**Skeletons In The Closet**

Setting: In the classroom

Characters:

Nikki- A very popular girl who is sometimes very scared when needed to be. She has a big crush on Nick.

Clara- A smart straight A girl who is impatient and is always very neat and organized.

Nick- A popular boy who is very cute and kind of like Clara, but he has a bigger crush on Nikki. Nick is very brave and brags sometimes.

**Nikki:** Gosh, do we have to do this? I’m super tired from all this cleaning!

**Clara:** (Rolls eyes) How many times do you have to say that?

**Nick:** Oh stop complaining, Nikki! If it hasn’t been for you, we wouldn’t be here in the first place!

**Nikki:** Come *on*! I was just passing a note, asking what you got on the exam!

**Nick:** Yeah, it’s *so* not your fault! (Glares)

**Clara:** When can we go home?! It’s like almost 4 and we still need to have the whole entire room done by 5! We haven’t even done half of the room yet!

**Nikki:** My mom would be wondering why I’m not home for her milk and cookie.

**Nick:** Eww! Seriously Nikki, get real here! You’re almost heading to seventh grade and you’re talking about milk and cookies here?!

**Clara:** For babies-unless you are one, Nikki.

**Nikki:** Ugh! Do you two have to agree about the same thing every single time?

**Nick:** Sure, why not? Clara’s pretty cool.

**Clara:** Compliment or insult? If it’s a compliment, thanks. If it’s an insult, no thanks!

**Nick:** Compliment, of course and no need to thank me.

**Nikki:** So Nick, if Clara’s cool, then I’m...?

**Nick:** Ugly?

**Clara:** (Holding back a laugh) Ug...Ugly?! For Nikki?!

**Nikki:** Wow, Nick! I once thought I’ve liked you! I guess I was plain wrong! (Sweeps a ball of dust over Nick’s shoes)

**Nick:** (Eyes widen) Such a surprise, huh? I never thought such a popular girl would like me. I guess I’m so awesome that girls would drool over me!

**Clara:** Dream on, Nick!

**Nikki:** Boys these days (sighs)

**Clara:** Guys! Let’s stop the chit chat and sweep already!

**Nick&Nikki:** Yes Ms. Bossy Pants!

**Clara:** No joke! I have A LOT of homework today and if I don’t finish it on time, I’m going to be grounded for the rest of my life.

**Nikki:** (Nods head) Pretty Harsh

**Nick:** All right. Clara’s right. Let’s get going. Be right back, I’m going to get the dustpan.

**Nikki:** (Rolls eyes) See what I mean about you two agreeing with each other?!

**Clara:** Whatever. But, Nikki! I can’t believe you just blurted out that you liked Nick!

**Nikki:** Gosh Clara. What’s the problem with that? I’ve been holding that secret for years! Plus, Nick doesn’t feel weird about that at all.

**Clara:** Whatever makes you happy, Nikki!

(They sweep the floor silently.)

**Nikki:** (looks over at Clara) I... (Pauses)

**Clara:** Yeah, what ya gonna tell me?

**Nikki:** Oh never mind.

**Clara:** What, you got a secret? (Gives a little smile)

**Nikki:** Ye... I mean, heck no!

**Clara:** Oh come on, girlfriend. Tell me, won’t you? I always know when you have a secret or not.

**Nikki:** (Rolls eyes) No, you do not! And how many times do I have, have to tell you? I’m not hiding a (screaming: ahh!)

**Clara:** Nikki!

**Nikki:** Clara! I-didn’t you hear it?

**Clara:** (Puts hands on hips) Hear what?

**Nikki:** I heard-heard something from the closet! It was terrifying. Clara! What is inside there?

(Nick enters the room with dustpan)

**Nikki:** (Screaming) Ahh!!!

**Clara:** Quit the screaming, Nikki! Now why did you scream again?

**Nikki:** (Pointing accusely to Nick) Him! Nick scared me! Couldn’t he have knocked the door?!

**Nick:** Oh chill Nikki! Gosh, I’m so sorry!

**Nikki:** You better be!

**Clara:** Come on! I want to go home. Can we puh-lease just sweep and then mop the floor?! That just takes around 20 minutes or so but you guys are off the hook. You two don’t even care about going home earlier and doing your homework and you’re always wasting time!

**Nick:** Woah Clara, chill-

**Clara:** Don’t tell me to chill!

**Nikki:** You guys are not getting to the main point!

**Clara:** And what is that besides going home and getting done with this?!

**Nikki:** Remember I heard a noise inside the classroom’s closet before?!

**Clara:** Here comes Nikki the Scary Cat!

**Nick:** Don’t worry, it’s nothing. Maybe you’re just hearing it wrongly.

**Nikki:** I heard it so accurately that I’m having goosebumps right now! Don’t you get it?

**Nick:** No...

**Nikki:** THIS SCHOOL IS HAUNTED!

(Nick and Clara stares at Nikki.)

**Clara:** Haha-very funny.

**Nick:** Stop joking around, Nikki. We don’t have time for that!

**Nikki:** I’m dead serious! Remember Joline McMaster died in this school...?

**Nick:** You know what?! I’ve had enough. I’m going to open the closet and tell you that you’re wrong, Nikki.

**Clara:** I’m sweeping cause I wanna go home.

**Nikki:** Nick, don’t!

(Nick opens the closet and out comes a skeleton.)

**Nikki:** (Screaming) Ahh!!! I told you there was something in that closet and it turned out to be a...skeleton?

**Clara:** What?( (Looks up) Ahh!!! Skel..skeletons in the closet?!

**Nick:** Guys, let’s get out of here...

**Nikki:** You think we don’t know that?!

**Nick:** Well, if you do know, let’s get outta here then! What you waiting for?!

**Clara:** I think this is the skeleton of Joline McMaster...

**Nikki:** We can’t get out of here yet, Nick! What about our chores?

**Clara:** The key is teamwork. Come on guys, let’s just sweep the floor quickly and get out! The skeleton is pretty slow...so he won’t eat us until in 10 minutes or so!