

Three's Company, Mallory

Chapters: *Operation Three's a Crowd & The Sleepover*

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PARTS: 5

Narrator

Mallory

Mary Ann

Chloe Jennifer

Mom

Narrator: Mallory, Mary Ann, and Chloe Jennifer walk to school every day because they live on the same street.

Mallory: As soon as I leave for school, I implement my plan.

Chloe Jennifer: Are you guys ready for the science test? Did you guys study? Do you think it will be hard?

Narrator: Mallory did not answer but Mary Ann nodded to say that she is ready.

Mary Ann: Do you know the different types of clouds?

Mallory: *SHRUGS*

Narrator: Mallory thinks she is not going to say anything about clouds or any other subject.

All: *WALKS SIDE BY SIDE*

Narrator: While Marry Ann and Chloe Jennifer talk about the difference between the types of clouds, Mallory walks slower so that Chloe Jennifer and Mary Ann end up in front of her.

Mallory: *FALL BEHIND OTHER GIRLS*

Narrator: Marry Ann turns around to Mallory as she has fallen behind them while walking.

Mary Ann: *TURNS AROUND*
gives Mallory a **what-are-you-doing? LOOK**
Mallory, aren't you coming?

Mallory: There is not enough room on the sidewalk for three people to walk together!

Narrator: Mallory uses a tone of voice to Marry Ann like it is obvious.

Mary Ann: *LOOKS DOWN*

Narrator: Mary Ann looks down at the sidewalk and then looks at Mallory again.

Mallory does not know if Marry Ann's looks mean that she thinks there is enough room for three people to walk or if it means she does not like that Mallory is not walking with them.

Mallory thinks to herself that if she wants Marry Ann to be her best friend, she must continue Operation *Three's a Crowd*, which is exactly what Mallory does at lunch.

All: *MALLORY AND MARY ANN SIT DOWN AT TABLE THEN CHLOE JENNIFER SITS IN THE MIDDLE OF THEM*

Mallory: *OPENS LUNCH BAG AND TAKES OUT OREOS*

Narrator: As soon as Mary Ann sees Mallory's Oreos, she smiles. Mary Ann loves Oreos as much as Mallory does.

Mary Ann: *SMILES*

Narrator: Mallory usually shares her Oreos with Mary Ann but for her plan to work, she cannot. Mallory pulls apart her Oreos in a plan to make the other two girls jealous

Mallory: *Mmmm*

Mary Ann: *SMILES AT MALLORY*
I am ready for my cookies too!

Narrator: Mallory looks over at Chloe Jennifer and then Mary Ann.

Mallory: *LOOKING AT THE GIRLS*
Sorry, I do not have enough cookies for all of us and I would not want to leave anyone out

Narrator: Mallory knows that if she shares her cookies like she normally does, her plan will not work. She is also trying to prove a point to Mary Ann that three people cannot be best friends

Mary Ann: *WRINKLES NOSE*

Narrator: Mary Ann wrinkles her nose as if something smells funny and not the cafeteria fish sticks

Mallory: *SHRUGS*

Narrator: Mary Ann looks at Mallory like she'd really like a cookie, meanwhile Mallory is thinking she'd like Mary Ann to be her best friend. After school, Mallory keeps Operation *Three's a Crowd* going.

Chloe Jennifer: Do you want to study our spelling words together?

Narrator: Chloe asks the two girls while walking back home.

Mary Ann: That sounds great!

Narrator: Mallory is thinking to herself that she does not like what she's about to say, but she doesn't feel like she has a choice.

Mallory: Studying spelling words is easier with two people than with three people

Narrator: After Mallory says this, Mary Ann gives her a **we-always-study-our-spelling-words-together* look*

Mary Ann: *GIVES THE LOOK*

Narrator: Before Mary Ann has a chance to speak Mallory waves goodbye and walks into her house.

Mallory: *WAVES GOODBYE AND WALKS AWAY*

TALKING TO CAT

Day One of Operation *Three's a Crowd* was a success I tell my cat,
Cheeseburger

Narrator: Mallory thinks to herself that using this plan is the only way she can get Mary Ann to remember how much fun they used to have when it was just the two of them so that Mary Ann will be Mallory's best friend

again. Mallory misses doing things like talking about science tests, sharing Oreos, and studying spelling words with Mary Ann

Mallory: *PETTING AND TALKING TO CAT*

I hope this plan won't take too long to work.

Narrator: The next morning Mallory puts Operation *Three's a Crowd* back into action by not walking with Mary Ann and Chloe Jennifer on the way to school

Mallory does not offer to help them when they are trying to decide what kind of cake Chloe Jennifer is going to have at her birthday party

Mallory: I do not want to play Chinese jump rope after school today

Narrator: Mary Ann and Chloe Jennifer remind Mallory that it takes three people to play it

Mallory: *WALKS AWAY FROM CONVERSATION*

Narrator: Mallory knows that even though Mary Ann has not said anything she knows something is different, this is because Mallory knows her better than anybody else and knows that Mary Ann will say they need to talk soon.

While Mallory knows Mary Ann will want to talk soon, she hopes she will say something along the lines of, "Mallory, things have been, really, weird between us since Chloe Jennifer moved to our neighborhood. It is too hard for three people to be best friends. Let us just keep things the way they have always been"

Mary Ann: *CALLS MALLORY*

Can I come over? We need to talk.

