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After finding out that Torie is dating Kay's ex-boyfriend, Lance, Kay makes a plan to pay Torie back. Kay decides to date Brad, a boy that Torie really likes, just to make her jealous. Unfortunately, Kay doesn't count on how her feelings for Brad might change. By the time Kay realizes she's fallen for Brad, it may be too late.

## Meet the Characters from Pay Back

**Brad:** dates Kay, finds out the truth.

**Kay:** dates Lance—or used to, dates Brad, is Jess's best friend.

**Kay's Dad:** drives Kay and her friends around.

**Jess:** tries to talk Kay out of her plans, is Kay's best friend.

**Lance:** dates Torie, used to date Kay.

**Torie:** dates Lance, likes Brad.





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# Chapter 1

## Jess's Question

Kay walked down the hall at school. She was on her way to class. Then she saw Jess. Jess was her best friend.

Kay wanted to talk to Jess. So she hurried to meet her. Kay yelled, "Jess, wait for me!"

Kay looked very mad. And she sounded very mad, too.

Jess stopped and waited for Kay. "You look mad, Kay. What is wrong?" Jess asked.

Kay hissed, "You had better believe I am mad. I *will* pay her back. I promise!"

"Why are you so upset, Kay? And who do you want to pay back?" Jess asked.

"Torie," Kay said. Torie was in her science class. Kay didn't like Torie.

“What did Torie do?” Jess asked.

“She had a date with Lance last Friday night. I just found out about it,” Kay said.

Kay and Lance had gone on a few dates. And Kay liked him a lot.

Jess said, “Calm down, Kay. It isn’t a big deal.”

“It is to me. I like Lance,” Kay said.

Jess said, “Don’t worry about it. Torie likes Brad. So I don’t think she will date Lance for long.”

“I don’t care. She shouldn’t have dated Lance at all,” Kay said. Kay still looked mad.

Jess said, “Kay, Torie really likes Brad, not Lance. So you are getting upset about nothing.”

“I’m not upset about nothing. And I *will* pay Torie back,” Kay said.

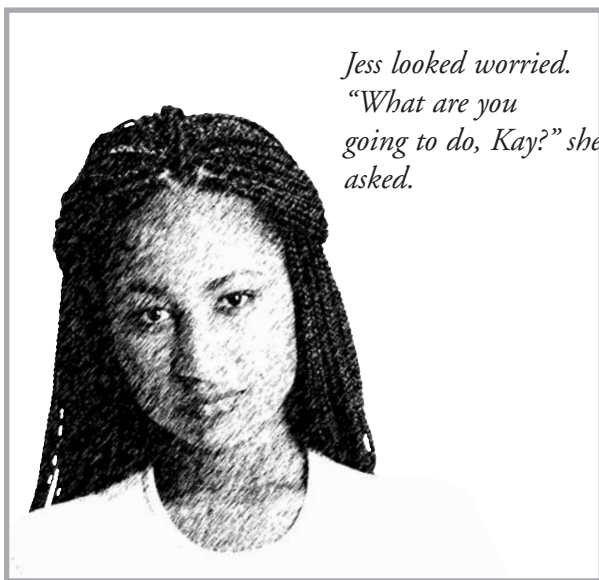
“Forget about it, Kay. It’s no big deal,” Jess said again.

“It is to me. Just you wait and see,” Kay said.

Jess looked worried. “What are you going to do, Kay?” she asked.

“Torie likes Brad. I will get Brad to ask me out on a date. And that will pay Torie back,” Kay said.

“You don’t even like Brad. You have never wanted to date him before. So why do you want to date him now?” Jess asked.



Jess was right about that. Kay didn't like Brad. And she had never wanted to date him before.

"I just told you why I want to date Brad. I want to pay Torie back. She dated Lance. And I have to get even with her," Kay said.

"Forget about it, Kay," Jess said.

Kay said, "I don't care what you think, Jess. I will get Brad to ask me out."

"Don't do it, Kay. You don't even like Brad."

"So what? I just want to date him. I don't want to *marry* him," Kay said.

"But it wouldn't be fair to get Brad to date you. You wouldn't want a boy to date you to get even with another girl. Think of how that would make you feel. And Brad would feel that way, too," Jess said.

"He won't know the reason why I want to date him," Kay said.

"But someone might tell him," Jess said.

“You are the only person who knows. And you won’t tell him, will you?” Kay asked.

“No. But he could still find out,” Jess said.

“No way. Only two of us would know. You are my best friend. You won’t tell him. And I sure won’t,” Kay said.

“Don’t do it, Kay. Think about it some more. Think about how you would feel,” Jess said.

“Don’t try to make me feel bad, Jess. I will get a date with Brad. And I will pay Torie back. Just you wait and see,” Kay said.