

Characters:

Narrator

Cherie



Sol



Prince Kana



Ava



Lonny

Act 1, Scene One

Narrator: The children are in class. Sol and Lonny are new at the school. Ever since they arrived, Ava has been watching them. They are acting strangely. The teacher tells them there is going to be a test. She tells the students to put their books away.

Sol: *(to himself while looking all around)* Where do I put my books? I can't see where the other students have put their books?

Ava: *(whispering)* They go under here. Look, on this shelf under your desk. Haven't you sat at a desk before?

Sol: *(embarrassed)* Of course I have. Oh ... yes, I know what to do.
Thank you.

Narrator: The test began.

Sol: *(to Lonny)* I've finished the test.
Let's go.

Lonny: Okay.

Narrator: Lonny and Sol leave the classroom.

Ava: *(to Cherie whispering)* Where are those two going? The test doesn't finish for another ten minutes. They didn't even ask Miss Layla if they could leave.

Cherie: *(whispering)* I don't know. They don't seem to understand how things work in school.

Narrator: The teacher tells Ava to go and bring Sol and Lonny back to the classroom so she runs after them down the hallway.





Ava: Where are you going?

Sol: I finished the test. I was going to have some tea.

Ava: *(surprised)* You can't just leave the classroom for tea whenever you want. You have to wait for the teacher to say you can go.

- Sol:** *(confused)* Why? I had finished the test.
- Ava:** Yes, but that's not how school works.
There are rules.
- Lonny:** How do these rules work? Tell me
about them.
- Ava:** What do you mean? They work like
the rules in all schools. What was it like
at your old school?
- Sol:** At my old school, we did things differently.
- Lonny:** Yes, my old school was very different from
this one, too.
- Ava:** But you must have had rules. All schools
have rules.
- Sol:** Yes, of course, we had rules. In Etiquette
Class we learned about rules. We learned
who you bow to and which fork to use
when you sit down to dinner. Yes, we had
lots of rules. Everywhere you looked was
another rule.