

Excerpt from CINDERELLA

Roxanne and Edwina enter stage right. Roxanne is carrying a dress; Edwina is carrying a work boot. They look about for Cinderella.

ROXANNE:  
Cinderella, where are you? I need you to mend my dress.

EDWINA:  
I need you to fix a hole in my shoe.

ROXANNE:  
Too bad she can't fix the hole in your head.

EDWINA:  
Oh, that's so funny I forgot to laugh.

ROXANNE:  
I need this dress fixed. I've got a very special date tonight. He's the perfect man for me.

EDWINA:  
Who is it? Frankenstein?

ROXANNE:  
Very funny. At least I've got a date. I get asked out a lot.

EDWINA:  
I get asked out all the time.

Roxanne indicates the door.

ROXANNE:  
Yah. "Excuse me, would you get out?"

Roxanne turns her back. Edwina lines up her shoe to smack Roxanne in the head. The Stepmother enters and takes the shoe from Edwina. Edwina swings but her balance is off and she spins past Roxanne. Roxanne turns to see the Stepmother.

ROXANNE:  
Good morning, Mommie Dearest.

STEPMOTHER:

Good morning Roxanne. Good morning Edwina. Now, I don't know what the two of you were up to but that will be quite enough rough-housing. You need to act like proper young ladies. You will never be accepted into society if you act like a couple of...a couple of...

EDWINA:  
...unimportant...

ROXANNE:  
...inconsequential....

EDWINA:  
...insignificant...

ROXANNE:  
...teamsters.

STEPMOTHER:  
Exactly. You must carry yourself as though you are the most important of people. Like you are an aristocrat. Blue-blooded. Refined. At all times dignity.

Roxanne points to something on Edwina's chest. Edwina looks down and Roxanne hits her on the nose. The Stepmother turns to them, not having seen what Roxanne did. Both girls straighten up immediately. The Stepmother turns away again.

STEPMOTHER:  
Act as though you are noble and you will be treated as such.

Edwina plants a swift kick on Roxanne's backside. Again, the Stepmother does not notice. When the Stepmother turns Roxanne is still bent over because of the kick.

STEPMOTHER:  
Now, Roxanne. That is a perfect example. Look at you, all stooped.

ROXANNE:  
I'm not stupid.

STEPMOTHER  
I did not say "stupid", I said "stooped".

EDWINA:  
Yah, she said you're "stooped"...stupid.

ROXANNE:  
You're stupid.

EDWINA:  
You're dumb.

ROXANNE:  
You're crazy.

EDWINA:  
You're weird.

ROXANNE:  
You're a moron.

EDWINA:  
You're a fool.

STEPMOTHER:  
Girls! Not. Another. Word!!

ROXANNE:  
Doofus.