

- 1 **ROBIN:** *Nineteen! Patricia!*  
2 **PAT:** It's OK, don't worry, Mom. Really! I didn't get a ticket  
3 or anything. I hit the gas and hightailed it out of there. I  
4 don't think anybody saw the license plate or anything.  
5 **ROBIN:** Sweetie, they wouldn't have to. "Newton's Drivers  
6 Education" is plastered all over the car.  
7 **PAT:** Ooooh, yeah. *(A beat)* Mom, maybe we ought to call a  
8 lawyer.

# Addiction

## Introduction

KISHA has just been caught with her cell phone in class. She scrambles to hide it by sticking it in the back of her pants before her TEACHER can take it.

- 1 **TEACHER:** Kisha, give me the cell phone.  
2 **KISHA:** What cell phone? I don't have a cell phone  
3 **TEACHER:** I saw you with the cell phone, please hand it  
4 over. You know the school rules.  
5 **KISHA:** But I don't have one.  
6 **TEACHER:** Yes, ma'am, you do. I saw it. Please hand it over.  
7 *Now!*  
8 **KISHA:** But I don't have one. Look. *(KISHA holds her hand up*  
9 *to show that she doesn't have one.)*  
10 **TEACHER:** Don't do this. Hand it over now or I'm going to  
11 have to send you to the office.  
12 **KISHA:** But I don't have one. See! *(KISHA stands up and*  
13 *when she does, the cell phone falls out of the back of her*  
14 *pants and on to the floor. They both look down at it. KISHA*  
15 *scoops it up and holds it tight in her hand.)*  
16 **TEACHER:** See, hand it over.  
17 **KISHA:** No, I can't. I got to have my cell phone. I need my  
18 cell phone.  
19 **TEACHER:** Kisha, you know you're not supposed to have it  
20 out. Hand it over. I'll give it back at the end of class.  
21 *(Hesitantly, KISHA hands over the phone.)*  
22 **KISHA:** You'll give it back? You won't send it to the office?  
23 **TEACHER:** This time. But if you ever refuse to give it to me  
24 again or if you lie to me again, it will go to the office.  
25 **KISHA:** But I gotta have my phone. My momma may need

- 1       to text me. I need my phone. It's my life!
- 2   TEACHER: No, it's an addiction!
- 3   KISHA: No, it's my life. I can't live without my life!

# Alluring

## Introduction

Sometimes you just have to look at the bigger picture — especially when somebody's trying to grow up.

- 1   PAT: Jo, those were some pretty interesting vocabulary
- 2       words you and Julie were working on.
- 3   JO: Mom! I'm sorry. I didn't know — it was Julie! Not me.
- 4       Can we just forget it, please? It was nothing. It was just
- 5       girl talk.
- 6   PAT: "Sex." "Seduce." "Penis." "Intercourse"!? The way
- 7       you two were giggling over them, they didn't sound like
- 8       nothing to me.
- 9   JO: OK, Mom, you caught us. Guilty as charged! But we
- 10       weren't really doing anything wrong. They *are* in the
- 11       dictionary. Besides, I've got to learn this stuff some
- 12       place.
- 13   PAT: Yes, but I've always hoped that when you got old
- 14       enough, you'd come to me for answers. We've always
- 15       had a good line of communication.
- 16   JO: Well, you've got to face the facts, Mom. I'm fourteen
- 17       and I'm growing up. And whether you and Daddy like it
- 18       or not, there is that *other* side of me!
- 19   PAT: What other side?
- 20   JO: You know. My ... earthy side. My sexy side. My alluring
- 21       side. I do plan for boys to notice me.
- 22   PAT: Of course you do, but you don't have to accentuate
- 23       your "earthy side," as you call it, to do that. Boys are
- 24       going to notice you anyway. You're a pretty girl.
- 25   JO: Yeah? How?