

The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg Readers Theatre Script

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1	Good afternoon and welcome to	22	Only certain friends. It's a secret
All	"Our Points of View"		invitation. [sound effect]
2	Where we share with you	All	His friends have to find the clues
3	Our views		he hides.
4	On the main characters in	23	And then there's Ethan.
All	<u>The View from Saturday</u> [sound	24	When Mrs. Olinski chose an
	effect]		academic team, one of the people
5	By E.L. Konigsburg		she particularly liked was Ethan.
6	Let's start with Julian.	25	Why Ethan?
7	This character has really dark hair,	26	She thought he was smart and had a
	wears knee socks and long		certain independence of mind.
	shorts....	27	He asked, "Now what?" instead of
8	Yes, what is it with those knee		"So what?"
	socks?	All	So what?
9	No one ever wears knee socks on	1	So Ethan's inquisitive.
	the first day of school! [sound	All	Not like all the other kids at
	effect]		Epiphany.
10	He carries a leather book bag.	2	He wants to do more than the
7	He has an unbelievable vocabulary.		average kid.
11	He is one strange character. [sound	3	What does he look like?
	effect]	4	He has blond hair and he's almost
All	The strangest person on the		as tall as Margaret, [sound effect]
	bus.[sound effect]	All	His grandmother. [gesture]
12	Why do you say that?	5	Ethan doesn't talk nearly as much
13	For starters, he's so polite!		as Julian does. [sound effect]
14	He has a funny accent.	6	Right. He's the shy one of the
15	He talks like he has a deep whistle		group.
	in his voice with a British accent.	7	And he seems to have a little crush
16	"Is this seat taken or is this seat		on Nadia!
	occupied?"	All	Ooooooh! [gesture]
17	He greets people by introducing	8	Remember how he admired the
	himself!		way the sun framed her hair from
16	"Julian Singh!"		the other side of the room?
18	He extends his hand to be shaken.	All	Ummm-hmmm.
19	He's one of those people who is the	9	Let me guess—he's afraid to talk to
	smartest around.		her.
20	And he invites his classmates to tea	Boys	Right. Most boys can't usually talk
	parties!		to girls cause they're shy.
All	Tea parties?[sound effect] [gesture]	Girls	Whatever! [sound effect]
20	Tea parties.	5	And what's this about Ethan liking
21	Maybe he just wants to have		haloes?
	friends.	All	Haloes?

6	Yup. He likes haloes.	27	And Noah thinks pretty highly of himself:
7	Okay. So that's why he notices that Nadia has a halo of red hair? [sound effect—mood music]	24	“Fact: I did a wonderful job!”
8	Not only that, but Nadia's tendrils of bright red hair framed her face [gesture]	1	Well, time's up. That's it from “Our Points of View”
9	And a spray of freckles powdered her nose [gesture]	2	Thank you for being here!
10	And she was as plump as		
All	A perfectly ripened peach! [sound effect]		
11	Yeah, a peach that brags a lot!		
12	“Ginger is a genius! She's a hybrid genius of unknown I.Q.!”		
13	Maybe she's spoiled.		
14	Isn't Nadia a little jealous of some other characters?		
15	She's jealous of Ethan because he knew something about her before he met her.		
16	She's jealous of Margaret Draper because now that her grandpa married Margaret, Nadia thinks he's going to forget about her.		
17	And she's jealous of Margaret because she feels that Margaret is taking him away from her.		
18	And what about Noah?		
19	Well, for starters, he's got the brains!		
20	You can say that again!		
21	He has a very important talent!		
22	He can write in calligraphy.		
All	Wow! Calligraphy? [gesture]		
23	But Noah likes to criticize people.		
24	“I've never heard of someone giving someone a pet for a present without permission!”		
All	How mean!		
25	Can you believe he was best man in Nadia and Ethan's grandparents' wedding?		
26	He wore a hand-painted T-shirt that looked like a tuxedo with a red bow tie!		