WAFFLEHOUSE

(If a character's name isn't followed by a line of dialogue, this means that the character's dialogue is actually silence.)

The parking lot of a Waffle House in Druid Hills, Georgia. ALENE and MAGGIE are onstage, dancing and rolling on the ground. RUTH and HENRY enter.

RUTH

Thanks for showing me around.

HENRY

Of course I'm glad you picked me and not one of those scary girls like Heather who sells her mom's adderall which is like we all do adderall but not our *mom's* adderall.

RUTH

I don't do adderall -

HENRY

Anyway this is the rest of the gang that I told you about they can't come inside Waffle House because of the wormhole.

RUTH

What wormhole?

HENRY

The one in the bathroom, that's why I told you to go at home.

RUTH

Oh.

HENRY

Anyway this is Maggie and Alene and they're my best friends Maggie is a third Waffle House because she eats a lot of Waffle House and Alene is high.

ALENE

I'm actually not high right now.

HENRY

Alene, you're never not high.

MAGGIE

Where'd you move from?

RUTH

Savannah.

MAGGIE

There are ghosts in Savannah.

HENRY

There are ghosts everywhere, Maggie, not just in Savannah.

MAGGIE

Yeah but ghost presence is, like, especially strong in Savannah.

RUTH

I actually lived right outside of Savannah -

HENRY

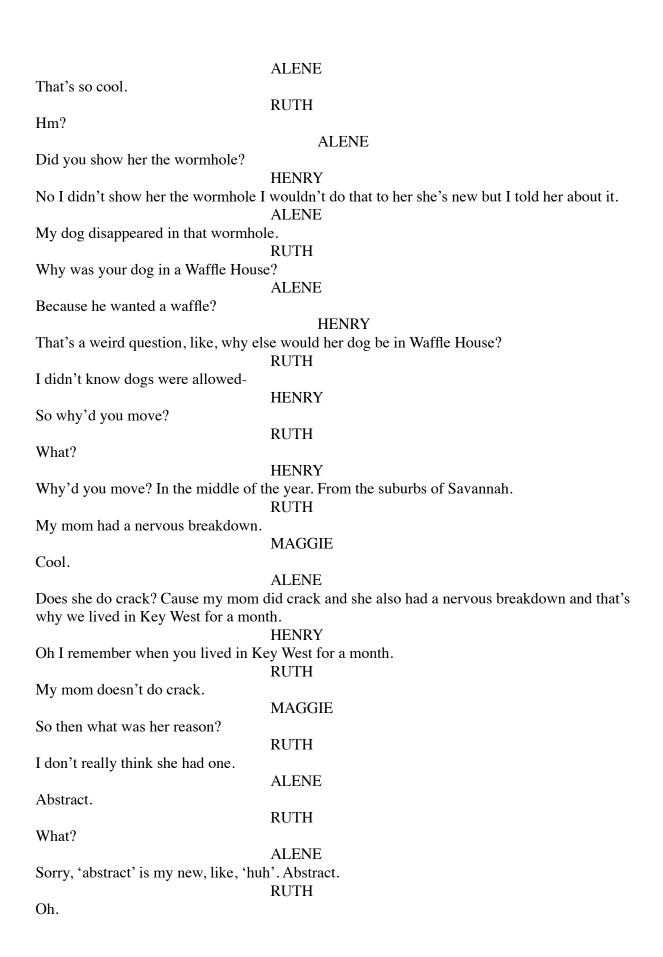
There are ghosts in the suburbs, too. They don't discriminate.

ALENE

Do you smoke?

RUTH

Not really.



MAGGIE She must have had a reason. **HENRY** There's not always a reason for something, Maggie. MAGGIE There are reasons for nervous breakdowns. ALENE Maybe she doesn't feel like talking about it. MAGGIE You literally told her that your mom does crack I feel like we've established a safe space. ALENE Just because I overshared doesn't mean she has to. **HENRY** I'm so bored with this conversation. **RUTH** She turned 50 and flipped out she shaved her head and threw herself a 15th birthday party and did some stuff with this kid in my class so we moved. **HENRY ALENE** Retweet. **RUTH** What? **HENRY** What's your Twitter? **RUTH** I don't have one. **MAGGIE** Good. Privacy is an illusion. **ALENE** Only if you have things to hide. **HENRY** Do you have anything to hide, Ruth? **RUTH** No...? MAGGIE Good. **ALENE** How do you want to die? **RUTH** Pardon? **HENRY** I love this question. MAGGIE Can I go? **HENRY** No. me first.

