

SCENE 6

Wednesday. Simon, Laurie and Jake sit in the school hall. Jake is wearing a Superman tee shirt, and draws throughout the scene.

LAURIE *(random word from dictionary)* 'Supercilious'.

We hear the P.A. Jake covers his ears.

V/O SEC A reminder for those who want to practice for Saturday's audition, it's about to start in Mme. Francois' room.

LAURIE Are you sure it's okay with your mom for me to watch Jake?

SIMON Yeah, it's cool. There's extra drawing paper and pencils. Earplugs if he needs them. Anything happens, come and get me. You good, Boy Wonder?

JAKE It's Superman day.

SIMON In that case: 'Up, up, and away!'

They superhero handshake; Simon leaves, immediately returns.

SIMON Thanks, Laurie.

LAURIE No prob.

He exits.

START

LAURIE *(trying to make conversation)* Am I sitting too close?

JAKE No that's enough space.

LAURIE What is it?

JAKE St. Paul's Church; the oldest Protestant place of worship in Canada; designed by James Gibbs, pupil of Christopher Wren.

LAURIE It's awesome! Looks like something in a museum. Christopher Wren?

JAKE No. James Gibbs. In the style of Christopher Wren.

LAURIE Is he your favourite designer?

JAKE Architect. It's architect.

LAURIE Yes; sorry, I mean architect.

JAKE I like him and Frank Gehry.

LAURIE I don't know him.

JAKE Born in Toronto in 1929

LAURIE -oh -

JAKE - designed the Guggenheim Museum in Balboa, the Walt Disney Concert Hall, redesigned the Art Gallery on Ontario – the AGO.

LAURIE Have you been there?

JAKE No, I want to but Mom says we can't go to Toronto now.

LAURIE My dad took me last year – it's pretty awesome.

Slight pause.

LAURIE Jake, I've got something for you. Is it okay if I give it to you now?

JAKE Definitely.

She pulls a comic out of her bag.

JAKE Superman Conquers Captain Chaos! - excellent excellent excellent !!!

LAURIE I bought it back from Gordon.

JAKE Mom says he's bad news.

LAURIE He totally is.

JAKE Worse than Lex Luthor.

LAURIE I'm glad he got suspended.

JAKE Definitely.

END

SCENE 7

One actor plays all the spellers, perhaps underdressed and stripping to reveal the next character or using a picture frame for each character to appear in. Mme. Francois is upbeat and supportive. Overachieving Gwendolyn is up.

START

MME. Ready, Gwendolyn? You can do it! 'Convergence.'

GWEN *(too loud)* Convergence. C-O-N-V-I-R-G-E-N-C-E. Convergence.

MME. Ah, no, you were so close, it's C-O-N-V-E, not 'i'. But that was excellent! Blake, how about you?

Blake is wide eyed and smiling.

BLAKE Yes, Madame.

MME. You can do this one, Blake. Positive thoughts, positive thoughts. Ready? 'Successful'

BLAKE Successful. *(widely and explicitly blinking with each letter)* S- U-C-C-E-S-F-U-L. Successful.

MME. Ah, Blake, well done, but c'est dommage, it's C-C-E-S-S – two 's'es. Okay, Candy, your try. Candy, your word is 'appropriate'

CANDY Umm, like, what does it mean?

MME. Suitable to the circumstance.

CANDY Umm, like what does *that* mean?

MME. I can only put it in a sentence for you. 'The student was not appropriate in her school attire.'

CANDY Gottcha. 'Appropridate'.

MME. Candy, the word is 'appropriate'

CANDY Right, right. Umm, 'appropriate.' U....P- O-R- H-I-T: Appropriate.

MME. *(beat of disbelief)* Ah, Candy, no I'm afraid, but...*(upbeat)* you used the alphabet - good try!

CANDY *(confused and upset)* But, like, Oh Em Gee, I need to be on that show!

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