

“Fake It To Make It” Pages 1-6
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Characters

Taejin

Jaeha

Kido

Hyojoon

Classmate

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PANEL ONE: The front exterior of a multi floor, modern-style school, it is midday as students leave the building. It's slightly off center to see a group of students standing at the side of the school.

PANEL TWO: Closer shot of a group of teenage boys in formal school uniforms with blazers and neckties, most of them have lit cigarettes in their hands or mouths. JAEHA, noticeable by his dark purple wavy hair, stands among them, face contorted in disgust.

1) JAEHA: Why do you guys do that stuff?

PANEL THREE: One of the other boys, who leans nonchalantly against the wall with a cigarette in hand, blows smoke out of his mouth. The look in his eyes suggests that Jaeha's question was a stupid one.

2) CLASSMATE: It helps take the edge off a little.

PANEL FOUR: The classmate's arm is held out to Jaeha with an unlit cigarette in hand. Jaeha leans away from the sudden movement, his normally sharp eyes widen.

3) CLASSMATE(Off-Panel): Here dude, you look like you need one.

PANEL FIVE: Face unchanged, Jaeha holds the cigarette just given to him loosely between his fingers in an attempt to mimic the way the other boys do it. A hand holds a sparked lighter to the cigarette to set it aflame.

4) JAEHA(Thought): Will it really help?

PANEL SIX: A close-up to the bottom half of Jaeha's face as he raises the cigarette to it, not yet putting his mouth to it.

5) JAEHA(Thought): Might as well try__

PANEL SEVEN: Impact frame, a hand slaps Jaeha's.

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PANEL ONE: The cigarette that was in his hand now lays on the ground, Jaeha stands frozen, hand still up as if it was still in his hand, like his mind doesn't register what just happened.

PANEL TWO: He turns, a characteristically punk-ish looking TAEJIN is towering over him, his normally angry expression seems tighter than normal, his sharp eyes boring into Jaeha.

PANEL THREE: Jaeha's eyebrows furrow and his nose scrunches up as he glares back at Taejin.

1) JAEHA: Why are **you** here?

PANEL FOUR: Taejin turns away slightly, with his eyes still on Jaeha.

2) TAEJIN: To drive you back to the dorms, so let's go.

PANEL FIVE: Taejin starts to walk away, Jaeha follows closely behind him, face still sour.

3) JAEHA: What's your problem? What was that for?

4) TAEJIN: You shouldn't ruin your career and life by starting that shit.

PANEL SIX: Long panel. Jaeha points at Taejin accusingly, Taejin has his back to Jaeha and his hands in the pockets of his leather jacket, face stoic and uncaring.

5) JAEHA: You're such a hypocrite! You do it too!

6) TAEJIN: There you go, another reason not to do it. Don't want to be like me, do you?

PANEL SEVEN: Jaeha stops in his tracks, fists clenched at his sides as he shouts at Taejin.

7) JAEHA: ***You're a fake, Kim Kangmin!***

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PANEL ONE: Shot of Taejin's back, he stops walking. His sleek black sports car just in front of him.

1) SFX: FREEZE

2) TAEJIN(Lowly): What did you just call me?

PANEL TWO: Jaeha stands tall, now filled with determination rather than frustration.

3) JAEHA: That's your name, isn't it? *Kim Kangmin.*

PANEL THREE: Taejin turns his head ever so slightly in a poor attempt to look back at Jaeha.

4) TAEJIN(Lowly): Who told you that?

PANEL FOUR: Jaeha crosses his arms and smirks, feeling some sort of victory over Taejin.

5) SFX(Jaeha): Tch

6) JAEHA: So Kido was right, not only are you a fake, but you're a *liar* too.

PANEL FIVE: Close up on Taejin from the front, nose down. Jaeha is in the background behind him, still with his arms crossed, eyebrows furrowed once again.

7) TAEJIN(Lowly): Get in the car.

8) JAEHA: Hell no, I'm not going anywhere with you_

PANEL SIX: Taejin suddenly comes up close to Jaeha, in his face. Jaeha leans back out of shock.

