

JACKIE + MELISSA

MOMMY WARS
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MCCARTHY PLAYGROUND-DAY

Two women walk up to a park bench from opposite sides.

JACKIE
(smiling and extending
her hand)
Hi, Jackie

MELISSA
(extends her hand)
Melissa

JACKIE
Which one is yours?

MELISSA
(pointing and smiling)
My little Jax is right there

JACKIE
Cute!
(points and smiles)
My little one is Jules

MELISSA
Adorable

Jackie stands up and takes a few steps forward and shout into the crowd of children

JACKIE
Jules, do you have to play in the sand. No playing in the germ box. Go back to the slide. Now use your hand sanitizer
(uses hand motions)
Thank you

Jackie smiles and goes back to her seat.

JACKIE
(looking at Melissa,
nodding)
Sand... It's like playing in a box of Ebola.

MELISSA
My sentiments exactly

The women both nod in agreement

JACKIE
What school does Jax go to?

MELISSA
Harvard Scholars. Ranked #1

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JACKIE

Well, it was ranked #2 this year.
Princeton Acedemy actually came in
#1 and I must say Jules is
flourishing

MELISSA

I did consider Princeton Academy
but when I saw the menu, frankly I
was a little shocked. To think
parents are okay with their
children consuming high fructose
corn syrup, chemical pesticides and
GMOs, it's a little alarming

JACKIE

Oh? That must have been the old
menu

MELISSA

I'm sure

Melissa stands up and walks a few steps forward.

MELISSA

Jax, honey

Melissa begins doing sign language to Jax

MELISSA

Thank you. Now go play

Melissa walks back to the bench

JACKIE

I'm sorry, is he...

MELISSA

Oh no. Jax is just completing his
sign language course this month so
his tutor recommends that I
communicate with him via sign
language.

JACKIE

Oh, sign language was actually
Jules' first language

MELISSA

Oh, her first language?

JACKIE

That was before she mastered
English, Portuguese and Korean

MELISSA

Portuguese and Korean...

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JACKIE
Fluently... "geunyeoneun ttogttog".
That means 'She's brilliant'

The women both sigh and look around.

MELISSA
Oh no, look at this. Ice cream
carts! I can't believe we have to
deal with this every time we come
to the playground

JACKIE
They come in like drug dealers on a
playground

MELISSA
It's out of control. Absolutely
disgusting.

JACKIE
I mean do they have to direct
their business towards children?
You'd think they'd have some morals

Both women stand up and start motioning to their children.

JACKIE
Jules! Jules! Come back over here.
You are not to go near him.

Melissa begins making the sign for 'Danger'

MELISSA
Jax, stay away from that man.
Danger, Danger

The women walk back to the bench and sit down letting out a
sigh of relief

JACKIE
The things you have to protect your
children from these days

MELISSA
It's an absolute war zone out here

Jessica takes a sip of water. Melissa begins to relax when
she notices her son. She stands up and walks forward.

MELISSA
No Jax. I said No. Release the baby
from the headlock. No wrestling
moves on newborns

Melissa turns and addresses the mother of the baby

MELISSA

Well I'm sorry ma'am. Boys will be boys

Melissa walks back to the bench and takes a seat

MELISSA

Jax had a juice box this morning and I swear, sugar turns him into Chucky.

JACKIE

Oh, I am a firm believer that it's sugar that causes these teens to shoot up schools. It's practically heroin. I vent about it on my blog all the time

MELISSA

You have a blog? Me too! Mines is Jax in the box dot com. And yours?

JACKIE

Family Jules dot com

MELISSA

I think I've read yours before

JACKIE

I'm sure. I have a committed following.

MELISSA

(looking off into the playground)

12 o'clock, scary mom alert. Look how she's yelling at her child.

They both move in closer and give commentary as the situation unfolds

JACKIE

Listen to that abusive tone.

MELISSA

Look at her pointing in his face. Now, she's wagging it, she's wagging it! This is frightening.

JACKIE

We might as well take our children to a prison yard if this is what we have to deal with

MELISSA

Look at her, she's a mad woman

JACKIE

It's sad to say but they're some
real wacko parents out there

MELISSA

Tell me about it

They slowly bring there attention back to there children.

MELISSA

Hey, can you tell your little Jules
not to hit Jax?

JACKIE

Well, she was just defending
herself. They're fine

MELISSA

Defending herself. What's that
supposed to mean?She obviously has
a hitting problem

JACKIE

Hitting problem? Your little
caveman seems to have the problem

Melissa stands up very angry.

MELISSA

Caveman!Atleast my child isn't in
Princeton Academy. That's a one way
ticket to community college

Jackie stands up and faces her. She's now just as angry

JACKIE

Community College! How dare
you!Your son will never make it to
college cuz he's a preschool
junkie! Look at him high as kite on
sugar. He'll be smoking dope by the
time he's 9.

The women are face to face now

MELISSA

You are so lucky I have a yoga
class right now

JACKIE

Likewise

The women turn away from each other and start to call for
their children

MELISSA

Jax let's go home (simultaneously
signing)

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JACKIE

No ga ie ni ikou! No ga ie ni ikou!

The women give each other one last look up and down. They give a heavy breath and turn and walk away from each other.

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