

CHARACTERS:

GEORGIA: Age 11. Her family is pretty well off, not in a crazy way, but she's an only child so there's no one else to argue with over which movie to watch. Her parents are getting divorced, and she hasn't told any of her friends. She casually wears Abercrombie & Fitch and Hollister--not statement pieces, basics. She has a juicy couture bracelet with one charm on it. She is too cool to admit that she thinks Abercrombie smells really good. She was best friends with Rebecca growing up. She's getting a phone next year. Georgia has a lunchable and a special dessert for lunch. She is usually pretty hungry.

REBECCA: Age 10. Rebecca has an older brother that she loves so much, and he only makes fun of her a little bit of the time. She wears cargo pants, but sometimes zips them off so they become shorts. She wears the tiger/lion graphic tees they sold to save the rainforest. She sold thirty of them, her dad got his work buddies to buy some. She is the hinge friend to Georgia and Lily, and has been friends with Georgia longer. She doesn't have a crush on anyone yet, she does not even consider having a crush. She still thinks boobs and butts are silly and gross and weird. However, she likes to be a part of the drama a little bit--just not in the middle. She has a pair of high top converse with a dragon on them breathing flames. Her mom makes her lunch every day. She still requests her crusts to be cut off.

LILY: Age 10. Lily and Rebecca became friends through girl scouts. Lily's mom is the troop leader. Lily is the kind of girl who would wear a skirt over jeans with light blue vans. She will run somewhere if she is worried about being late. She has a roller backpack that may or may not be a suitcase. She loves fanfiction, and one time googled the word "sex" on her parent's computer. Her mom said to please not do that on the computers at school. Lily is confident that when she is 16 she will have the best life ever, and she can't wait. Her older sister helps her make her lunch, and it's usually leftovers from the night before.

ALEX: Age 10. Alex is the youngest of three older brothers. He wears t-shirts that are too big, and his backpack is a pit of trash. He does not own a single folder and sticks every paper directly into the main compartment. He never returns a field trip form in one piece. He drinks a mountain dew every day. He loves the pizza flavored pringles, he thinks it's so crazy how they taste exactly like pizza. If Alex is bad at something, he doesn't want to do it. He plays a lot of video games, and talks back to his mom when she asks him to set the dinner table. He still sets it though. He loves Harry Potter. He buys lunch.

ZACH: Age 11. Zach is one of the more popular boys in school. This happened more recently when he got taller, a fohawk, and started skateboarding. He has a bad boy persona as much as any fifth grade kid could. Zach is the hinge friend to Alex and Brandon. He is an only child, and always wanted an older brother. He loves his dad so much, and they do everything together. Zach has started masturbating before any of his other friends. He told his dad and his dad was like "good for you pal but you better keep that to yourself". Zach and Rebecca take Karate together, and their Mom's are friends. He always has a bunch of bandaids on his knees that flap in the wind and come off in pools. His lunch is just a huge collection of snacks.

BRANDON: (ALREADY CAST) Age 10. Brandon used to be way better friends with Alex and Zach, but has kind of outgrown them. He no longer forces his farts to come out extra loud on purpose. However, he still connects with them whenever they slip back into playing make-believe. He has fun going to the movies with his mom. His older sister is annoying and plays volleyball. He has to go to every game. But he's proud of her when she does well. He used to be best friends with Zach, and they would make little movies together. He likes to read a lot, and feels good when he does well in class. He's been learning to play the flute. He makes his own lunch in the morning.

NOTES ON PERFORMANCE: All children should be played by adults, but there should be no attempts made to make the adults look like they are actually children. Actors should portray the children through the quality of their energy, and elasticity of emotion and attention. Please do not use a put-on child voice when playing these characters.

GEORGIA

Do you even know what you have to do to have a boyfriend? It's kind of a lot of work. When I dated Spencer it was so annoying cause he wanted to play soccer at recess and I had to watch like, every single game. You have to pay attention to them *all the time*, and I didn't really even like Spencer that much, but everyone was saying how cute we looked together—and we looked like *really* cute together—you know?

So because you're not in Mrs. Boris's class you should probably start sitting with him at lunch—or—omg I know—

One time Spencer and I went to go and get a slurpee at 7/11, so you *could* do that but then you'd have to lie to your mom and tell her you're going to craft club or something, BUT you'd have to have a craft to show her later when you get home—that was my mistake and my mom was soo mad when she found out I'd had a whole Cherry icee. So —maybe if we make you a necklace out of paper clips that will be good enough—ooh and matching bracelet! I have these pink paper clips you can borrow, but you HAVE to give them back, okay??

