

# 8 - The MOMS -

*The next day, ZUZU'S MOM has come to the studio to speak with DANCE TEACHER PAT. ZUZU is sitting on the toilet in her tights and looking mortified.*

*THE GIRLS are at the barre, warming up.*

AMINA  
Alright so assume first position and then we're just going to go through the plés

*Classical music plays...*

AMINA  
Derni plé and...

ZUZU'S MOM

Zuzu is not allowed to be the best dancer she can be. You don't let her

DANCE TEACHER PAT  
I don't let her?

ZUZU'S MOTHER  
You purposely intimidate her!

DANCE TEACHER PAT  
That's my job!

ZUZU'S MOTHER  
You put her down. You make her think she can't do it!

DANCE TEACHER PAT  
I teach! I correct! It's up to her whether or not she thinks she can do it!

ZUZU'S MOM  
Listen to me.....

There's no such thing as talent  
People plant it in their minds  
Whether they're good at this  
Or bad at that  
And they become whatever you tell them they are

DANCE TEACHER PAT  
Do you honestly believe that?

ZUZU'S MOM  
I'm just saying that geniuses have had their cocks sucked by / a lot of people

DANCE TEACHER PAT  
Okay, please don't talk like that

ZUZU'S MOM (*Hushed.*)  
*You are destroying my child!*

DANCE TEACHER PAT  
What do you want me to do?

ZUZU'S MOM  
I want you to tell her that she's special  
I want you to tell her that she's a genius

DANCE TEACHER PAT  
I can't / do that

ZUZU'S MOM

I want you to whisper in her ear  
that she's *amazing* and that she takes your  
breath away *every. single. time.* she dances.  
*That's!* What I want you to do

DANCE TEACHER PAT

If I don't see it / I can't

ZUZU'S MOM

She's only a child

DANCE TEACHER PAT

Yes, well

Children live *in the world*

And it's not some special world

Where everyone gets a chance

There is such a thing as talent

And we all know it when we see it

And there's such a thing as charisma

And momentum

And destiny

And we know it when we feel it, so

Don't tell me

To go against the world

ZUZU'S MOM

You make her! You make her! I'm saying  
that you make her!

So make her!

I'm asking you to make her

~~END~~

~~MINA~~

~~Over side~~

~~Demi plié aaannnnddd....~~

~~Demi plié aaannnnddd....~~

~~Grand plié....~~

~~Bend.....~~

~~And come up.....~~

~~Second position~~

~~Demi plié and....~~

~~Demi plié and.....~~

~~Grand plié....~~

~~ASHLEE (*Whispering*)~~

~~Plissy~~

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