

Amy: She is very much the leader of the group. She is very persistent and very driven. Whenever it's time for the girls to hang out, she is the first to suggest a place of activity. This sleepover is being held at her house. Since it is spooky season, she found this little seance that she wants to perform with her friends. She has noticed this rift between her and her friends in the last year, and she hopes this night will bring them closer together, like how they were.

Lacey: She is very much a people pleaser. She usually goes along with whatever Amy wants to do or agrees with whatever she says. Lacey is pretty shy, and it isn't easy for her to make friends, which is why she clings to the ones she has.

Danny: She is very much a rebel, when it comes to the friend group. She is constantly contradicting Amy, and she has been doing this since they first met. While Amy is usually positive and outgoing, she is pretty pessimistic and withdrawn. She has become even more withdrawn in the past year or so. It took a lot for Amy and Lacey to get her to come to the sleepover. Also, she doesn't believe in ghosts or anything having to do with superstition.

In this scene, AMY, LACEY, and DANNY sit in a semi-circle on the floor. They are having a sleepover at AMY's house for the first time in a while. Candles surround them (can be lit or not) and mood music plays in the background. The girls are a little uncomfortable with each other at first, but they warm up to each other's energies throughout the scene. They have a moment of uncomfortable silence at the beginning of this scene.

AMY

(wanting to assert her dominance over the group) Alright ladies... welcome to 45th Y-Girls sleepover. I'm very excited to get to host the Halloween sleepover this year. I know that-

DANNY

Why do you call us that?

AMY

What?

DANNY

The Y-Girls. It's stupid.

LACEY

Danny...

AMY

That's what everyone at school calls us.

DANNY

That was only in middle school and only because you told everyone to call us that. I think we've outgrown the Y-Girls crap.

LACEY

Actually, I think-

AMY

It's cute and the name means a lot to me... kind of like our friendship.

LACEY

Aww, Amy. I totally agree.

DANNY

It's not even that clever. So what, all of our names end in "Y?" It's totally a coincidence.

AMY

I think it's fate... we were meant to be friends.

DANNY

And I think it's creepy... and a little *Heathers*-ish? I think I wanna be a Veronica Sawyer in this situation. At least she makes it out in the end.

LACEY

I pick Heather Duke! (*beat*) What? I always liked her...

DANNY

Uh oh, Amy. Looks like someone's gunning for your spot as leader of the friend group.

AMY

What are you talking about?

DANNY

Heather Duke became queen bee after Heather Chandler...

DANNY makes the universal sign for choking.

If we were in *Heathers*, you'd definitely be Heather Chandler.

AMY

I am not!

DANNY

Oh please... you probably came out of the womb in plaid and clutching a red scrunchie.

AMY

Can we get started? Please?

DANNY

Fine.

AMY

As I was saying... I know it's been a while since we had our last sleepover. And I'm so glad you guys let me host. I've got some really fun activities planned-

DANNY

Let me guess, we're making our own sundaes...

LACEY

Really? I would kill for a fudge sundae.

AMY

No we're-

DANNY

Are we making friendship bracelets because I would love to sit this one out. I have about a thousand of those at home.

AMY

If you would let me-

DANNY

Oh, wait. We're gonna braid each other's hair and talk about how Timothee Chalamet is so freaking hot.

AMY

Why are you doing this?

DANNY

I'm not doing anything. I'm just thinking out loud.

AMY

Why are you trying to ruin this? This is supposed to be a fun night. I organized this sleepover so we could hang out like we used to. Instead you're just making sarcastic comments and mocking us. *(beat)* You could've done that at home.

LACEY

She was just trying to be funny, Amy. She probably didn't mean anything by it.

AMY

I know exactly what she was doing, Lacey. Trust me, ten years of friendship has made me an expert in all things Danny. She thinks just because she's all dark and twisty like Meredith Grey, that she can say whatever she wants. You don't want to be here? Fine, you can leave. But don't mock the sleepover. The sleepover is sacred.

DANNY

God, you're so predictable. We've been doing the same thing for ten years. I think it's time for us to grow up a little. I'm just tired of being predictable. And I don't want to waste my time anymore.

LACEY

You don't mean that.

AMY

Okay, we're predictable. We're childish. But tell me this, who used to make the most friendship bracelets? Who used to braid my hair and read me my horoscope? You. You did all those predictable, cliché things. Don't hate on us just because you've changed.

