEY

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

DUSTY

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

ASHLEY

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

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 remember, like that song we learned in Sunday School

(singing, with exaggerated motions)

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

Frogs...hail...flies! He struck a guy dead for lying in the temple. Oh yeah, one time He turned a lady into a pillar of salt!

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? That's my other favorite part...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 get 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 speaking 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, not everybody else?

DUSTY

Hold it! Who has a problem with me?

ASHLEY

No one! Believe me, no one. It was just hypothetical.

DUSTY

I don't know your medical terms.

ASHLEY

I'm gonna try to talk to her.

DUSTY

OK, if you wanna be all Christian about it.

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