DUCHESS

All right now, darlings. Time for your lessons. Line up.

(MARIE moves to the front of the line of ARISTOKITTENS.)

MARIE

Me first, me first!

BERLIOZ

Why should you be first?

Because I'm a lady.

MARIE

TOULOUSE

You're not a lady – you're a sister.

Mama!

DUCHESS

BERLIOZ

No shouting, Kittens. Use your inside voices.

BERLIOZ

But Marie cut in line!

MARIE

Ladies do not "cut" – they <u>deserve</u> to be in front.

TOULOUSE

That's cheating!

MARIE

Ladies do not cheat – they get their way.

TOULOUSE, BERLIOZ

Mama!

DUCHESS

Now Kittens, you must not fight.

TOULOUSE

But someday we might have to fight some tough Alley Cats, like the ones we saw today... (shadow-clawing)

Meow-fft! Meow-fft!

DUCHESS

Toulouse! Aristocats do not fight. Aristocats behave like ladies and gentlemen.

TOULOUSE

Yes, Mama.