

10 Things I hate about You- Scene

INT. STRATFORD HOUSE/BATHROOM - NIGHT

Kat washes her face at the sink. Bianca enters behind her.

BIANCA

Have you ever considered a new look? I mean, seriously, you could have some definite potential buried under all this hostility.

KAT

I'm not hostile. I'm annoyed.

BIANCA

Why don't you try being nice? People wouldn't know what to think.

KAT

You forget. I don't care what people think.

BIANCA

Yes you do.

KAT

No I don't. You don't always have to be who they want you to be, you know.

BIANCA

I happen to like being adored, thank you.

KAT

Where'd you get the pearls?

BIANCA

They're mom's

KAT

(upset)
And you've been what? Hiding them for 3 years?

BIANCA

No. Daddy found them in a drawer last week.

KAT

So you're just gonna start wearing them now?

BIANCA

It's not like she's coming back to claim them.
And besides, they look good on me.

KAT

Trust me. They don't.

INT. BIANCA'S ROOM - DAY

Bianca lies on her bed watching The Real World
Seattle. A knock sounds.

BIANCA

(annoyed)
Come in.

Kat enters.

KAT

(kindly)
Listen I know...

Bianca isn't listening. Kat turns off the TV.

KAT

(continuing)
Listen, I know you hate having to sit at
home because I'm not Susie High School.

BIANCA

Like you care.

KAT

I do care. But I'm a firm believer in
doing something for your own reasons, and
not someone else's.

BIANCA

Well, I wish I had that luxury. You know, I'm the only

sophomore that got asked to the prom and
I can't go, because you don't feel like it.

KAT

Joey never told you that we went out, did
he?

BIANCA

(doesn't believe her)

Yeah, okay.

KAT
In 9th grade. For a month

BIANCA
(can tell she's serious and is confused)
Why?

KAT
(self-mocking)
Because he was, like, such a babe.

BIANCA
But you hate Joey

KAT
Now I do.

BIANCA
So what happened?

Kat indicates with a nod and a raised eyebrow that they went all the way.

BIANCA
Oh! Please tell me you're joking.

KAT
Just once, right after mom left. Everyone was doing it, so... I did it. Afterwards, I told him I didn't want to anymore because I wasn't ready and he got pissed and dumped me.

Bianca stares at her, dumbfounded

KAT
(continuing)
After that I swore I'd never do anything just because "everyone else" was doing it. And I haven't since. With the exception of Bogey's party and my stunning digestive pyrotechnics.

BIANCA
(stunned)
How is it possible that I did not know about this?

KAT
I warned him that if he told anyone, the cheerleading

squad would find out what a loser he is.

BIANCA

Okay. So why didn't you tell me?

KAT

I wanted to let you make up your own mind about him.

BIANCA

(angry)

Then why did you help Daddy hold me hostage?

Bianca stands up slowly

BIANCA

(continuing)

It's not like I'm stupid enough to repeat your mistakes.

KAT

I guess I thought I was protecting you.

BIANCA

By not letting me experience anything for myself?

KAT

Not all experiences are good, Bianca. You can't always trust the people you want to.

BIANCA

Well, I guess I'll never know, will I?

She rises and holds the door open for Kat, then slams it behind her.