

Charlotte Lucas is speaking to the camera from Longbourne, home of the Bennets.

CHARLOTTE

"It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife," according to Mrs. Bennet, the mother of the five Bennet daughters. Also—

LYDIA and KITTY enter.
Lydia grabs the microphone.

LYDIA

HEY ENGLAND WHAT'S UP? This is Lydia Bennet coming at you LIVE, if you're a lonely officer who'd like a good time, drop me a line at Lydia Bennet—

KITTY

Lydia, what about me?

LYDIA

Stop it, Kitty!

KITTY

I have as much right to meet officers as you.

LYDIA

As much right, but not as much to offer.

KITTY

That's not fair! I'm a full year older!

ELIZABETH

Kitty, Lydia, leave poor Charlotte alone.
I'm sorry, Charlotte.

CHARLOTTE

That's all right, Lizzy. I'm sure the broken microphone won't come out of my paycheck.

ELIZABETH

Mama is especially excited about the new man who's moved into the neighborhood, Mr. Bingley.
Jane seems rather smitten with him. But you know how she is, she'll never tell him so.

LYDIA

Mr. Bingley was nice, I suppose, but I didn't like his snobby friend.

KITTY

Who?

LYDIA

Mr. Darcy! Refusing to dance with Lizzy just because she isn't pretty.

ELIZABETH

That's not quite what he said—

KITTY

Oh, he's the one with 10,000 a year!

LYDIA

I'd marry a stone for 10,000 a year.

ELIZABETH

Oh heavens, is that the sound of marching I hear?

LYDIA AND KITTY

OFFICERS!

Lydia and Kitty exit.

ELIZABETH

You'll forgive them.

CHARLOTTE

I suppose. Where is Jane?

ELIZABETH

Jane was invited to dine at Netherfield with Mr. Bingley's sister, Caroline.

CHARLOTTE

I hope she took the carriage, in all this rain.

ELIZABETH

Well...

CHARLOTTE

Noooooooooo.

ELIZABETH

Mama is practically clairvoyant.