

## 39. Scary Teacher

**Topic:** Students dare to approach a teacher.

**Cast:**

JILLIAN: kind of bossy, a little afraid of the teacher

JULIA: timid, willing to work out a plan

CASSIE: logical and straightforward

- 1       *(Scene opens with the GIRLS Center Stage in a horseshoe*  
 2       *configuration playing rock, paper, scissors.)*  
 3       **JILLIAN:** OK, go. Rock, paper, scissors! *(They all choose*  
 4       *rock.)*  
 5       **JULIA:** Let's do it again. Rock, paper, scissors! *(They all*  
 6       *choose paper.)*  
 7       **CASSIE:** We could be here all day doing this.  
 8       **JILLIAN:** It would be easier if one of us just volunteered to  
 9       do it.  
 10       **CASSIE:** *(Grabbing this idea)* Thanks, Jillian, that would be  
 11       great. Go ahead.  
 12       **JILLIAN:** *(Sarcastically)* Yeah, right. Let's go again. Rock,  
 13       paper —  
 14       **JULIA:** This is stupid. We should all go together.  
 15       **CASSIE:** I don't want to. You two can go.  
 16       **JILLIAN:** I don't want to. You two can go.  
 17       **JULIA:** *(Trying to be reasonable)* Come on, guys. I'll go if you  
 18       both come with me. *(They pause.)*  
 19       **JILLIAN:** No, I still don't want to go. She hates me. She'll  
 20       yell at me.  
 21       **JULIA:** She does not hate you.  
 22       **CASSIE:** Yeah, I think she's right. She does hate Jillian.  
 23       **JULIA:** *(Frustrated)* Oh, for goodness sake!  
 24       **JILLIAN:** She never picks me for messenger and last week  
 25       when I was late she made me take that math test.

- 1       **JULIA:** We all took the math test.  
 2       **JILLIAN:** Yeah, but she put it on my desk real mean-like.  
 3       **CASSIE:** *(Trying to bring them back on task)* We're not really  
 4       getting anywhere with this. Why don't we just write a  
 5       note and leave it on her desk?  
 6       **JULIA:** That never works. Remember when she said adults  
 7       admire kids who speak up?  
 8       **JILLIAN:** Yeah, they always say that, until you actually *do*  
 9       speak up.  
 10       **JULIA:** We're just gonna have to ask her. Together. In  
 11       person.  
 12       **CASSIE:** Julia's right. She's just a human being, after all.  
 13       What can she do to us?  
 14       **JILLIAN:** Are you kidding? She's a *teacher*. She can do  
 15       anything she wants to us!  
 16       **JULIA:** Not true. She's not that bad. We just have to be  
 17       respectful-like. Let's practice.  
 18       **JILLIAN:** *(Suddenly excited)* Oh, let me be her, please?  
 19       **CASSIE:** Oh, OK.  
 20       **JILLIAN:** *(Gets snooty, acting like a grown-up.)* Yes, girls, is  
 21       there something you need?  
 22       **JULIA:** Uh, Miss Tambor, we'd like to speak to you a  
 23       minute.  
 24       **JILLIAN:** Fine, but make it quick. I'm late for my karate  
 25       lesson.  
 26       **CASSIE:** Jillian!  
 27       **JILLIAN:** Oh, OK. *(Changes back to modified grown-up.)* Yes,  
 28       girls, what is it?  
 29       **CASSIE:** Miss Tambor, we'd like to ask if you would  
 30       consider allowing us to have a bake sale.  
 31       **JILLIAN:** A bake sale? For what purpose?  
 32       **JULIA:** To raise money for our trip to New York.  
 33       **JILLIAN:** *(Short pause, pretending to consider)* All right. That  
 34       would be fine. *(They pause.)*  
 35       **CASSIE:** Well, that was kinda easy.

- 1 JULIA: Do you think it will be that easy with her?
- 2 JILLIAN: Only one way to find out. Let's go.
- 3 CASSIE: Hey, Jillian. Remember, you're not an adult
- 4 anymore.
- 5 JILLIAN: Right. I'll behave.
- 6 JULIA: Sure. I believe that. *(They exit.)*

## 40. Permanent Probation

**Topic:** A goofy driver is pulled over by an overworked police officer.

**Cast:**

OFFICER: trying to keep things going smoothly, very professional  
DALE: completely clueless, should be nowhere near a moving vehicle

- 1 *(Scene can be set with DALE sitting in a chair pretending to*
- 2 *hold a steering wheel, facing forward. OFFICER approaches*
- 3 *from behind.)*
- 4 OFFICER: Can I see your license and registration, please?
- 5 DALE: Why, officer? Was I speeding?
- 6 OFFICER: License and registration, please.
- 7 DALE: *(Slight hesitation)* Well, there might be a slight
- 8 problem with that.
- 9 OFFICER: *(Steps back, speaks emphatically)* Step out of the
- 10 car, please.
- 11 DALE: OK, OK.
- 12 OFFICER: What's the problem with the license and
- 13 registration?
- 14 DALE: Don't have it.
- 15 OFFICER: You mean you left your identification at home?
- 16 DALE: No, I mean I don't have it.
- 17 OFFICER: You don't have a license?
- 18 DALE: Do I look sixteen to you?
- 19 OFFICER: Exactly how old are you?
- 20 DALE: Can I go to jail for lying to a policeman?
- 21 OFFICER: Whose car is this?
- 22 DALE: My dad's.
- 23 OFFICER: Does he know you're driving without a license?
- 24 DALE: Of course not. Don't be silly. It was my *mom's* idea.
- 25 OFFICER: Do you have your learner's?
- 26 DALE: Don't you have to be like fifteen or something to get
- 27 that?