

“My Sister, the Freak” Script Sample by Dani Jones  
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## **PROLOGUE: WELCOME TO PLEASANT VALLEY**

*A high school gym. Night.*

A young janitor sweeps the floor of the gym. He wears headphones and is dancing about and whistling carelessly.

Suddenly, the room starts to tremble as if from an earthquake. A shelf of basketballs falls all around the janitor.

The shaking stops and a large spotlight shines on the floor. The entire room is bathed in a greenish glow. A figure appears in the basketball court, close to where the janitor is standing. It is large, with fierce, glowing red eyes. You can't see many other features, for it is dark and it wears a large flowing black cloak with a hood that covers its face.

It towers over the frightened man, who has fallen to the floor. He reaches down and... grabs the hat off the top of his head. The creature looks at it, reading it. It says, "Pleasant Valley High School".

ALIEN: This is the place, boys.

Three large and very unpleasant looking creatures walk out from the dark shadows behind the first alien.

ALIEN: Go get her.

The three goons run off out of the school and into the night. The alien then turns his attention to the frightened bystander. He shows off some nasty claws and walks towards him.

ALIEN: As for you...

The janitor screams.

## **CHAPTER 1: MY SISTER, THE FREAK**

*School auditorium.*

MARY: I am monkey. Hear me roar! Arrrgh!

Mary, a nine-year-old dark-haired girl, is in the middle of the stage where a group of students are rehearsing "The Wizard of Oz". She is dressed in a costume that looks like a demented monkey with wings. A girl dressed as Dorothy screams and runs as Mary chases her. The other kids stand off to the side. A girl dressed as the Wicked Witch looks annoyed.

DOROTHY: Miss Smith! Tell the freak to stop.

WITCH GIRL: Yeah, she'll ruin the play.

Miss Smith is the young eccentric drama teacher.

MISS SMITH: Thanks, Mary. That's enough for now.

Mary smiles. Everyone else rolls their eyes and groans.

MISS SMITH: Ok class, same time tomorrow. Only two more days until showtime!

Miss Smith walks over to Mary.

MISS SMITH: Nice job, Mary. You have a very... *interesting* take on the part.

MARY: Thanks, I've been practicing. I think monkey thoughts and do monkey things. There are lots of monkey influences to draw from. Mostly, I just think of Al. She's a major influence on my evil primate interpretation.

MISS SMITH: And Al is... a monkey?

MARY: No. Al is my *sister*.

*A high school classroom.*

MR. FINE: Allison Seaver. Do you have any thoughts?

AL: Um...

Al is a blonde-haired girl of about fifteen years of age. Mr. Fine is a strict looking man in a tweed jacket. He points to the board.

MR. FINE: "To be, or not to be – that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, or to take arms against a sea of troubles and, by opposing, end them." That is Mr. William Shakespeare, children. Do you have any idea what it means, Miss Seaver?

AL: Uh... Life is stupid.

MR. FINE: Life is... stupid?

AL: "Suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" or die fighting against "a sea of troubles"? Sounds pretty stupid to me.

MR. SMITH: Fascinating. What has inspired your rather insightful interpretation of the text?

AL: I am not unfamiliar with suffering.

*The Seaver house. Typical middle-class home.*

SOUND FX: *Scrrreeeecharrroooo...! Wakawakawallawalla...!*

Mary is running around the house in her monkey costume, making noises and waving her arms. Al is sitting at the dining room table doing her homework, looking annoyed.

MARY: And then I chase her around like this...

AL: That's nice, Mary. What are you again? A flying squirrel?

MARY: I'm a monkey!

AL: No kidding.

The doorbell rings. Mary runs for the door.

MARY: I'll get it!

Mary opens the door and frowns. A teenage girl stands in the doorway. She looks like she may be slightly older than Al, and wears more trendy clothes. She gives Mary a snobbish look.

AL: Hey, Jessica!

JESSICA: Hey, Al! There's a party at Rick's. You coming?

Mary starts waving her arms and making noises at the visitor.

JESSICA: (pointing at Mary) What is that?

AL: That's just my sister. Let's go!

MARY: Go? But you promised you'd watch a monster movie with me, plus I'm not done showing you all my monkey moves!

Jessica snorts.

JESSICA: See ya squirt!

AL: Later, ok? I'll be back soon. Behave, and don't break anything.

Mary stands in the doorway looking sad as she watches Al and Jessica leave.