LACEY

You guys, I think we should change the subject. *(beat)* Amy, what are we gonna do tonight?

AMY

We're gonna do a seance.

DANNY

Oh.. my... God...

DANNY starts laughing.

LACEY

(unsure) Okay...

AMY

I found this website with this really interesting chant on it. We just have to say that a couple of times and then we should feel a ghostly presence in the room.

LACEY

(more into the idea) Are they gonna speak to us?

AMY

When they're in the room, we'll hear three knocks.

DANNY

That 's the stupidest thing I've ever heard.

AMY

Oh my God. No one can win with you.

DANNY

One: ghosts aren't even real. Two: that sounds like the most crackpot idea to meet a ghost... if they were real.

LACEY

They're real, Danny. Remember that time on our camping trip when I felt someone tap me on the shoulder. Then I turned around and nobody was there. You guys said that was a ghost.

DANNY

We were screwing with you. I was the one who tapped you.

LACEY

(crestfallen) Oh...

AMY

You said we were too predictable. I found us something fun to do. Now you can either play along or you can leave.

DANNY

(nonchalantly) Whatever...

AMY

Alright, so we all have to be sitting criss cross applesauce, with our palms facing upward on our knees. *(beat)* And we have such a cool chant, you guys are gonna love it. We say... "Avada Kedavra I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good."

DANNY looks directly at LACEY.

DANNY

Are you gonna tell her or should I?

LACEY

Amy, that's from *Harry Potter*.

AMY

I've never seen it.

DANNY

I can't believe you still haven't seen *Harry Potter*.

AMY

I haven't had the time. I'm a straight A student. I can't just sit around and watch movies all day.

DANNY

(to herself) But you can plan a seance.

AMY

(determined) The website said it was going to work.

DANNY

And you believe that? The chant is from a children's novel.

AMY

You know what? I'm so sick of your attitude. You never-

LACEY

(easing her way back into the conversation) Guys, let's try it.

DANNY

Lacey, come on.

LACEY

I want to see what happens... and I know exactly who we should try and contact.

LACEY looks expectantly at DANNY.

DANNY

No.

AMY

We should do it.

DANNY

No way.

LACEY

Danny, let's try. *(beat)* There's no harm in trying.

DANNY

She's dead.

AMY

(with a hint of sass) We know that's why we want to try and contact her.

DANNY

Sandy is dead. She's not some spirit roaming the Earth waiting for some idiots to try and contact her. She's dead. She's six feet in the ground. She's gone. She can't talk to us and we can't talk to her.

LACEY

Danny...

AMY

You know, you aren't the only one that misses her. *(beat)* We were her friends too.

LACEY

I think about her every single day.

AMY

You can miss her, Danny. You can feel bad, but don't push the rest of us away. Cause that's exactly what you're doing. And one day you're gonna wake up and you're gonna get your wish, you're not gonna be so predictable. You're also not gonna have anymore friends.

They sit in a comfortable silence for a moment.

DANNY

She was fifteen...she should be here with us. She came up with way better sleepover activities than Amy.

AMY

Hey!

LACEY

And she always made the best friendship bracelets.

LACEY plays with the bracelet on her wrist.

DANNY

I miss her.

AMY

I do too.

LACEY

Me three. *(beat)* We should do this in honor of her. It may not work, but maybe Sandy will get a real kick out of this... wherever she is.

DANNY

I don't know...

AMY

Come on Danny. We just had a real *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* moment. Let's be emo together.

DANNY

I thought you didn't have time to sit around and watch movies.

AMY shrugs her shoulders.

AMY

It's a guilty pleasure.

LACEY

Pretty please. With lots of hot fudge on top.

DANNY

(with a laugh) Okay... okay...

AMY

Ladies assume your positions.

*They all sit criss cross applesauce with their hands on their knees. They close their eyes.
AMY peeks one eye open.*

Everyone ready?

LACEY

Ready!

DANNY

(with a reluctant groan) Let's get this over with.

AMY

I'll count down. Three... two... one...

ALL

"Avada Kedavra I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good."

Three knocks sound, and everyone opens their eyes in shock. The scene ends with the girls looking at each other in silence, with different expressions on their faces.

