

THE IN CROWD

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CAST

ANNOUNCER

LULU *Girl*
A *Boy or Girl*
B *Boy or Girl*
C *Girl*

Announcer Introducing The In Crowd.

[Enter A,B,C deep in conversation. Larking around. Looking dead cool. etc. Lulu enters a little later and stands apart from them looking lost/ worried/ anxious etc]

A *[Seeing Lulu. Sneering tone]* What is that?

B I've never seen it before.

C It's got to be new.

A *[Hailing Lulu]* Oi, new geek! Get over here. *[Lulu points to self as if to say 'Who me?']* Yes, you. I can't see any other geeks round here. Can you? *[Lulu walks over to join them]*

B What's your name?

Lulu Lulu.

C *[Mocking]* Lulu! What sort of a name is that?

A CanCan! That's what!

B Duoflush.

C BogBog. *[A,B,C like this final attempt and laugh together]*

A Oi, BogBog, what's that thing over your shoulder?

Lulu It's a satchel.

B *[Incredulous]* A satchel! Noone has a satchel. Not since Mallory Towers.

Lulu My mother bought it for me. She said everyone going to school has to have a satchel to keep their things in.

C You're a real mummy's girl aren't you, Bog Bog? I hope you also floss after every meal and remember to say your prayers before bedtime.

A *[Grabbing satchel]* So, what 'things' do you keep in here anyway? *[Opens it and shows others]*

Lulu Just like stuff.

B Ah, CDs. Let's see if you've got any decent music. *[They each pull out a CD]*

C Barbie Q and the Sizzlers.

A Desmond Deckchair and the Sunloungers.

B Lorne Mower and the Grasscutters.

C What sort of music is this?

Lulu It's Shed At The Bottom Of The Garden music. It's the latest stuff.

A Never heard of it. It's obviously pants.

B So, BogBog, what football team do you support?

Lulu I'm not interested in football. I prefer rugby. I go to watch Gloucester play when they're at home.

C *[Amazed]* Not interested in football! What is wrong with you? Everyone supports a football team. I'm a Man U fan myself.

A Yeah, and I support Liverpool.

B And I support Fulham.

C I said football teams B.....! *[B and C fight. School bell rings]*

Lulu What's that bell for?

A Don't you know?

Lulu No.

B *[Sarcastic]* Oh dear, you are in trouble then aren't you?

Lulu Can I stick with you?

C Stick with us? You must be joking.

A We wouldn't be seen dead with a loser named after a public convenience ...

B Who's a mummy's girl with a satchel...

C Who plays sad music and doesn't like football.

A BogBog, you are the weakest link.

B and C Goodbye. *[They all run off throwing CDs on the ground and leaving Lulu looking lost.]*

Announcer We are aware that you may have found the pace of this sketch hard to keep up with so we thought you might like to see an action replay. The In Crowd - Take two.

[Enter A,B,C deep in conversation as before. Larking around. Looking dead cool. etc. Lulu enters a little later and stands apart from them looking lost/ worried/ anxious etc]

A *[Seeing Lulu.]* Who is that?

B I've never seen her before.

C She must be new.

A *[A,B,C walk over to Lulu]* Hi there. I'm A..... this is B..... and that's C.....

B What's your name?

Lulu Lulu.

C Lulu, that's a nice name. My best friend at my last school was called Lulu.

A Wasn't there a singer called Lulu?

B Yes, my dad is always going on about her being in the Eurovision Song Contest. He says he can't remember what song she sang – but he does remember that she wore a very very short miniskirt.

C We'd better not introduce you to B.....'s Dad. He might get overexcited. That wouldn't be good for him at his age!

A Hey, Lulu, I see you've got a school satchel.

Lulu Yes, my mum bought it for me.

B Yes, my mum did just the same.

Lulu She said everyone going to school has to have a satchel to keep their things in.

C Mum's can be dead embarrassing can't they?

A So, what 'things' to you keep in there? *[Opens it and shows others]*

Lulu Mainly like music CDs.

B Cool. What sort of music do you like? *[Lulu opens bag, pulls out CDs and passes to others]*

C Barbie Q and the Sizzlers.

A Desmond Deckchair and the Sunloungers.

B Lorne Mower and the Grasscutters.

C What sort of music is this?

Lulu It's Shed At The Bottom Of The Garden music. It's the latest stuff.

A I've never heard of it but it sounds interesting Can I borrow this one to hear what it's like? *[Lulu nods agreement]*

B Hey, Lulu what football team do you support?

Lulu I'm not interested in football. I prefer rugby. I go to watch Gloucester play when they're at home.

C Really! Why do you prefer rugby?

Lulu Well, for a start the men are more macho. They're all over six foot tall. You don't get any Mohicans playing rugby.

C Wow, it sounds great. Can I come along with you on Saturday?

Lulu Sure. *[School bell sounds]* What's that bell for?

A It's for registration.

Lulu Oh. What do I have to do?

B Don't worry. You stick with us. We'll show you.

C Yes, Lulu. You're cool.

A It's good to have you in our gang. Come on. *[All 4 exit together]*