

The Bigheaded Girl

CHARACTERS

(3 Girls)

Ellie: Girl who excels in everything and isn't afraid to tell everyone about it.

Whitney: Friend of Ellie's who is sick of hearing her brag about her accomplishments.

Jane: Also a friend of Ellie's who has had enough.

SETTING

Social studies class.

- 1 WHITNEY: Ugh. Social studies is my least favorite class of the
2 day. It always drags on and on and goes by *super* slow.
- 3 JANE: Oh gosh, I know. I swear the hands on the clock get
4 frozen in this class.
- 5 WHITNEY: You need like a thermos of coffee to stay awake while
6 Mr. Wesley teaches. He's so monotone and boring.
- 7 ELLIE: Are you kidding? This is the best class of the day. We
8 don't do any class work, and all we have to do is sit and
9 listen. It's so easy.
- 10 JANE: Except for the surprise quizzes and tests once a week
11 over things he hasn't even taught us. It's like he wants us
12 to fail.
- 13 WHITNEY: Oh, I know. That makes me furious when he does
14 that. He's just setting us up for failure. It's so unfair.
- 15 ELLIE: He's just doing his job. It's the students' fault if they
16 aren't prepared to take it.
- 17 JANE: You must be delirious or something. Mr. Wesley is *the*
18 worst teacher in the whole entire school. Probably even in
19 every school in the state.
- 20 ELLIE: Whatever. You guys are just mad that you don't have
21 passing grades. I have an A in here.
- 22 WHITNEY: Oh, there's a big surprise. Miss Goody Two-Shoes
23 has an A in yet another class. Never saw that coming ...
24 *not!*
- 25 JANE: For real. You've never had a bad grade in your life.
- 26 ELLIE: You make that sound like a bad thing. Am I supposed to
27 be ashamed that I get good grades?
- 28 WHITNEY: You don't have to be ashamed. You just don't have
29 to gloat.
- 30 ELLIE: I don't *gloat*. Just because I mentioned that I have an
31 A ...
- 32 JANE: That's all you *ever* talk about. Homework and grades. We
33 can be talking about boys or clothes or television or just
34 about anything and somehow the subject will change back
35 to how wonderful your grades are and how many awards

1 you've received because of your *fabulous* grades.

2 ELLIE: Maybe it's because I actually try really hard to get good

3 grades. I study the notes we take in class every night for

4 homework in the off chance that we might have a *pop* quiz.

5 JANE: I think you would make a great Boy Scout, Ellie. "Always

6 prepared." Isn't that like their motto or something?

7 WHITNEY: I've got a better motto: "Complete waste of time."

8 Who wants to study stuff *every* night "just in case"?

9 That's lame. You're only supposed to study when you *have*

10 to. That's normal. Besides, what a waste of energy. We

11 rarely ever have *pop* quizzes. The only class we do have

12 them in is Mr. Wesley's class.

13 ELLIE: Well at least he knows I pay attention and listen to what

14 he says, and take notes, unlike you guys. You're always

15 talking to each other, or passing notes, or even texting.

16 How are you supposed to learn when you aren't even

17 paying attention?

18 JANE: Sorry we can't all be as perfect as you, Ellie.

19 ELLIE: I'm not saying I'm perfect. I just know I try hard. A lot

20 harder than you two slackers.

21 JANE: Geez, Ellie. Your arm hurt from patting yourself on the

22 back so much?

23 WHITNEY: For real. What an ego. I've never heard anyone talk

24 about themselves as much as you do.

25 ELLIE: Just because I'm proud of myself and how hard I work

26 doesn't mean I have a big ego. Maybe if you tried, you

27 could say the same things about yourself. It's not bragging

28 if it's true. It's simply sharing my accomplishments and

29 things I've done. If you're jealous, it's not my problem.

30 Most people *like* hearing about my good grades and how

31 hard I try.

32 JANE: Whatever. You can tell yourself that, but the truth is it's

33 annoying. No one wants to be friends with someone who

34 thinks she's so perfect. You can't go five minutes without

35 saying something good about yourself. In fact, I've never

1 heard you say one bad thing about yourself.

2 ELLIE: So now I'm annoying because I don't trash talk myself?

3 That's ridiculous! I believe in telling yourself *positive*

4 things, not negative things.

5 JANE: The negative things make people seem human.

6 ELLIE: I'm human!

7 WHITNEY: Besides, you don't have any trouble talking about *our*

8 negative things.

9 ELLIE: That's not true. I don't talk bad about you guys.

10 JANE: What about the other day when I asked you about my

11 new bracelet?

12 ELLIE: What about it?

13 JANE: You said you didn't like it.

14 ELLIE: What? That's not negative! That's an opinion. *And* you

15 asked me for it.

16 JANE: Still negative.

17 WHITNEY: And every time I get my haircut you always have to

18 comment on it.

19 ELLIE: *Because you ask me.*

20 WHITNEY: But when you don't like the way it looks it hurts my

21 feelings.

22 JANE: And just last week you told me that my thighs were fat.

23 ELLIE: I did not!

24 JANE: Yes, you did. I said, "These gym shorts make me look

25 huge," and you said, "They make everyone look huge."

26 ELLIE: So? That wasn't saying anything about you.

27 JANE: Really? Am I not part of "everyone?"

28 ELLIE: Give me a break!

29 JANE: Well, it really hurt my feelings. Like about the bracelet.

30 WHITNEY: And my hair.

31 ELLIE: It's not like I am trying to hurt you guys. But when you

32 ask me my opinion, I'm not going to lie to your face if I

33 don't like it. What good would that even do you, anyway?

