**Nikki & Sofara**

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Time

Around Noon

Place

Nikki & Safara are meeting for the first time at Yummy Coffee

At Rise

Nikki is sipping hazelnut coffee with extra cream and sugar. She is an African American So-In-Style Barbie Doll or SIS doll. She is wearing all glittery pink clothes and a matching purse. She has a wad of money in her skirt pocket. The coffee also has whipped cream that reaches the ceiling. She is waiting for Safara to share it with her. Suddenly the door bursts open Nikki passes out.

Safara

Oops! My Bad! My bad! I’ll pay for the broken door. *(under her breathe)* I’m really not paying for the door. (in a loud voice) Excuse me, which one of you is Nikki the SIS doll?

(Safara pulls out her phone and sees that the same girl that matches the profile picture is the doll next to the whipped cream tower. Nikki is still knocked out.)

Safara

Oh, there she is! (Goes over to Nikki and taps her on the shoulder)

Nikki

(Nikki jumps up and screams)

Who are you???

Safara

Hi, I am Safara the Tabby Cat!

Nikki

Oh hello, I am Nikki the SIS Doll. Are you the cat from Google Plus?

Safara

Yes I am? I have so many questions to ask you. Do you have a boyfriend?

Nikki

No, I am married with three children.

Safara

What’s your occupation?

Nikki

I have a bunch. It depends on what I am wearing that day. I could be a vet, astronaut, artist, and a meteorologist.

Safara

What do you want most in the world?

Nikki

What I want most in the world? Hmm…let me think…I want to be the star of my owners stop-motion video. Hold on, before you ask anymore questions – I have a few of my own.

Safara

(she pauses for a moment. She isn’t sure about this) Okay, that seems fair since I have asked you all the questions.

Nikki

Where do you live?

Safara

I go to Trident College. It is located underwater near Atlantis.

Nikki

Oh that’s cool. Isn’t it weird that you are a cat living under water?

Safara

Is that you’re second question for me? Or are you just being noisy? I go to school in a submarine. My sub stop is at the Poptonstop Bay.

Nikki

No, I was just being noisy. That was a great first impression you put on me! So, next question, what do you want most in the world?

Safara

I want the age old feud between cats and dogs to end.

Nikki

Why am I just hearing about this war now? I have 2 dogs and a cat and they get along just fine.

Safara

Well that’s weird. Do you have a third question?

Nikki

Do you have an owner?

Safara

Yes I do have an owner. She is a female and her name is Ameenah.

Nikki

No way, my owners name is Ameenah too! Oh well its getting late. I’m going to head on home now. See you later or on Google plus (Nikki leaves the coffee shop)

Safara

*(to the audience)*

(Gasps) I am so jealous right now! I can’t believe this is happening, I am missing so much while I am at college and I am stuck in between the war of cats and dogs. Everywhere I go the dogs always follow me. They try to jump me, they always be in packs. The principal is also a dog and he is trying to get me kicked out of the college I go to, to make it an all dog school. I really want to go home but I kinda sorta don’t because I am afraid if I go home I will be kicked out of college because of my absence! The principal probably wants me to go home so that he will have a reason to expel me.

I am so upset about Nikki and Ameenah. Ameenah is growing up so fast and I am missing all of it I was supposed to be there with her every step of the way.. I really just want to go home, so I think I am going to take a day off of college. Can I do that? I don’t’ think that the principal would be too happy about this… whatever, let him be mad.

**End of Scene 1**

**Scene 2**

Time

Just after the coffee shop scene.

Place

In Safara’s bedroom at her home

At Rise

Safara is watching the movie Dogs and Cats. She hears a knock on the door.

Safara

(yells loudly)

I’ll get it

(she goes to open the door)

Nikki

I have to tell you something can I come in.

Safara

Is it good or bad?

Nikki

I have no idea. I guess bad.

Safara

Oh come in and take a seat on my bed.

(she enters and sits on the bed)

Nikki (in a sarcastic tone)

What don’t you have any couches?

Safara

Just tell me your news and get out.

Nikki

Okay, I been meaning to tell you that Ameenah’s mine. You cannot come back to the house because (lying) Ameenah doesn’t want you anymore. She has a new cat, and is happy with her.

Safara

I can tell you’re lying because when somebody smiles while they are talking it means they’re lying. I can’t believe you come inside my room and tell a lie right through a smile.

Nikki

I’m not lying. I have a picture to prove it. Hold on I’ll pull it up on my phone in a second. (Nikki pulls up her phone and goes on an app, finds a picture of Ameenah and puts it on there with a picture of a different cat. Ameenah is happy in the picture, and the cat is purring. Nikki edits the picture a little and it looks real. Safara tries to peak and sees what Nikki is doing and knows that the picture is not real.)

Safara

You fibber, how could you lie to me like that and try to make me jealous so I won’t come back. I can tell that that picture is clearly fake. What is going on? Why don’t you want me to come back?

Nikki

I am not a fibber. This picture is 100% real. (Nikki starts to feel guilty that she tried to sabotage Safara and Ameenah’s relationship). Fine, I was worried that if you come back all the attention that is rightfully mine will go to you and I’ll end up in a garage sale.

Safara

I didn’t know you felt that way. I don’t want to come back, but I kind of do. I am missing out on all these important things in Ameenah’s life, and I am not there to see it. All I want to do is make Ameenah happy. If I come back she will be happy because she told me that I am like no other cat that she ever had before and that I can’t be replaced ever, but I need to also stay in school I might get expelled. If I get expelled I won’t be able to help in the cat and dog war. I want to end the war peacefully and I can do that by trying to talk to the dogs, but how can I if I come back. I might not ever be allowed at the school again. I have been trying to convince my dog classmates to give the cats a chance.

Nikki

She is happy because I am there to help her make stop motion videos. She loves what she does. I have been in a couple and me and her are having fun doing it. I think that helping trying to end the war is more important than trying to make Ameenah happy.

Safara

I have made my decision. I will stay in school and try to help end the war because Ameenah has you now and she is most happy with you and making those videos. I can’t believe she is growing up so fast. She doesn’t need me anymore. She will always have you because I can’t always live forever. You can take good care of her for me.

Nikki

I promise to take good care of Ameenah. Well goodbye.

*(they shake hands)*

**End of play**