Sleepover

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Tracy was having a sleepover. She’d invited her three best friends: Stephanie, Kirsten, and Jennifer. It was going to be a blast! They had so much planned, that there would not be much sleep in the sleepover!

Jennifer arrived first, of course. She was very punctual. She was never late. She wasn’t as pretty as Tracy’s other friends, but she was the best friend in a pinch. That was because she was dependable. She was a solid friend.

Stephanie showed up next. She brought sleeping bags, a tent, makeup, hair curlers, and a bunch of DVDs. She was the planner of the bunch. She could make a party out of a cardboard box! Well, at least that’s what they joked about sometimes.

Kirsten showed up last. She was prissy and looked like she was going shopping or on a date. The others had shown up in pajamas, looking cute, but ready to stay in. Kirsten wore her best and put on airs about being too good. Really, she was a great girl to know once she got comfortable with you. She was really pretty, too, which probably didn’t help her attitude.

The four best friends gathered around, popping in a movie and popping some popcorn in the microwave. They hardly watched the first or the second movie, because they all talked so loudly! It was great background noise as they chatted and did each others’ nails. Manicures and pedicures were a must on at least a weekly basis.

After Tracy’s Dad got home from work, everyone got quiet. He greeted them awkwardly, afraid to say anything that might embarrass his daughter. It had happened too many times in the past, and he remembered the scoldings his daughter had given him. He disappeared to his office, followed by a gale of laughter.

Dinner was pizza and Chinese food takeout. It was great. Afterward, they all did some yoga and stretching together, because it was important to stay fit and nice-looking. Pizza really was delicious, but it wasn’t that great for you. It made an awesome party snack though.

After that, they cooled off with some iced tea and Tracy pretended to read their fortunes. She really just read them from a magazine, but she pretended that the crystal ball (a soccer ball) told her all the answers. It was great fun that had them all roaring with laughter.

They had such an amazing time that they made it until 1 A.M. before Jennifer dozed off. The other girls laughed and talked most of the rest of the night, finally crashing around 4 A.M. Breakfast was late, and parting was sweet sorrow when parents came to pick up their daughters. Oh well, there was always next time!
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   C. Kristina
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