

I Am Not A Terrorist!

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Characters:

SARAH – 12 years old, only child and is the only Muslim girl in her school,
MS 308

MRS. ABAS – Sarah’s Mom, 36-years old

KELSEY – 12 years old, Sarah’s best friend

JHONATHAN – 14 years old , a bully at MS 308

MRS. CARMEN – 26 year old Guidance Counselor at MS 308

UPSTANDERS – Students at MS 308 who stand up for Sarah even though
they don’t know her

Girl 1 –

Girl 2 –

Boy 1 –

Crowd

NARRATOR:

Setting: Sarah’s home/bedroom, school hallway video shown on screen hung
Center stage, Guidance Counselor’s office

[Set: kitchen table for Mrs. Abas, fake pizza, cups, hand warmers, 3 chairs
cheated to audience/stage left, couch (3 chairs) Far SR cheat to audience]

SFX: MUSIC _____

SARAH & MRS. ABAS

*(Enter from SL and SR
respectively. Mrs. Abas busy
in the kitchen...Sarah sad)*

NARRATOR

Act I, Scene I

At Rise: Sarah wearing is in her house, crying...

SARAH

(sitting on couch, crying)

MRS. ABAS

(wiping hands with dish towel with cups she is drying in her hand, wearing apron, when she notices something is wrong.)

Sarah, dinner's ready!

(Sarah doesn't show yet)

Where is that girl? She just loves dinner!

SARAH

(still crying uncontrollably)

MRS. ABAS

Are you crying? Why are you crying Sarah? Sarah

SARAH

I don't want to go to school anymore!

MRS. ABAS

Why? Is everything okay Sarah? What's going on at a school?

SARAH

(standing)

Everyone in my school makes fun of me about the way I dress, and what I eat and where I come from! Today...a kid walked up to me and asked if I support Isis. I hate being the only Muslim girl in my school!

MRS. ABAS

(very concerned)

Oh Sarah... Do you want me to talk to the Principal to stop this?

SARAH

No! Sorry Mom... But it would just make it worse.

MRS. ABAS

Then, what should I do? We have to stop this!

SARAH

I don't know Mom. But please don't interfere.

MRS. ABAS

Sarah, I won't promise that. What if it gets out of hand?

SARAH

If it does get out of hand...then...you can do whatever you want...

MRS. ABAS

Okay... But you tell me when that happens. Okay?

SARAH

Okay Mom. Fine! I will!

MRS. ABAS

Now come on and eat! It's Mac and cheese!

SARAH

Yes! Oh Mac and cheese! My favorite!

NARRATOR

Sarah's Mom heads to the kitchen. But Sarah hesitates...looking up, with still, a worried look on her face... Then she forces a smile, as she heads to the kitchen.

End of Scene I.

SARAH

(wearing backpack comes from SR backstage kitchen area)

Act I, Scene 2 – Sarah headed to school,

SARAH

(waving to Mom from DSR)

NARRATOR

Sarah is ready for school, waiting on her front porch for her best friend Kelsey to walk with her to school, when she sees Kelsey approaching.

SARAH

(Wearing backpack)

Bye Mom! See you later!

KELSEY

(already on way to DSC)

MOM

(Mom waves to Sarah then exits to BSR)

Bye Sarah!

KELSEY

(with backpack approaches from SL up BSC then to DSC to Sarah)

SARAH

Hi Kelsey!

KELSEY

(Nervous to tell Sarah she knows...)

Hey Sarah! Uh....I heard about what happened... Sorry I wasn't there when Johnathan asked you that stupid question...

SARAH

Yeah... You heard huh? Wish you'd been with me too Kelsey. I mean...just because of my religion...

KELSEY

Well, I'm going to quit Dance Club so I can be with you at all times after school... I mean...what kind of person reasons like that...that someone's supposed to be part of a group that causes harm to people? ISIS no less? Just because of no good reason at all! I mean...that kind of reasoning makes me sick...

SARAH

Oh Kelsey...I don't want to talk about it. And it's not your fault. And don't quit Dance. You're such a talented dancer ...!

