

Diana - Level 6

Tyson's Corner

All people have different personalities other than how they look. In the book "It's Like This, Cat," by Emily Neville, the relationship between the main character, Dave, and his father is not so good. Every time they saw each other, they started arguing. However, as Dave interacts with people, he starts to see a new side of his dad. Dave began to see that his dad could be a nice person. The three main situations when Dave experienced his dad's good side were when he brought the cat, Cat, to his house, when he meets Tom in the cellar, and when he gets to know Mary and her family.

At first, Dave's dad didn't like it when Dave brought the cat to his house, and they argued. However, during the trip to Connecticut with his family, Dave realizes that his dad cares very much about what he loves. The traffic on the trip was very heavy with cars barely moving. When Dave opened the window for cool air, Cat jumped out of the car and ran into the street of cars. Dave got out of the car and chased after Cat. He was able to catch him, but he could not go back to the car. He shouted through the traffic that he would be at Aunt Kate's house for now. Eventually, Dave and Cat met his parents at their neighbor, Aunt Kate's house. Now that his dad sees how much he cares about the cat, he decides to accept the cat as a family member. Dave started to think that his dad did understand him.

One morning, Dave went out to look for his cat and walked into someone's cellar where Cat might've gotten in. He met a guy in there who helped him rescue Cat locked in a room. The next day, Dave found out that the guy was named Tom, and that he was a thief. He saw that the thief, Tom, was not too bad a person, and he was trying to go back and concede his crime, but sadly he was caught by the cops and convicted. After Dave heard this, he sent Tom a letter and told him that his dad was a lawyer and that he could help him to get a job and all the other things. Throughout the story, Dave and Tom became good friends and Tom told Dave that his father is a nice person to have as a parent. This made Dave change his perspective a little bit about his dad and that he was a better person than he thought initially.

During the summer, Dave and his friend, Nick, went out to Coney Island Beach, also with Cat. They met three girls there and talked a little bit together. One girl named Mary liked Cat. A few months later, two of them, Dave and Mary, happened to meet again in a store. They started to hang out a lot together after that. One day, Mary invited Dave to her house to have a drink together. When they went out again to do something else, he realized that Mary's mother didn't really care about Mary much. She didn't care where she went or how cold the weather was outside. Dave's mom and dad always worried about him too much. He thought that it was annoying, but after getting to know more about other people, it gave him a new view of his parents.

You cannot tell about people before seeing the opposite side because everyone has different characteristics and personalities that are different from the outside. After Dave adopted Cat, met Tom, and ran into Mary, he also saw the good side of his dad, not only the bad side.