

The New Kid

Trio scene

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ALISON: Hey, you're the new kid in school, right?

EMMA: That's right.

ALISON: Nice to meet you! I'm Alison and this is Charlotte.

CHARLOTTE: Hello!

EMMA: Hi, I'm Emma.

CHARLOTTE: So, how do you like our school so far?

EMMA: It's okay, but I'm still trying to figure out who the cool people are.

ALISON: Do you only hang out with cool people?

EMMA: Yeah, I smoke, so that makes me really cool.

CHARLOTTE: It does? What's so cool about smoking?

EMMA: It just is. All the cool people smoke.

ALISON: Well, Charlotte and I don't smoke.

EMMA: Well, maybe that should tell you something...

(CHARLOTTE and ALISON look at each other, a little shocked at EMMA's rude comment)

CHARLOTTE: Well, I'm a cheerleader and Emma is the pitcher for the softball team, and I think that's pretty cool.

EMMA: If you say so.

ALISON: Do you do any sports?

EMMA: No, I get out of breath too easily.

CHARLOTTE: Well, maybe if you didn't smoke...

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EMMA: Okay, MOM, thanks so much for the motherly advice!

CHARLOTTE: I didn't mean anything by it.

EMMA: Just forget it!

ALISON: Uh, well, Charlotte and I were going to go to the mall and try out a new perfume scent. Want to come?

EMMA: I don't really use perfume. If people couldn't smell the smoke on me, they wouldn't know I'm a smoker, and wouldn't think I'm cool.

CHARLOTTE: So, you actually want to smell like smoke?

EMMA: You got a problem with that?!

CHARLOTTE: No, that's your choice, I guess.

ALISON: Forget about the perfume. If you want to, we can go get lunch at the food court.

EMMA: Nah, I don't have any extra cash. I spent the last of my money on cigarettes.

ALISON: Oh...

EMMA: Well look, you two have fun. I'm going to go hang out with the cool people and smoke.

(EMMA leaves)

CHARLOTTE: Do you really have to smoke to be cool?

ALISON: No way! I wouldn't want to have trouble breathing, smell bad, and waste all my money on cigarettes. What's cool about that?

CHARLOTTE: Nothing at all. It's kind of sad that some people think it is.

ALISON: Anyway, let's go to the mall.

CHARLOTTE: Okay!