



Excuses

INT. THE GIRL'S BATHROOM

LEE IS PUTTING ON LIP GLOSS WHEN BONNIE ENTERS CARRYING HER SCHOOL BOOKS.

BONNIE
There you are. I've been looking all over for you.

LEE
Really? I've been in here.

BONNIE
Well, you were supposed to help me put up the Halloween class decorations.

LEE
Oh...well...I couldn't because...

BONNIE
Excuses, excuses, Lee all you ever do is make excuses.

LEE
That's not true.

BONNIE
It is. Take today. You were supposed to turn in your science project and you told Mrs. Rainer that your pet snake ate it.

LEE
Slimey did eat it. If you don't believe me you can call the vet.

BONNIE
What about last week when you told me that you couldn't come over and help me bake cookies 'cause you had to have your leg amputated?

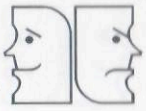
LEE
That was true, too!

BONNIE
But you have two legs. So how did you have one cut off?

LEE
(Laughing) Didn't I tell you?

BONNIE
No.

LEE
Well...when I got to the hospital the doctor told me that they found a cure to my disease. So my leg is healed.



BONNIE
(Not believing her) They found a cure?

LEE
Yep! Lip gloss. (Holding up her lip gloss) This is a special medicated lip gloss.

BONNIE
This is silly. I can't believe this.

LEE
It's true.

BONNIE
Fine, whatever. But why didn't you help me with the Halloween decorations?

LEE
Oh...well, I...

BONNIE
Now don't make up an excuse. Tell me the truth.

LEE
Okay. The truth is I couldn't help you because I'm allergic to orange.

BONNIE
Oranges?

LEE
No, not the fruit. Orange. The color.

BONNIE
Give me a break.

LEE
You don't believe me? It's true. Every time I get near orange I break out and start having attacks.

BONNIE
Really? Well I just happen to have a piece of orange paper with me.

BONNIE PULLS OUT A PIECE OF ORANGE PAPER. LEE STARES AT IT FOR A SECOND.

LEE
Oh my gosh, I'm cured! I can't believe it.

BONNIE
You're not the only one.