



**Month Five
Hand out
Fractured Fairy Tale # 2**

Ashanti and Ellen

Once upon a time a new girl came to the middle school from another school. Her name was Ashanti and she was African American. She came to sit down at the lunch table where there were a group of girls. One of the girls was very bossy and loud. Her name was Ellen. Ashanti sat down next to Ellen where there was an empty seat. Probably it was empty because Ellen was very often rude and obnoxious. Few kids wanted to be the person she picked on. But Ashanti didn't know that because she was new to this middle school.

Ashanti smiled at the girls at the table and Ellen, and said hello. She didn't even get the chance to introduce herself before Ellen reached over to her head and touched her hair. Ellen said "Wow, I always wondered how that felt!" Ashanti and the other girls at the table did not know what to do. They looked at each other.

What should Ashanti do? What should the other girls at the table do?

- Ellen was very wrong to touch Ashanti's hair. Even if she asked, it is inappropriate. She is making her uncomfortable. How can Ashanti get out of the situation?
- Should the other girls at the table say something?
- Have you ever heard of an upstander? It's like being a bystander but it means taking responsibility to help the person being bullied or hurt.
- This is an emotional hurt. Should the girls tell an adult? The guidance counselor? The principal?

Together with your classmates, discuss what Ashanti and Ellen should do to have a happy ending to their Fairy Tale.

Be ready to share your solution with the rest of the class in a debrief.