

EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE
Beautiful

2 actors

Woman/Man
Teen Drama/LGBT+

JAMIE, 17, and PRITTI, 17, are in PRITTI's room.

JAMIE

"Disgusting!" How could she call *Mimi Me* disgusting? Mimi is gorgeous and glamorous and look at Miss Hedge in her knockoff Jimmy Choos. She's just jealous - she is - she wishes she was Mimi Me.

PRITTI

Alright Jamie, will you calm down, right. My mum and dad are there. I'm not meant to have boys in my room.

JAMIE

Oh I'm sorry. Please hold me back whilst I try not to ravish you.

PRITTI

Uh Jamie, the house rules. Right? Come on.

JAMIE

Your room is so tidy. I don't know how you do it.

PRITTI

Well, I don't have as many dresses as you do.

JAMIE

I like your lamp.

PRITTI

Thanks. Look, Jamie. Do you think Miss Hedge maybe has a point now? You are a bit, you know... well, a drama queen.

JAMIE

I am so not a drama queen!

PRITTI looks at him.

JAMIE

Fine.

PRITTI

Look, I'm not saying I'm on her side, but she's right about one thing, prominent just about you.

JAMIE

I wasn't making it about me.

PRITTI
 Jamie your dress is self
 illuminating!

JAMIE
 No! That's Mimi Me. That's how *she*
 dresses.

PRITTI
 Well, why does Mimi Me have to be
 part of the equation? I'm gonna be
 a doctor. That doesn't mean I have
 to go everywhere swinging my
 stethoscope. Why not just wear
 something simple to prom? You know,
 something modest. Not a drag queen
 but a really beautiful boy.

JAMIE
 Well there's nothing beautiful
 about me.

PRITTI
 Jamie you are stunning. You know,
 you've never asked me why I wear a
 hijab.

JAMIE
 Well, I know why. Because of your
 dad.

PRITTI
 No. No, you see Jamie, sometimes
 you forget other people even have -
 Look, we're not all just your
 backing singers right. You've never
 asked me so alright go on and ask.

JAMIE
 Why do you wear a hijab?

PRITTI
 Because I want to. Because you know
 it keeps me simple. Because it
 frames who I am.

JAMIE
 Are you say I should wear a burka?

They laugh.

PRITTI
 No. I'm saying don't go there to
 put on a show. Just go there as
 you.

JAMIE

Yeah, but without her I'm just ugly.

PRITTI

You know, there's a name like Jamie in Arabic. Like Jamil. So, if you are Pakistani or Middle Eastern, I'd call you Jamil New. And do you know what "Jamil" means? It means beautiful. It means something that's only yours to give. It means choosing the way you want to live. It means wonderful and it means powerful and it means truth. It means something as perfect as it's pure. It means beautiful and it's beautiful like you. A little bit of glitter in the grey.

JAMIE

If I don't say it enough, you are the best friend a boy, who sometimes wants to be a girl, can ever ask for.