

SLEEP/WAKE - SIDE 3 - MARGOT, ALICE

I can't fucking sleep thinking about this fucking project.

MARGOT takes the mini-mirror and starts lining her own eyes.

MARGOT
For "As I Lay Dying"?

ALICE
No, for psych.
The sleep thing.
The sleep murder thing?

MARGOT
Mhm.
Right.
Ohhhh yes yes yes!

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MARGOT
Sleep is crazy. My cousin used to pee the bed as a kid – you met him actually, remember my mom took us to that polo thing and we were like, "Oh my god, Dylan's on a horse," like, we didn't even know he was gonna be there, let alone be there and be riding a horse – but anyway, yeah. He would pee the bed every frickin' night till he was like, way too old to be doing that, and every night he would walk into his parents' room afterwards and verbally apologize and they'd have to smack him with a pillow because he was still asleep.

ALICE
...and now he rides horses?

MARGOT
Now he rides horses. You can really bounce back from anything.

MARGOT starts getting her things together.

ALICE
I mean. We had this whole unit last month on all the parts of the brain and how every little thing has its own little function to get you through the day. But then it's like, Nope! Everything Falls Apart As Soon As You Close Your Eyes!

MARGOT
It's super weird.

ALICE
Super fucking weird.

Beat.

I mean.
Imagine waking up to that.
Going to bed not knowing that you were Capable Of Murder.
And you open your eyes in the morning.

And you did that.
You did that.

Beat.

MARGOT
Is Henry freaking out about this too?

ALICE
I'm not freaking out.
I'm just talking.

MARGOT
So, when's the next date?

ALICE
Ohmygod. It's a project.

MARGOT
A project you literally won't stop talking about.

ALICE
Margot, this is maybe the most interesting thing I've ever studied in my whole life.

MARGOT looks unconvinced.

The presentation's our whole midterm.
You're the one with...boy...mind.

MARGOT
It's called Boy Brain, thank you very much?
And Henry Littlewood's not a Boy.
He's like a... "a cult of personality."

ALICE
What does that mean?

MARGOT
It's when a person is such a figure that they're like, everyone knows who they are and it's like— well. Wait. I'm not sure I actually know what it means.
But Henry's. I don't know. Someone.
And everyone's talking shit about Jody Fischer-Walsh but at least people know her fucking name.
He Someone-ified her.

END ~~*MARGOT lets this sink in.*~~
