Rated R
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Katelyn cringed as Hilary flipped through the on-demand movies. Most of the ones Hilary liked were R-rated.

"Ooh, Doomsday Attack! I've been wanting to see that one," Hilary said.

"It's rated R," Katelyn said.

"So?"

"I'm not allowed to watch R-rated movies, especially without an adult around." Katelyn grabbed the remote control and scanned the other movies. "What about Super Prince?"

"That animated film about the superhero dog? It's only rated PG. It can't possibly be any good!" Hilary complained.

"Please?" Katelyn said.

Amber said with a laugh.

Katelyn's cheeks warmed with embarrassment.

Things to Discuss:

1. Does this story have one bully or more than one? Explain.

2. When Katelyn told Hilary that her mom didn't let her watch R-rated movies, was she acting like a baby, or was she acting responsibly? Explain.

3. If you were at the lunch table when Hilary was making fun of Katelyn, what would you have said in Katelyn's defense?

Teacher's Discussion Guide

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Read and discuss.

1. Does this story have one bully or more than one? Explain.

    There is more than one bully in this story.

    Hilary is the obvious bully in this story, because she was making fun of Katelyn when she told the girls at the lunch table about the movie situation.

    Rebecca is also a bully because she makes fun of Katelyn by saying, "I can't believe you're not allowed to watch R-rated movies, Katelyn. Does your mom think you're a baby or something?"

    The other girls who laugh at Katelyn are also acting like bullies.

2. When Katelyn told Hilary that her mom didn't let her watch R-rated movies, was she acting like a baby, or was she acting responsibly? Explain.

    "That's not a big deal. There are lots of great movies that aren't rated-R."

    "So? My parents won't let me see rated-R movies either."