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## Day One

# When Mean Is Queen

### Part 1: Silent read

➔ Have you heard of a girl being a “queen bee”? Read silently.

“Hey, metal face!” When the victim shows she’s hurt, the bully will respond, “What happened to your sense of humor?” This is called a “take-back.” Take-backs mean you don’t take responsibility for your words or actions.

Many people tease their friends and family members. Brothers might kid each other about klutzy behavior. Girls who are friends can make jokes about each others’ cheesy tastes in music. But this kind of teasing isn’t bullying.

Bullying is supposed to be hurtful—that’s what it’s all about. Bullying involves unequal power. It isn’t joking among friends who share the same status. Bullying also continues over an extended time. It isn’t just a one-time putdown or a slam.

While some think that bullies don’t have many friends, some bullies are at the top of the social ladder. In fact, one kind of female bully, the queen bee, uses putdowns to keep her power as a leader. The queen bee travels with a posse, her loyal sidekicks. Her mean behavior to other girls sends a reward message to her posse. “See, you’re better than these girls I pick on.” But her nasty treatment of others can also serve as a threat. “Step out of line, and you can end up on the victims list.”

As the old saying goes, sometimes the worm turns. The queen’s sidekicks may decide they don’t want friendships that are based on hurting other girls. Everyone loses when being mean is queen!



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### Part 2: First timed read

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What are some important differences between teasing and bullying?

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How does a queen bee keep her power?

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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

"Hey, / metal face!" // When the victim shows she's hurt, / the bully will respond, / "What happened to your sense of humor?" // This is called a "take-back." // Take-backs mean you don't take responsibility for your words or actions. //

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As the old saying goes, / sometimes the worm turns. // The queen's sidekicks may decide they don't want friendships / that are based on hurting other girls. // Everyone loses when being mean is queen! //

I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.