

Screenplay for our film "Be yourself"

Scene 1: (Leonie is in her room and her cell phone alarm rings; it's 6:30am, she gets up. She goes into the hallway and stands in front of the mirror, combs her hair and applies makeup. She goes into the kitchen to her mother who reads the newspaper.)

Mother: "Good Morning."

Leonie: "Good Morning."

Scene 2: (Leonie's mother complains because she can't afford other things for herself because of the many brand things for her daughter.)

Leonie: "I wanted to ask if you could buy me a new bag. Could you? - Because... Yes, the bag is good but... This is just not what I want and what is trendy."

Mother: "Why? You got it half a year ago and you wished for it."

Leonie: "Yes, but it's not so good... It's a bit impractical because it's so big and it looks so stupid..."

Mother: "You need a lot of space for your things, you are aware of that. Aren't you?"

Leonie: "Well, yes, me, the bag I want, it has a lot of space."

Mother: "Yeah, there's two compartments, what do you need more for?"

Leonie: "Is that your problem?"

Mother: "Well, it is my problem, I have to pay for it. But I'm not going to pay you for a new bag."

Leonie: "Mom, don't act like that now."

Mother: "You know that we don't have much money, I barely make ends meet and then you want a new bag every year?"

Leonie: "Oh, you know..."

Mother: (She interrupts) "Do not act like that!"

Leonie: "Yeah, that's not my problem, Mom."

Mother: "It's guaranteed to be your problem if you want to have a new bag. Then buy it yourself. Go to work or whatever."

Leonie: "Yes, go to work. Then I'll go to school."

Mother: "Yes, then go to work, too! Bye!"

Leonie: "See you later with my elephant backpack." (Goes out the door)

Scene 3: (On the way to school with Tom.)

Leonie: "And how was your day yesterday?"

Tom: "Well, pretty good actually. I was playing soccer, and then there was the stupid math homework."

Leonie: (Despising) "Math?! What kind of math homework? Can I copy that?"

Tom: "Again? Yes, you can, but I think you should do your math homework yourself."

Leonie: "Yes, I'll really do it next time myself, just this one last time."

Tom: "Yeah, okay."

Leonie: "See you later!"

(Goes up the stairs to her cool clique. (Jennifer, Chayenne, Andre and Timon))

Chayenne: "Hey, there."

Leonie: "Hey, there."

Chayenne: "When will your new backpack arrive? I thought you ordered it three weeks ago."

Leonie: "Yes, that doesn't work with the order at the moment, somehow it doesn't work with the shipping, so the post office... doesn't want to..."

Chayenne: "Ahhh yes."

Jennifer: "Huh and what about our partner look?"

Leonie: "We'll still do that when the package arrives. And then we take cool pictures."

Chayenne: "It's definitely running... black, red... black, blue... (Patterns the others.)"

Jennifer: "Have you done your homework?"

Leonie: "What kind of homework? Who cares about homework?"

Chayenne: "That's the way it is. Shall we go in?"

All: "Yes".

Jennifer: "Huh, or are we skiving the first lesson?"

Leonie: "Are we skipping the first one?"

Chayenne: "Yes, come, no buck in Spanish. Come let's go to the supermarket."

(All 4 go down the stairs.)

Scene 4: The teacher returns the exams to the students. He bangs the folder on the table in front of Leonie.)

Teacher: "Today I have your math exam with me."

Clique comes through the door and sits down.

Teacher: "Too late again."

Jennifer: "Train was late."

Chayenne: "Bus delay."

Teacher: "As I said, you'll get your work now."

(Slams Leonie's work onto the table in front of her.)

Teacher: "I'm really disappointed in you, you were so clever back then..."

Leonie: (Looking in disappointed and seeing the 5-. In front of her cool clique she pretends not to care).

"Yes... But that was a bit longer ago..."

Chayenne: "What do you got?"

Leonie: "5..."

Jennifer: "Nerd."

Timon: "Huh, whatever, I got a 6+."

Jennifer: "How about a 6+? I've never had a 6+. Why so good?"

Chayenne: "Huh, I thought we all had a 6."

Scene 5: Religious education

Teacher: (writes "Sermon on the Mount" on the blackboard)

"So, this is our Topic for the next few weeks. Who has an idea of what the Sermon on the Mount is? Klaudia with K."

(Klaudia talks incomprehensible about the Sermon on the Mount.)

Teacher: "Does anyone else know anything? Franzi."

Franzi: "Eh, doesn't that have something to do with love of the enemy?"

(Leonie quickly turns forward again.)

Teacher: "Yes, love of the enemy is an important component of the Sermon on the Mount. Does anyone have any other ideas?"

