

Script: Young Americans

ROLE: Senator Calhoun, Male, late 30's to 50's.

EXT. RAWLEY CAMPUS - DAY

Scout and his father walk along the bank of the water, talking. It's practically 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.

SCOUT SEN. CALHOUN

So every weekend we'd hit the town and chase the local girls. They were pretty cute.

SCOUT

They still are.

SEN. CALHOUN

So what about you? Seeing anyone?

SCOUT

I'm kind of at a standstill.

SEN. CALHOUN

Ahh, you'll get better grades.

Beat.

SCOUT

I did meet this one girl. And she's really smart and she's really smart and beautiful and sweet... And she grew up in New Rawley.

SEN. CALHOUN

So what's the problem?

SCOUT

She's my sister.

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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
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?

(CONTINUED)

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?

Beat.

SEN. CALHOUN

I knew a lot of girls, Scout

Scout studies his father, as if seeing him for the first time.

SCOUT

Well how many...Dad?

SEN. CALHOUN

Just let this go. Just let it go.