9) TAEJIN: If I could make you walk the ten blocks by yourself, I would, but I don't want an earful from the managers. *So get in the car.*

PANEL SEVEN: The two stare each other down, contempt visible on both of their faces. Slightly above them are silhouettes of a black shorthair cat and a black Doberman-like dog, the cat being above Jaeha and the dog being above Taejin. The cat's fur is standing upright with its ears pinned back as it hisses at the dog. The dog bares its teeth with its ears back as it growls at the cat.

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PANEL ONE: Jaeha concedes and turns away from Taejin with his eyes closed and face scrunched.

1) SFX(Jaeha): Hmph

PANEL TWO: Jaeha gets in the backseat of Taejin's car, Taejin stands unmoving.

PANEL THREE: Taejin leans against the car, he closes his eyes and pinches his nose bridge.

2) SFX(Taejin): Sigh

PANEL FOUR: Taejin gets in the driver's seat of his car.

PANEL FIVE: Location change, interior of their modern, open concept apartment-style dorm. Jaeha walks through the front door, KIDO and HYOJOON are in the background, and sit at the dining room table. Both of them are looking at Jaeha, Hyojoon has a smile on his face and a mug of coffee in his hands.

3) HYOJOON: Hey, Jaeha! How was school?

PANEL SIX: Jaeha passes right by them, face sour.

4) JAEHA: ***Fine.***

PANEL SEVEN: Behind shot of Kido and Hyojoon, their bodies upright as Jaeha slams his bedroom door shut.

5) SFX: SLAM!

PANEL EIGHT: Hyojoon side-eyes Kido in concerned confusion, Kido just shrugs and brings his mug to his mouth with his eyes closed.

6) HYOJOON: Oookay..?

7) KIDO: Teenagers.

8) HYOJOON: You're still a teenager too.

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PANEL ONE: Kido and Hyojoon turn their attention to the front door opening again.

1) SFX: CREAK

PANEL TWO: Taejin in the doorway, he looks straight ahead towards the two with an irate look in his eyes.

2) TAEJIN: *You.*

PANEL THREE: Taejin darts for the table, gaze unwavering.

PANEL FOUR: Taejin lifts Kido to stand him up with a fistfull of the collar of his shirt. Hyojoon also stands, surprised.

3) HYOJOON: Taejin!

PANEL FIVE: More focus on Taejin's face, eyes wide and pupils small, nose wrinkling into a snarl when he speaks.

4) TAEJIN: You think you can just go lurking around other people's business?

PANEL SIX: Focus on Kido's face, no longer caught off guard, his eyes half-lidded and mouth pulled into a smirk. (SFX for Hyojoon can be colored orange to tell it's him since he's off panel)

5) KIDO: Oh, Kim Kangmin... you gave up your right to secrecy the minute you decided to be a *bitch.*

6) SFX(Hyojoon): *Kido!*

PANEL SEVEN: Kido places a hand on Taejin's arm that's holding him up.

7) KIDO: You may be all buddy-buddy with the CEO, but now I have dirt on *you*... your move, asshole.

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PANEL ONE: Hyojoon puts his hands on both their shoulders in an attempt to push them away from each other, looking distressed.

1) HYOJOON: Kido, enough! Taejin, let go of him!

PANEL TWO: Taejin does let go of Kido, face suddenly back to its usual sternness.

2) TAEJIN: Alright, fine... that's how you want it?

PANEL THREE: Taejin walks backward toward the door.

3) TAEJIN: Let's see how long you last without me.

PANEL FOUR: The door slams behind Taejin.

4) SFX: SLAM!

PANEL FIVE: Kido and Hyojoon are frozen in their places, eyes wide as they stare at the door. Off-panel Jaeha's door cracks open.

5) SFX: CREAK

PANEL SIX: Jaeha pokes his head out of the doorway, face just as shocked as the others.

6) JAEHA: What the hell just happened?

PANEL SEVEN: All of them are visible, Jaeha stares at the other two from his doorway, Kido looks down and scratches his neck, a little embarrassed, Hyojoon buries his head in his hands.