Mallory: Great I can hardly wait for you to get here *SAYS INTO PHONE*

Narrator: After Mary Ann calls Mallory, Mallory thinks instantly that Operation *Three's a Crowd* worked!

As soon as Mary Ann gets to Mallory's house, Mallory hooks her arm through Mary Ann's and drags her to her bedroom, Mary Ann immediately starts to talk.

Mary Ann: Mallory we have a problem

Mallory: I agree

Mary Ann: It's Chloe Jennifer

Mallory: *NODS IN AGREEANCE*

Narrator: Mallory is thinking this is the part where Mary Ann says it's too hard for three people to be best friends and we should go back to how things were before Chloe Jennifer got here.

Mary Ann: *CLEARS THROAT*

The problem is that Chloe Jennifer thinks you do not like her, and you aren't acting like you want to hang out with her which is NOT OKAY! We all live on the same street, and she is nice.

Narrator: Mary Ann shrugs like it is as simple as that

Mary Ann: We should all be friends.

Narrator: Mallory thinks this is not what she was expecting at all. They both sit in silence on Mallory's bed waiting for one of them to speak. Mary Ann finally breaks the silence.

Mary Ann: Why don't we have a sleepover at your house this weekend?

Mallory: Sure!

Narrator: Mallory thinks to herself that they always have sleepovers at her house and that this will make them best friends again. She believes her plan is working.

Mary Ann: You should invite Chloe Jennifer! That will show that you like her. What do you think?

Narrator: Mallory thinks that Mary Ann is the one who needs to do some thinking

Mallory: Why can't it just be the two of us? Since we're best friends...

Narrator: Mary Ann shakes her head like we are practicing an easy spelling word and I kept getting it wrong

Mary Ann: *SHAKES HER HEAD*

Mallory, of course, we are best friends, but we can be friends with other people too. Do you know what I mean?

Narrator: Mallory nods as she understands, but she does not because she thinks they have always had other friends, but not friends that go everywhere they go and do everything they do

Mary Ann: *SMILES* great

RAISES HER RIGHT HAND AND HOLDS UP HER PINKY

Swear you will invite Chloe Jennifer to our sleepover this week and show her that you like her.

Narrator: Mallory looks at Mary Ann but does not move.

Mallory is upset because Mary Ann does not mention anything about the things that she didn't do this week with the girls like studying, walking to school, playing jump rope, and sharing cookies.

Mallory: *REACHES ACROSS HER BED AND GRABS CHEESEBURGER*

Narrator: At this point, Mallory realizes that Operation *Three's a Crowd* has only made things worse.

Marry-Ann gives Mallory a **time-to-start-pinky-swearing* LOOK*

Mallory: Raises her arm and hooks her pinky around Mary Ann's pinky

Mary Ann: *GRINS*

Narrator: After they pinky promise each other, only ONE of them is smiling and it is NOT Mallory

Mallory is thinking it is not New Year's Eve but she is resolving to be friends with Chloe Jennifer anyway. After Mallory invited Chloe Jennifer to the sleepover, she gave Mallory a big hug and told her she was so excited. Mallory thinks to herself that Mary Ann was right about one thing: that Chloe Jennifer is super nice and maybe they could all three be friends. Mallory wants to make this sleepover extra amazing and plans lots of fun stuff to do. She hears the doorbell and starts to head to the door. She opens it to find both girls standing there with their sleeping bags.

Mallory: *OPENING DOOR*

Welcome to the world's greatest slumber party! *HANDS EACH GIRL A SCHEDULE*

Narrator: The three girls head to Mallory's room to set their stuff down. Right away Mallory notices that Mary Ann is acting weird.

Mary Ann: Just leave your stuff anywhere on the floor.

Narrator: Chloe Jennifer sets her stuff in the corner while Mary Ann dumps all her stuff in the middle of the floor then proceeds to shove the schedule in her bag. Mallory is very upset with Mary Ann as she did not even look at the schedule and is acting like this is her house.

Mary Ann: Ok we always bake cookies when we have a sleepover! *GRABS CHLOE JENNIFER'S ARM* Let's go to the kitchen.

Narrator: Mallory follows her friends down the hall but does not like how Mary Ann is acting. Mallory thinks this sleepover is at MY house, not hers. When the girls reach the kitchen Mallory's mom is already waiting.

All: *WALKING TOGETHER WITH MALLORY BEHIND*

Mary Ann: Your junior chefs have arrived! *STARTS POINTING TO CABINETS*

Narrator: Mary Ann shows Chloe Jennifer where everything is to bake the cookies.

Mom: You sure are a helpful junior chef Mary Ann. *LAUGHS*

Narrator: Mallory does not think this is funny at all because she wanted to show Chloe Jennifer where things are in the kitchen. Mom helps the girls mix the dough.

Mary Ann: *HANDS JENNIFER A SPOON* Since you're the guest you get to put the dough on the cookie sheets!

Narrator: Mallory gives Mary Ann a *who-made-you-the-boss* look but Mary Ann is not paying attention to Mallory. Then they put the cookies in the oven.

Mary Ann: Time to get lemonade and popcorn ready. We are going to watch a movie now.

Mallory: *WRINKLES HER NOSE*

Narrator: Mallory is still upset and thinks she loves the smell of baking cookies but DOES NOT like how Mary Ann is acting like this is her sleepover. At this point in the story, Mary Ann continues to make Mallory feel left out so the three girls realize that three people cannot be best friends.