

THE BEEHIVE
Catherine and George are riding along at a beautiful
pace. Catherine is new to town and is a bit of an odd ball
but she is an expert at riding and she is a beautiful
girl. Catherine has her own horse and she is a
good rider. She has to help George learn about the life of
riding in a new school.

Beauty and the BEE

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EXT. BASEBALL GAME

Catherine and Cosette sit side-by-side at a baseball game. Cosette is new in town and is a bit of an odd ball. She is an eager to learn brainy-ac that spends most of her time studying and reading - She is also a Spelling Bee Champion!. Catherine her new neighbor has agreed, for a small fee, to help Cosette learn about the fine art of fitting in a new school.

Catherine sitting back in her seat pretends to watch the baseball game.

COSETTE

I am ready. I have a pen. I have the focus of a laser beam ready to absorb your words of fitting wisdom. Fire away!

CATHERINE

You're not.

COSETTE

What?

CATHERINE

You're not ready.

COSETTE

(looking around)
We've hardly started and I'm already sinking? How?

CATHERINE

(slowly)
You look eager to learn.

COSETTE

Oh. That's bad?

CATHERINE

Very.

COSETTE

But I like learning.

CATHERINE

No. You don't.

Cosette writes this down.

COSETTE

(scribbling)
Never admit I like learning. Got it.

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CATHERINE

Are you going to write everything
down?

COSETTE

Of course. I have to figure out
how to look like I hate learning,
while learning at the same time.
(Leaning forward) What's next?

CATHERINE

Stop that! Never lean forward.
Never look eager. Never raise your
hand in class.

COSETTE

But what if I know the answer? Can
I raise my hand once a month?

CATHERINE

Cosette.

COSETTE

Every other Month?

CATHERINE

No!

COSETTE

OK, OK.

Cosette writes this down.

COSETTE (CONT'D)

No Answers.

COSETTE (CONT'D)

Fitting in means you don't do
anything to make you stand out.
When you stand out people notice
you and it gives them a chance to
realize you're a space alien.

Catherine notices Cosette focusing on something to the
front and right of them.

CATHERINE

What are you looking at?

COSETTE

The wave's going around. Here it
comes!

Cosette stands up and throws her arms in the air.
Catherine does not.

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Whooo! COSETTE (CONT'D)

She sits back down and looks sheepishly at Catherine who stare at her stonily.

Cosette clears her throat.

COSETTE (CONT'D)
The wave is wrong. Let me write that down.

CATHERINE
(standing)
If you don't want to take this seriously --

COSETTE
Wait! Don't give up. I'm ready to learn. I'm not admitting I'm ready to learn, and I will lean back and scowl at you as I learn but I am deadly serious about all this not learning. Is that OK?

CATHERINE
(sitting)
I have no idea what you just said. OK, next. Start hating your mom and dad.

COSETTE
What? Why?

CATHERINE
People who like their parents stick out.

Cosette asks an innocent question.

COSETTE
How come you and your mom don't spend more time together?

Catherine is thrown by the question.

CATHERINE
What?

Cosette does not realize this bothers Catherine.

COSETTE
You both have such pulchritude. It makes so much sense that you and your mom would get along.

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COSETTE (CONT'D)
 (beat) Pulchritude. I love words
 that don't look the way they
 sound. How could something that
 has 'ritude' in it mean physical
 beauty?

Catherine stares at Cosette.

COSETTE (CONT'D)
 Sorry. Sorry, sometimes my brain
 just (she wiggles her fingers)
 goes places.

CATHERINE
 Well stop it.

COSETTE
 (leaning right in)
 Would you go shopping with me?

CATHERINE
 (leaning back)
 What? Why?

COSETTE
 Please? Tomorrow?

CATHERINE
 No!

COSETTE
 I was thinking I need a fitting in
 outfit. If I look like I fit in,
 then everyone will assume I fit in
 and before they find out I'm
 different it'll be too late and
 I'll have everyone totally in love
 with me.

Catherine, letting Cosette in on the most important part
 of her learning.

CATHERINE
 Cosette, that's not how fitting in
 or being cool works.

COSETTE
 One hour. Less than an hour. Once
 store. I'll take whatever you
 throw at me.

CATHERINE
 But I -(she exhales in
 frustration) Fine. One store.

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COSETTE

(sincere)
That's great. I feel great about this. This is going to all work out great.

CATHERINE

(thinking back)
That word you said. That punch word?

COSETTE

Pulchritude.

CATHERINE

You think I'm pretty?

COSETTE

Of course. Your beautiful.

Catherine blushes, and is genuinely touched.

CATHERINE

So...tomorrow around 1 PM.?

Cosette speaks as she writes this down.

COSETTE

Tomorrow around 1 PM.? (looking up) Oh? Yeah. (Stops writing, excited) Perfect!

Remembering the rules, Cosette tries to contain her excitement. Pretends to be mildly interested in the idea.

COSETTE (CONT'D)

Sure. Whatever.

CATHERINE

Great. Let's get out here. I hate baseball.

COSETTE

(pretending to agree)
Yuck. I agree. I hate baseball too.

Catherine does not buy it for a second.

CATHERINE

Geez...do to we have work to do!

The girls exit laughing.