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Sen. Calhoun

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JAKE

Okay.

MRS. PRATT

(by the way)

Honey, you might want to freshen up  
that lipstick.

And as the waiter drops the credit slip, Jake smiles  
meekly at her mother.

EXT. RAWLEY CAMPUS - SAME (DAY 3)

Scout and his father walk along the bank of the water,  
talking. It's a campaign ad. Senator Calhoun tosses a  
stone and it skips across the surface of the water.  
Perfectly.

SEN. CALHOUN

You know the first year I went here,  
there was no Rawley girls school.

SCOUT

I didn't know that.

SEN. CALHOUN

So every weekend we'd hit the town and  
chase the local girls.

(remembering)

They were pretty cute.

SCOUT

They still are.

SEN. CALHOUN

So what about you? Seeing anyone?

SCOUT

I'm kinda at a standstill.

SEN. CALHOUN

Ahh, you'll get better grades.

There's a beat.

SCOUT

I did meet this one girl. And she's  
really smart and beautiful and  
sweet...

and she grew up in New Rawley.

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WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING

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SEN. CALHOUN  
So what's the problem?

SCOUT  
She's my sister.

SEN. CALHOUN  
(laughing)  
Yeah, that would definitely pose a problem.

But Scout's not laughing. He stops walking.

SCOUT  
Dad, I'm serious. Her mom is Donna.  
Who you knew years ago. From New  
Rawley.

SEN. CALHOUN  
What are you talking about?

SCOUT  
You have a daughter, dad. Her name is  
Bella Banks.

SEN. CALHOUN  
What're you joking?

SCOUT  
She's fifteen-years old. Her mother's  
gone now. And she really wants to  
meet you.

SEN. CALHOUN  
Wait a minute. Are you serious?

SCOUT  
Very.

SEN. CALHOUN  
So you're telling me there's some  
crazy young girl walking around town,  
claiming to be my daughter?

SCOUT  
(fighting back)  
Dad, she's not crazy.

SEN. CALHOUN  
-- listen to me. Are you listening?

SCOUT  
Yes.

Sen Calhoun

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SEN. CALHOUN

Do you know how many money grubbing, celebrity hounding lunatics there are out there who want a piece of our family? That want to knock us down?

SCOUT

But dad --

SEN. CALHOUN

You need to erase that girl from your life. I don't want you to go within a mile of her. Do you hear me? Your first responsibility is to this family.

SCOUT

Dad, I--

SEN. CALHOUN

What?!

SCOUT

Was there a girl named Donna?

There's a beat.

SEN. CALHOUN

I knew a lot of girls, Scout.

And he studies his father, as if for the first time.

SCOUT

Well how many...dad?

SEN. CALHOUN

Just let this go. Just let it go.

INT. KRUDSKI HOME - SAME (DAY 3)

Will ENTERS and finds his father laying on the couch watching a baseball game. Will stands there for a beat, while his father ignores him.

WILL

Who's playing?

Without looking at him --

MR. KRUDSKI

Red Sox.

*Sen Calhoun*

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