

Carol wanted to have a spend-the-night party. It was the middle of the summer and Carol was bored. She had not seen her friends since the end of school. She wanted a chance to see her friends again and have some fun at the same time. Carol's mom said that it was fine if Carol had a spend-the-night party. Carol called up her friends Jane, Ann, and Sue. All three girls said that they would love to come to a spend-the-night party.

On Saturday Carol got ready for her party. She helped her mother clean the house. Cleaning the house was not Carol's favorite thing to do. However, she was willing to help clean because her friends were coming over. Carol went to the grocery store with her mother. Carol and her mother bought coke and cookies and chips. Carol felt sure that her friends would enjoy the food she bought. Carol even went to the record store and bought a "Madonna" tape for all of the girls to dance to.

By Saturday evening, Carol was ready for the three girls to arrive for the party. She waited and waited but none of her friends arrived. Carol called Jane to see why Jane did not come to her party. Jane said that she was sorry but she was sick and just did not think to call Carol. Next, Carol called Ann to see why Ann did not come to her party. Ann said that she was sorry but her great-aunt from Georgia was visiting and Ann had forgotten to tell Carol. Last, Carol called Sue to see why Sue did not come to her party. Sue said that her family was leaving on a vacation the next day and she could not come over. Sue said that she was sorry that she had not called Carol to let her know.

Carol was very hurt. None of her friends could come to her party. Worse yet, none of her friends had bothered to call her. Carol felt that her friends had been very rude.

Just then, Carol's dad walked in the door. Carol told him all about planning for her party. She told him about Jane and Ann and Sue not being able to come to her party. She told him she felt hurt because none of her friends had bothered to call. Carol's dad gave her a big hug. "We'll have a party for just the two of us," said Dad. Carol and her dad ate all of the cookies and chips. They drank all of the coke. They danced to the "Madonna" tape. Carol felt much better. "What a nice Dad I have," Carol thought.

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