

1 Q. Yeah.

2 A. From what I've seen -- I mean, Isabelle is
3 my niece. She is amazing. I don't understand how
4 she is who she is. I would probably have a
5 different outlook on life just because of all of --
6 like the blisters and things that she has to deal
7 with.

8 I'd probably be a bit more negative than
9 she is. She's always happy. She laughs a lot, when
10 she's nervous, when she's happy, just pretty much
11 any -- you could be having a crap day, just a
12 terrible day, and you come home and you see Isabelle
13 sitting there, and she could see the look on your
14 face and the first thing she does is, "Hey, Aunt
15 Sandra," and makes some random face or something, or
16 some random noise comes out of her that is
17 inaudible, and she just makes you laugh.

18 When she's at school, other kids get made
19 fun of for reasons -- disabilities -- different
20 disabilities -- some of them mental handicaps. Some
21 of them physical. She won't let it happen in front
22 of her. She will stand up for the kid and tell the
23 other kids to leave them alone and to go away.

24 She -- I don't know. This kid goes to bed
25 in pain every night. Sometimes she wakes up in the

1 middle of the night and you can hear her crutches
2 going through the house to the microwave to heat up
3 her rice pack. She doesn't like to wake people up
4 to tell them that she's in pain.

5 She just goes back to bed quietly and
6 doesn't disturb anybody. You can't tell that she
7 lives her life in pain. Most days you can't tell
8 that she's in pain until she's having a moment to
9 herself when she thinks she's alone. So she'll walk
10 into a room and then the crutches hit the floor and
11 she falls into bed and has like the biggest sigh
12 ever, like "Thank God today is over because I'm
13 done."

14 I don't know. She's just got that
15 personality that she doesn't let anybody tell her
16 she can't do anything. It's -- she takes it as a
17 challenge. So if you say, "Oh, Isabelle, I don't
18 think that you should do that because you might get
19 hurt," or "I don't think you'll be capable of doing
20 that," or "it's not a good idea so don't do it," she
21 is going to do it, and she's going to do it well
22 because she's going to prove you wrong. She will
23 not be called handicapped. She will not be called
24 disabled. She will prove you wrong every step of
25 the way.