[Perspective: Leonie's Eyes]

Leonie: (lost in thought)

"Shall I raise my arm now? Actually, I do know. But what will the others think then?"

(Leonie raises her arm, the clique looks puzzled)

Teacher: "Leonie."

(Leonie puts hand down again)

Leonie: "No, I only scratched myself, I'm sorry. "

(unsatisfied look; looks depressed out the window, but listens)

Teacher: "Okay, who else?"

Scene 6: (Leonie comes into the hallway, the cool clique throws in a classmate's lunch in a circle.)

Jennifer: "Well, did mummy make you a nice sandwich? That looks delicious. "
(Takes the can away.)

Luise: "Stop it, stop it. "

Leonie: (She gets the can thrown, thinks about it, gives it back to Luise.)

Jennifer: "Leonie give it to me! Huh, are you stupid?"

Chayenne: "Leonie, what are you doing?"

Timon: "Wow, you're so boring."

Chayenne: "Why are you doing this?"

Leonie: "I..."

Chayenne: "What, me? Keep talking!"

Leonie goes away

Chayenne: "Leonie?!"

All three are outraged.

Scene 7:

Leonie: Comes home, puts her things down, sits down at the desk and reads index cards.

In the evening in bed (Reads)

Leonie: "What if I'm just the way I want to be? What if it just doesn't matter what the others say? Would that perhaps be a possibility?"

Scene 8: Next morning

(Leonie consciously puts on her favourite sweater)

Alarm clock rings, Leonie gets up.

Leonie puts on her favourite sweater.

Scene 9: Mother comes out of the bedroom

Mother: "Good morning"

Leonie: "Good morning"

Mother: "Oh, I haven't seen that sweater on you in a long time." (smiles)

Leonie: "Yes, I intend to change a few things in my life."

Mother: "Well, what about the backpack? Have you thought about it again?"

Leonie: "That's also part of my change program. The backpack is no longer necessary, everything's great."

Mother: "I have early shift, bye-bye my darling. Have a nice day."

Leonie: "Ciao, ciao."

Mother: "See you!" (Goes out the front door)

Leonie puts on her jacket and leaves the house as well.

Scene 10: Tom and Leonie on their way to school

Tom: "Damn, I forgot my homework! "

Leonie: "I have them! You can write off my homework if you want."

Tom: (amazed) "Wait, you have your homework?"

Leonie: "Yes, I intend to change a few things in my life, and that's the beginning."

Tom: "That's actually quite good, I must say."

Leonie: (grins) "I also think... When do you want to write them off?"

Tom: "Yes best right now..."

Leonie: "Okay, I just have to settle something very briefly."

Tom: "Yeah, okay, thanks."

Scene 11: (Leonie approaches the cool clique)

All: "Hey!"

Timon: "Bah, what kind of sweater is that, man?!"

Leonie: "That's my favourite sweater!"

Chayenne: "Hey, what does it say?"

(gets closer)

Leonie: "Can't you read?"

Chayenne: "Protestant... Protestant Youth of Bielefeld? What is that?"

Andre: "This is April 2018! Totally out, dude!"

Leonie: "Well, that's a shame, because I'm finally wearing what I want."

Timon: "That looks stupid."

Jennifer: "Totally embarrassing, get lost!"

Leonie: "Gladly." (turns away and walks away)

Scene 12: In Religious Education
(End of lesson, teacher comes to Leonie's place)

Teacher: "I noticed you very positively today! Your contributions are great and bring the lessons forward, just like before. Keep up the good work!"
(Leonie smiles)

Scene 13: In the corridor
Leonie sits with her new friend Luise in the hallway at the same place where Leonie helped her with the sandwich box.

Scene 14: In math class

Teacher: "I'll explain the path rules to you now."
(There is a knock at the door)

Teacher: "Come in!"
(Tom and another peace maker enter the classroom)

Tom: "Hello! We're from the Peace Maker Club and need help. Are there any volunteers?"
(Clique bursts out laughing)

Chayenne: (Loud laughter) "Full of nerds! Who needs peace makers?"
(The peace makers look questioningly into the round.) (Leonie's arm goes up, also other classmates raise arms)

Tom: "Well, then we meet in the second break in front of the entrance of the other forum. Bye!"

Chayenne: "Bye!"

Scene 15: Tom and Leonie on their way home from school.

Tom: "And, how are your changes going?"

Leonie: "Well, I'd say it's going quite well, I'll stick with it. I really like the peace maker thing, by the way. Quite honestly, that's great..."

Tom: "Yes."

Leonie: "What are you doing there?"

Tom: "Yes we..."