

**SMALL ALISON**

Hey Roy, did you see Herbie Rides Again?

**CHRISTIAN**

Oh, yeah! It's the best movie.

**JOHN**

Herbie is a car!

**ROY**

I didn't see it.

**JOHN**

The Love Bug? You didn't see The Love Bug?

**START :**

*When they're gone, HELEN asks lightly:*

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**HELEN**

Who is that? Why is he here?

**BRUCE**

I hired him.

**HELEN**

To do what?

**BRUCE**

To help me out.

**HELEN**

Where is he from?

**BRUCE**

When we went to the lumberyard last week he was there working for Arnie. Kid had a truck, he does hauling. Arnie said he did a good job and he was looking for more work.

**HELEN**

Oh, so he's just hauling.

**BRUCE**

Hauling. Other things. I don't know.

**HELEN**

Oh. So... You're thinking he's going to be working here, at the house?

**BRUCE**

What difference does it make?

**HELEN**

I... I... I just...

**BRUCE**

Arnie recommended him, okay?

**HELEN**

Okay. I'm just, I'm trying to get a sense // of-

**BRUCE**

Chrissakes! I know him. He was my student a few years back. Okay? What, do you think I'm bringing some bum around? Is that the bug up your ass? Christ.

*The chattering group returns.***END****JOHN**

You know something else about the movie that's funny? It's that the car is called the love bug. It's a car, but they call it a bug. // Even though it's a car!

**BRUCE***(Monster charging the kids) Raaaaahr!! (The kids laugh and scream) Okay, that's enough. Com on, Roy, let's go inside. I'll show you that wallpaper.***JOHN***(Simultaneously) Aw!***CHRISTIAN***(Simultaneously) No, come on!***SMALL ALISON***(Simultaneously) But dad!***BRUCE**Enough! *(To ROY)* Bunch of little monsters.*BRUCE and ROY leave. HELEN watches them go.***CHRISTIAN**

Mom, can we watch TV?

**HELEN**

Sure.

*Shift to ROY and BRUCE entering the library. HELEN at her piano. The kids watch TV.*