ALENE

I asked the question.	
I don't want to die.	RUTH
	HENRY
Lame.	MAGGIE
I would want to get sucked down the wormhole.	
What if it's closed?	ALENE
It's never closed.	MAGGIE
it's flever closed.	HENRY
I would want spontaneous human combustion.	
Ow.	MAGGIE
	ALENE
I want to, like, choke on a bag of Fla	nmin' Hot Cheetos. HENRY
What about you Ruth?	
I told you, I don't want to die.	RUTH
Tiold you, I don't want to die.	MAGGIE
No one wants to die, but if you had to ALENE	
Just say it we all said ours.	ALENE
	RUTH
I would want to be murdered. Home alone. He sneaks through the back door and murders me in my bed. I can hear myself scream before it goes dark.	
HENRY	
	ALENE MAGGIE
	HENRY
You know who I saw the other day?	
Who?	ALENE
WHO.	HENRY
Mrs. Mox.	MAGGIE
No way.	MAGGIE
I.d	ALENE
I thought she moved to Bermuda? MAGGIE	
No it was Bethesda.	HENDY
Well she's back.	HENRY
W	RUTH
Who's Mrs. Mox?	

ALENE Oh, my God I love when we get to tell this story to people. MAGGIE That's kinda fucked up. **HENRY** Tell it. No let me tell it. Mary Mox was this girl who used to be in our grade at school until like tenth grade and we all called her Moxie. **RUTH** I thought you called her Mrs. Mox. **HENRY** No that's Moxie's mother. **RUTH** Oh. **MAGGIE** In tenth grade Moxie was going out with this guy named Ben who was on the lacrosse team which is a really good team and Moxie took the lacrosse team's yearbook photo and they totally fell in love which was cute because Moxie was always sort of quiet and artistic and then Ben who was this, like, jock totally loved her. Tell her the next part. **MAGGIE** I'm getting to it. **HENRY** I want to tell it. At the end of tenth grade apparently things were sort of weird and, like, Moxie's mom is super religious and Moxie was kind of, like, sexually inexperienced and she didn't want to do it with Ben yet and then one night he tried to, you know, rape her and she killed him. RUTH MAGGIE ALENE **RUTH** Wait, what? **MAGGIE** It was really awful, the whole thing. **RUTH** She killed him? ALENE I say he deserved it. **HENRY**

ALENE

HENRY

ALENE

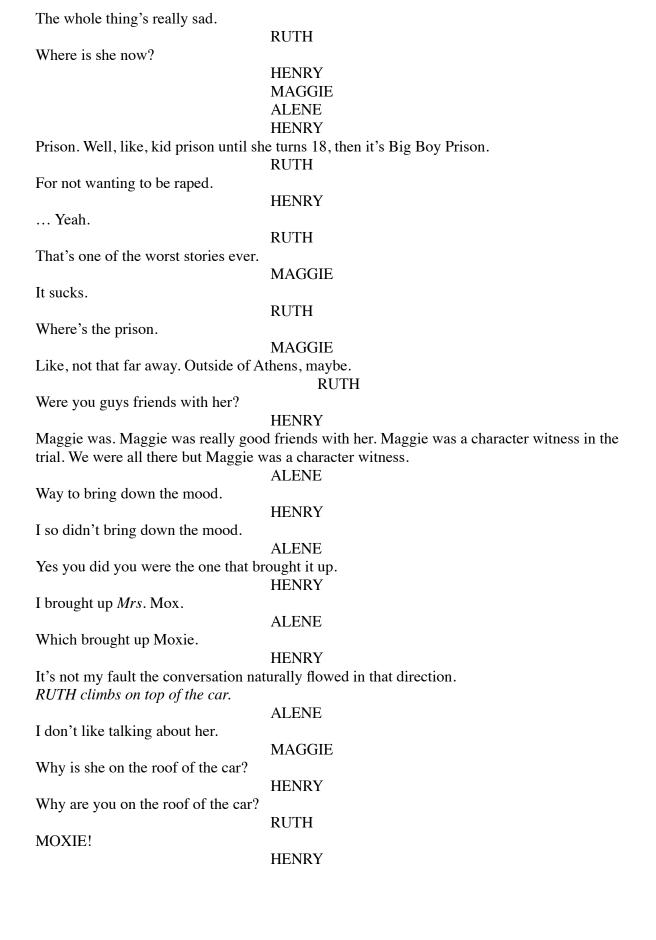
MAGGIE

He didn't deserve to die.

He raped her.

He tried to.

Fuck you.



What are you doing??

RUTH

MOXIE WE LOVE YOU.

MAGGIE joins her.

HENRY

Oh no this is crazy and insane and bad.

RUTH & MAGGIE

MOXIE IT'S OKAY.

ALENE joins.

HENRY

You're all insane and are going to get in trouble.

RUTH & MAGGIE & ALENE

MOXIE WE LOVE YOU. THANK YOU. IT'S OKAY.

HENRY

Seriously.

HENRY joins, too.

RUTH & HENRY & MAGGIE & ALENE

MOXIE. MOXIEEEEE. MOXIE CAN YOU HEAR US WE LOVE YOU MOXIEEEEE.

They stare towards the prison, as if waiting for a reply. Maybe they get one. End of play.