34 You'd rather me lie to you, to make you feel good, than tell

35 the truth if it hurts your feelings a little bit? Why do you

1 even bother to ask me then?
 2 WHITNEY: Sometimes lying is OK, especially if you're sparing
 3 the other person's feelings.
 4 JANE: We don't want you to always lie, just be nice about it.
 5 ELLIE: So now I'm a bigheaded, insulting person who needs to
 6 lie?
 7 WHITNEY: Don't be so dramatic. We're just tired of you making
 8 us feel bad.
 9 ELLIE: Me making you feel bad? So you get bad grades and I'm
 10 supposed to make you feel good about it. *(To WHITNEY)* You
 11 get a haircut that looks like your baby sister cut it and I'm
 12 supposed to say, "It's beautiful" and *(To JANE)* you get a
 13 bracelet that looks like something my grandmother would
 14 wear and I'm supposed to tell you it's fashionable? I'm
 15 sorry. But I'm just too honest of a person to lie.
 16 JANE: Come on. Everyone lies. Especially little white ones like
 17 that.
 18 ELLIE: Not me. A lie is a lie. Apparently I've been brought up a
 19 lot better than you guys have if you don't know that.
 20 JANE: There you go with the bragging thing again.
 21 WHITNEY: Do you ever *not* talk about yourself?
 22 JANE: No one wants to hear about you twenty-four-seven.
 23 ELLIE: Excuse me for defending myself.
 24 JANE: You're not defending yourself, you're promoting yourself.
 25 You might as well have a billboard around your neck.
 26 WHITNEY: You brag all the time. About everything. You're
 27 always talking about new things you bought, all the money
 28 you have, all the guys that like you, everything! I'm pretty
 29 sure I could write a book on your life because I know
 30 everything about it because you tell me *all* the time.
 31 JANE: It gets old, really fast. And annoying. We get it. You've
 32 accomplished a lot. But so have a lot of people. Do you
 33 hear them bragging about it day and night? No!
 34 WHITNEY: Maybe instead of going on and on about yourself you
 35 should try giving a few compliments to *other* people.

1 ELLIE: I do compliment other people. When they deserve it. But
 2 I think I get it now. You want compliments even when you
 3 *don't* deserve it. So let's see, maybe I can give it a try.
 4 Wow! Girls! You are *not* paying attention *so well!* I bet you
 5 get that F you are trying for on this week's quiz! Way to go!
 6 JANE: Very funny.
 7 ELLIE: I'm starting to think that you guys are just jealous. It's
 8 no wonder you never want to hear about things I've done
 9 or things I have. You're just jealous that it's not you.
 10 Obviously I have better grades and am extremely better in
 11 school, but you don't have to be jerks about it. If it were
 12 the other way around, I'd be happy for you. I'd never treat
 13 you guys like you're treating me because I'm not a shallow
 14 or a jealous person.
 15 JANE: Of course you aren't.
 16 ELLIE: You guys seem to be the opposite of me. I guess it's just
 17 the fact that my mother has taught me right, which
 18 obviously yours hasn't.
 19 WHITNEY: Shhhh! Here comes Mr. Wesley with our papers. *(The*
 20 *GIRLS act like they are taking papers from the invisible Mr.*
 21 *Wesley as he walks by.)*
 22 JANE: Oh my gosh, I got an A!
 23 WHITNEY: Me too! Can you believe it? I didn't even study.
 24 JANE: Me either!
 25 ELLIE: *(Mimes flipping her paper over so they can't see it.)* Guess
 26 you both got lucky.
 27 JANE: Luck? I call it *extreme genius*.
 28 WHITNEY: Really. We're so smart we don't even *need* to study!
 29 ELLIE: Yeah. That's a great approach to life.
 30 JANE: Hey, whatever works! Wait until my mom hears that I got
 31 an A. She'll probably make those double chocolate chip
 32 cookies that I like.
 33 WHITNEY: Mine will probably buy me a new video game.
 34 JANE: Maybe we'll even eat out tonight.
 35 ELLIE: OK already. I get it. You guys are going to get something

- 1 great. I'm so happy for you.
2 WHITNEY: You don't sound happy.
3 JANE: In fact, you sound ... jealous. (*Reaches and grabs ELLIE's*
4 *"paper."*) Oh my gosh, Whitney. Ellie got a C!
5 WHITNEY: We got As and you got a C.
6 ELLIE: So what? It's one grade.
7 JANE: But we got an A and you got a C.
8 ELLIE: You said that already.
9 WHITNEY: *This rocks!*
10 ELLIE: (*Very unenthused.*) Yeah, it's great.
11 JANE: (*Narrowing in on ELLIE*) What happened to the "happy for
12 you guys" bit?
13 ELLIE: (*Smiles very forced, says.*) I am.
14 WHITNEY: Awww, who cares? (*Singing.*) We got As. We got As.
15 Jane and I got As. And Ellie got a C. But we got As. Yeah,
16 we got As.

Good/Bad Reputation

CHARACTERS

(2 Girls, 1 Guy)

Alexa: Student who just found out everyone calls her a teacher's pet. She decides to put an end to it.

Jonathan: Friend of Alexa who tells her how everyone thinks she's the teacher's pet.

Mrs. Rose: Teacher that later chooses Jonathan as the teacher's pet.

SETTING

School.