KELSEY

That's why you're my friend. You're not afraid to give a compliment. You're not a hater! Besides, I'm the one who taught you ... 'this move!'

*[they do 'hit the folks' dance move]
and both laugh]*

BOTH

Friends should make friends laugh!

SARAH

Yeah...

ANNOUNCER

They both finally arrive at school as the bell rings for first period.

SFX: [BELL RINGS]

KELSEY and SARAH

The bell!

KELSEY

C'mon! We've got to get to class like, right now!!!

JHONATHAN

**(approaching Sarah and
Kelsey...entering from SL door where
he was just hanging out...w/*smirk on
his face*)**

**YO! ISIS! When are you going to set the school on fire! I really need you too. I
got history next! So...**

KELSEY

***(standing up for her friend
standing in front of her)***

**She's not going to do that!. So how about you leave her alone and mind your
own business...cause one day, you're going to regret saying that! And guess
what? You're going to be ashamed of your foolish and dumb self!**

SARAH

***(scared, X to SL in front of Kelsey,
whispering)***

**Kelsey...shut up! You're creating a scene! He's an 8th Grader! You can't do
anything to stop him!**

NARRATOR

**All of a sudden, hearing the commotion...students begin gathering in the
hallway.**

GIRL 1

Isn't that Sarah?

GIRL 2

Isn't that Kelsey?

BOY 2 & OTHERS....

Ooo There's Johnathon

[VIDEO SHOWING NOISY STUDENTS GATHERING]

JHONATHAN

(angrily)

I don't know who you think you are, but you can't make me stop!

KELSEY

I don't need to know who *you* are... I already know you're a jerk...who needs...a LIFE!

STUDENTS IN THE HALLWAY

(students make noise)

Oooo!

COUNSELOR CARMEN

*(enters from BSL and
watches from BSC, arms
folded, patting foot)*

KELSEY

Let me just say this...in the simplest way possible. Right now, in this very moment, YOU should be ashamed of yourself and so embarrassed...because everyone is watching a 14-year old... getting dissed by a 12-year old! Ummm So...GO PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE AND LEAVE MY FRIEND ALONE!

JHONATHAN

Yeah....Right-t-t-t!

*(quickly sees Counselor
approaching and walks
away down SL stairs as if
nothing happened)*

COUNSELOR CARMEN

(approaching the commotion)

Everyone in class...NOW!

(stopping Kelsey and Sarah with her voice)

Everyone except you two ladies... Follow me you two!

SARAH AND KELSEY

(turn in unison SR front to SL to sit... Sarah in DS seat]

ANNOUNCER

The girls sit down in Guidance Counselor Carmen's office.

COUNSELOR CARMEN

(standing)

Now, can you two girls tell me what happened just now in the hallway?

SARAH

Well, it started like this....

SARAH and KELSEY

(begin animated mimic conversation on what happened, pointing to where Johnathan just exited)

ANNOUNCER

The girls share with the Guidance Counselor the problem...

COUNSELOR CARMEN

Sarah, did this happen before?

SARAH

Yes Ma'm. It's been happening. It happened yesterday and the day before. And last week too! That's when *Johnathan came up* and asked me if I was part of this...this group! I know it sounds like no big deal but, inside...my heart was broken and I didn't want to be who I was...

COUNSELOR CARMEN

Oh Sarah...it is a Huge Deal! This is America! And we all have rights. And each religion has its' differences.

SARAH

Like Christianity?

COUNSELOR CARMEN

Yes....

KELSEY

Like being a Catholic!

COUNSELOR

Yes, that's it! It's just the way it is. Only IGNORANCE...breeds the kind of teasing you are going through. IF you call it what it really is ...it's being a very cruel, judgmental bully of the very worst kind! They just don't know any better! But someone has to teach them... And you're not alone... I am glad I have found out about what is happening. We'll take care of this!

SARAH

Oh, Thank you Mrs. Carmen. I am so glad you brought me here! And Kelsey, Thank you for standing up for me. You didn't have to do it...but you did!

