

**Catherine (Kitty) Bennet** is the fourth-born and second youngest sister. She is about 17 years old, and comes off as weak-spirited, irritable, idle and vain, mostly because she follows her younger sister's example and doesn't think for herself.

**KITTY 1:**

*(Waves to the guests to get their attention)*

Oh, it is too exciting, we are so glad you have come! Have you heard the news? Netherfield Park is let at last... three men and two very handsome ladies, all very fancy. But only two of the men are single, but one of them is very disagreeable and proud. *Everyone* at last night's assembly ball said so. Do make haste, there is so much excitement in the house that I am sure we will never hear the end of it. Mama is quite at odds with herself.

Mr. Bingley and Jane have been much in company these past two weeks; Mr. Bingley singles Jane out every time. Jane seems so guarded, does she not? She does not show her affections as I would, were I the object of his attentions.

It's not fair. Lydia has been invited to Brighton as Mrs. Forster's "particular friend." Why was she invited and not I? Surely Colonel Forster can accommodate two guests to entertain his wife I cannot see why Mrs. Forster should not ask *me* as well as Lydia, though I am *not* her particular friend. I have just as much right to be asked as does she, and more too, for I am two years older.

**KITTY 2:**

*(Greets Charlotte as she enters right after Elizabeth rejects Mr. Collins.)*

Oh, Charlotte, I am glad you are come, there is such fun here! What do you think has happened this morning? Mr. Collins has made an offer to Lizzy, and she will not have him.

*(Her father has just scolded her after learning that Lydia has eloped with Mr. Wickham.)*

Why is everyone upset with me? I did not go to Brighton. I thought Lydia's letters were in jest. I did not think she would really run off.

I am not going to run away, papa. If I should ever go to Brighton, I would behave better than Lydia. *(She looks at her father pleadingly and slowly deteriorates into tears as he tells her she's grounded for the next 10 years, that no officers are permitted in their home, and that she will be chaperoned everywhere she goes.)*