REBECCA

Okay I THINK, that the more realistic question is: "What would you do if your parents got divorced?" Like if your mom ran off with her... tango instructor and you have to pick which one you want to live with. If you choose your Dad you get to stay in your room with all of your stuff and your friend Julia who lives across the street from you because he gets the house, probably.

But, also, you're not as close with your dad and he *keeps trying* to make you eat asparagus, and won't read the Warriors books with you like your mom will—or play ping pong.

SO you could pick your mom! But then you would also be picking to move in with the Tango instructor, uh—Brad, and you would have to live with them in his condo. Brad is trying really hard to be your new Dad, and does not know what kind of foods you like, or what movies you like, and he doesn't like Star Wars. You think, "Okay".."whatever," "I'll just go live at a friend's house.", but all of your friend's parents know what's up and say "YOU CAN'T STAY HERE". And you can't run away because you have no money and all your relatives live in Oklahoma.

It's hard right?? Cause I really love my mom but I like, LOVE Star Wars.

LILY

I wouldn't ever... *seduce* your dad.

(LILY's not really comfortable saying the word seduce).

I wouldn't!

I'm sorry. I really wouldn't. Do you want some of my goldfish?

You can just have the rest if you want.

I don't even want them, my mom keeps packing them for me but I don't like them anymore, so you can have them.

Mrs. Gates is so stupid. And she's so old she's probably like 54.

I think your top is really cute. I wish I could wear spaghetti straps.

Maybe we could go to the mall sometime and you can help me pick out some stuff. I'm gonna get an allowance soon, and my mom could take us. You're like, really good at picking out stuff.

I mean I don't really care about what I wear...

Georgia snorts.

I mean I do! Just not as much as my sister. She wears so much eyeliner. I'm never going to do that.

I don't have anything picked out for picnic, and I feel like--you know--I should have an outfit.

um--I was thinking about maybe getting some Aeropostale shorts like you have and then I could just cuff them when I got there. But--I don't know... my mom said I shouldn't show my thighs to strangers.

She's actually gonna take me out of school early on Wednesday so we can go see Wall-E.

You can come if you want!

I mean, it's for my sister's birthday party but--I bet you guys could come.

Unless you've already seen it?

ALEX

(Really explaining)

I don't have time though! I get home and then--well-- I have to help Josh with Final Fantasy cause he keeps dying--and then I try to do homework but I can't because it's time for dinner and Damien never comes to dinner on time because he's being weird in his room and it sucks cause if Dad was there he wouldn't be doing that but he's at work! And he can't be home for dinner because Damien has 5 cavities and that's expensive! And one time I saw a show where a guy was turned inside out, and I had dreams about it for a week and I can't do homework if I'm thinking about that! Like how when Lucas was little he watched Dora the explorer so much he couldn't sleep because he was afraid that swiper was going to swipe him, and he made everyone get out of bed and chant "swiper no swipecy, swiper no swipecy." He says it didn't happen, but mom says it did. And then Lucas gets mad cause Mom says that in front of his stupid friend Michael who is like ALWAYS OVER FOR DINNER, and so Lucas goes to his room and I'm supposed to go and get him to come back to the dinner table because it's my room too and he punches me in the stomach and mom doesn't believe that he does it because one time I said he did and he didn't. But that was just because he wouldn't let me play guitar hero on my birthday!

Zach takes back his homework.

Hey! Give me that! Come on!!

Just give it back!

More agitated.

Swiper no swipecy!

Swiper no swipecy!

Come on I said it--you have to give it back!

ZACH

Okay well my dad says I can't get a gun until I'm 15 which is so *annoying* cause I'm never gonna be able to get to like Master Chief level, and he doesn't even seem to care?? I tried to tell him that if I also knew how to shoot then I could help fight off burglars and stuff—but he still said no because our neighborhood is freakishly *safe*, and no one ever even gets *robbed*.

So I made this set up in the backyard on the fence with all the leftover cans we have—hey maybe you can come over after school and see it!—and—no listen—I can hit every single can off the fence from, like, really far away. Like almost from Mrs. Grady's yard.

Her yard is really far away. It's that one with the old trampoline. Yeah.

And because I already have 30 percent accuracy at SWAT in Halo 2 I feel like in real life I would be at 90 percent accuracy on anyone trying to kill me. Once I actually get my gun I'll go up to 100, I can't practice now cause my dad has his in the safe. So, I'm just working on my hits now, even though we're not really supposed to hit each other in karate— it's so lame.