SARAH and KELSEY

(friendship hug)

SARAH & KELSEY

You're my best friend!

(they both exit SR curtain to get books)

ANNOUNCER

It ain't over! ACT 1, Scene 3, The next day at school

SFX: BELL RINGS!!!!

ANNOUNCER

...Sarah, holding books, runs into Jhonathan AGAIN...in the hallway...

SARAH with KELSEY

(enter from SR curtain with books in hand)

JHONATHAN

(bumps into Sarah, thens mimicks her like a baby)

'I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to make you cry and hurt your feelings. I won't do it again Sarah!'

SARAH

(angry, picking up books as Kelsey helps her shaking her head)

Haven't you learned anything? Leave me alone!

KELSEY

Yeah!

JHONAHAN

No I haven't! Oh yeah...that's right! I shouldn't be talking to a Muslim girl because now they are a SNITCH and a terrorist!

SARAH

(loudly throwing books down)

For the last time, I... am not... a terrorist!

STUDENT GROUPS

(Enter from BSR and BSL surrounding Johnathan as they march him down the SR aisle past audience)

She is not a terrorist!

She is not a terrorist! (Kelsey joins in) She is not a terrorist!

She is not a terrorist!

ANNOUNCER

Sarah, is overwhelmed by the support...

SARAH

(Kelsey by her side)

Oh Kelsey.....

GIRL 2

(comes over to pat Sarah on the back in sign of assurance)

SARAH & KELSEY

(Both exit SR curtain, with Sarah going backstage to other side to sit on couch with remote control playing video games at cue)

Let's get out of here!

MUSIC SEGUE: [_____]

ANNOUNCER

ACT I, Scene IV – Sarah, back at home

At home, Sarah had been ready to tell her mom to go to the school to have a conversation with the Principal, but feels a bit different now...when her Mother walks into the room...

SARAH

Mom...

MRS. ABBAS

Yes Sarah, is everything okay?

SARAH

Mom, if only you knew...

MRS ABBAS

Sarah, my child...I do. The school Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Carmen called me, to be sure everything's fine. I have a follow-up meeting with the Principal AND that young man's Parents TOMORROW!!!

SARAH

You do Mom...

MRS. ABBAS

Momma don't play! Sarah. You know my old saying... 'Some things, need to be nipped in the bud before they get out of hand... '

SARAH

Yes Mom, you always say that. And you know what?

MRS. ABAS

What my child...?

SARAH

**...I feel so much better ...so good about myself...that I stood up...for me!
And I love you Mom!**

MRS. ABBAS

And I love you too Sarah! You had some *very* brave friends who stood by your side too! At this age, that's a tough thing to do. I'M SO PROUD OF YOU! PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!!!!

ANNOUNCER

Mother and daughter hug.

SARAH

Good night Mom!

MRS. ABBAS

Good night Sarah!

ANNOUNCER

And then, the phone rings....

SFX: [Phone rings]

KELSEY

(Kelsey enters from SR half of stage talking on cell phone to Sarah.

Split stage. Lights up on Sarah and Kelsey's homes...)

SARAH

Hey Kelsey! Thanks for everything!

KELSEY

You know I got your back B-F-F!

SARAH

I'd do the same for you...you know...

KELSEY

I know.... Well...what happened with your MOM?

SARAH

Oh, she's cool.

KELSEY

Well I just wanted to let you know...through a little... 'birdie'...who knows the Counselor... Jhonathan's Parents are FURIOUS!!! ...and he's not getting away with a thing! He's lost video-game and cell phone privileges and is grounded for two weeks...with good behavior, and was told he'd better not even think of bullying anyone again about anything that really is none of his business! I think you got your message across Sarah!

SARAH

Yeah Kelsey! I think WE did!

BOTH

(laughing)

Goodnight...

(then they both 'folk' then dab)

ANNOUNCER....

AND Somehow...as fate would have it. After the two week suspension was over...they ALL became...best friends!

THE END!

CURTAIN CALL

*(ALL BOW THEN "FOLK" THEN
DAB!"*