

ARABELLA

Misfit - Ep. #101
"Pilot"

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Final Polish

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GIGI AND SHANI CHEERS THEIR JUICE BOXES, AS WE:

CUT TO:

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY (D1)

(Gigi, Shani, Arabella, Madame Bisset, Students BG)

GIGI AND SHANI ENTER HOMEROOM. ALL OF THE STUDENTS WEAR FASHIONABLE CLOTHES ACROSS A RANGE OF STYLES. ONE GIRL EMBROIDERS A DENIM JACKET. A BOY SNAPS A PIC OF HIS SHOES FOR INSTAGRAM.

GIGI SPOTS ARABELLA (STYLISH, TONGUE SHARPER THAN SEWING SCISSORS) AND APPROACHES HER AS SHANI HEADS TO HER SEAT.

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GIGI

Arabella.

ARABELLA

Gigi. Nice earrings.

GIGI

They're bespoke. Nice bangles. I bought mine off the same rack.

ARABELLA

Touché. Nice blazer.

GIGI

Thanks, I made it myself--

ARABELLA

I really feel prepared for takeoff.

GIGI

Ouch, you, too?

ARABELLA

Gotta call it like I see it. (THEN)

Your boots are cool, though.

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GIGI

MooLaLa's Bella collection.

ARABELLA

I know. Dad named them after me.

GIGI

(ADMIRINGLY) One day I'm going to out-fashion you.

ARABELLA

You're a worthy opponent, but don't hold your breath. (BEAT) And if you do, make sure to put on your own oxygen mask before assisting others.

GIGI

I get it already.

STOP → ~~MADAME BISSET (FRENCH ACCENT, BUT SHE'S FRENCH-CANADIAN) RAPS ON THE PODIUM AT THE FRONT OF THE ROOM AND GIGI HEADS TO HER SEAT. SHANI PUTS HER HAIR BACK IN FRONT OF HER FACE.~~

~~SHANI~~

~~(OFF GIGI'S LOOK) Madame Bisset is intimidating.~~

~~GIGI~~

~~It's the French accent. Last week she complimented me and I still said sorry.~~

~~SHANI~~

~~Isn't she French-Canadian?~~

~~GIGI~~

~~Yes, but the French part is winning.~~

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SCENE C

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INT. WORKROOM - DAY (D2)

(Gigi, Shani, Ash, Arabella, Merriweather, Madame Bisset
Students BG)

GIGI, SHANI, AND ASH STAND WITH THE OTHER FYF TEAMS IN FRONT
OF MADAME BISSET. A GROUP OF MODELS STANDS OFF TO THE SIDE.

GIGI

Nice skirt. I think my grandma had one
just like it when she was a kid.

ARABELLA SHOOS GIGI AWAY.

ARABELLA

Shhhh.

GIGI

C'mon, look at my palazzo pants! You
must have thoughts! Here, I'll get you
started-- I feel like there's fertile
ground in middle school art teacher--

ARABELLA

I'm the heir to the MooLaLa Fashion
House.

GIGI

Yeah, you've said.

ARABELLA

Do you know how embarrassing it would
be if I didn't win FYF? I need to win
this.

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ARABELLA (CONT'D)

Then I need to win the Second-Year Select, then the Third-Year Thread, and the Fourth-Year Finale.

GIGI

So you're saying you've got a plan.

ARABELLA

I need to focus. We can play our little games when the competition is over.

GIGI

(LAUGHING) You make it sound like it's war. (OFF ARABELLA'S STOIC FACE) Whoa, now it looks like war.

STOP → THE KIDS ALL STRAIGHTEN UP, EAGER.

MADAME BISSET

Your task is to create something that harnesses the element of... SURPRISE!

MADAME BISSET WHIRLS ON A STUDENT, WHO PROMPTLY FAINTS.

MADAME BISSET (CONT'D)

There's always one. (THEN) Give us a look that will make us ooh-la-la! Here are the guidelines.

MADAME BISSET HANDS A SHEAF OF PAPERS TO BE PASSED AROUND.

MADAME BISSET (CONT'D)

Each team will pick a volunteer model from the hat. (PROUDLY) I designed it.

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ARABELLA

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GIGI

See? Even Shani's on board! I
guarantee that you're going to crush
this look, and we're going to crush
the competition.

SHANI

(CONTINUING, WORRIED) I haven't gotten
a peek at what Arabella is doing,
which freaks me out a little-- ow.

GIGI TAKES HER FOOT OFF OF SHANI'S AND GRINS AT ROWENA.

GIGI

Everything's gonna be great. Nothing
can throw this dream team off track.

JUST THEN, MERRIWEATHER AND ARABELLA BURST INTO THE WORKROOM.

ARABELLA

Aha! I caught you!

GIGI THINKS FAST AND GRABS THE CAMOUFLAGE-PATTERNED DRESS AND
HIDES THE TEAM BEHIND IT. SHE PEEKS OUT. ARABELLA AND
MERRIWEATHER ARE STILL THERE. SHE PULLS HER HEAD BACK IN.

GIGI

(WHISPERED) I think the camouflage is
broken.

OFF THEIR LOOKS, WE:

CUT TO:

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Start

SCENE J

INT. WORKROOM - DAY (D3)

(Gigi, Shani, Ash, Arabella, Rowena, Merriweather)

EVERYONE IS AS WE LEFT THEM.

ARABELLA

Stop hiding behind that dress.

GIGI TOSSES THE DRESS TO THE SIDE AND TRIES TO LOOK DIGNIFIED.

MERRIWEATHER

~~I knew something fishy was going on.
First, you fire me. Then, you replace
me. With the lunch lady!~~

GIGI

Merriweather, we're sorry that you're disappointed. We just decided to go with a model who met our vision.

ARABELLA

Your winning idea is a frumpy old lady?

ROWENA

Hey! I'll have you know that I'm only thirty-mrmph.

ARABELLA

It doesn't matter. I caught you.

GIGI

You haven't caught anything. You haven't seen our design.

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ARABELLA

You're using an illegal model!

GIGI

Try reading the rules, Arabella. The models can be anyone from the school.

ARABELLA

Try reading the fine print, Gigi. (RE: RULE SHEET) The model can be anyone who's a student at the school.

GIGI GRABS THE PAPER, THEN LOOKS UP IN HORROR.

GIGI

She's right.

ARABELLA

I always am.

MERRIWEATHER

You messed up, big time.

ARABELLA

She'll be disqualified, and you'll never finish a new design in time. You can't win. You wouldn't have. I'm the--

GIGI

Heir to the MooLaLa fashion house, we

all know!

ARABELLA AND MERRIWEATHER EXIT AS GIGI TURNS TO HER TEAM.

~~GIGI (CONT'D)~~

~~Ms. Rowena, I am so sorry--~~

STOP →

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