- 1 something suspicious?
- 2 FLUFFY: (Sighs.) I come get you.
- 3 SPOT: Right. I think we're ready. I'm gonna go grab some
- 4 shut-eye and you can take the first shift.
- 5 FLUFFY: Aye aye, Captain. (SPOT exits. FLUFFY settles down
- 6 for a nap.) Man's best friend. Huh.

48. Your Space

Topic: Friends discuss the problems with networking Websites.

Cast:

CAMREN: funny, naïve, having trouble understanding all the fuss

DONNIE and JOSH: concerned friends COLLEEN: wiser and in the know

- 1 (Scene opens with ALL sitting or standing Center Stage.)
- 2 CAMREN: (Obviously concerned) I am in so much trouble.
- 3 DONNIE: Why? What's up?
- 4 CAMREN: My mom saw my MySpace yesterday.
- 5 JOSH: (Understands.) Oh no.
- 6 CAMREN: Yeah, she flipped.
- 7 COLLEEN: What's wrong with your mom seeing your
- 8 MySpace?
- 9 JOSH: You obviously haven't seen Carmen's MySpace.
- 10 COLLEEN: No, I guess I haven't.
- 11 DONNIE: You would understand if you had.
- 12 CAMREN: It's not that bad.
- 13 DONNIE: Sure it is.
- 14 JOSH: It's the worst one ever.
- 15 COLLEEN: What's wrong with it?
- 16 CAMREN: Nothing. It's cool.
- 17 JOSH: No, it's not. You've got the weirdest stuff on there.
- 18 DONNIE: Yeah. I won't even go on your page because it's so
- 19 weird.
- 20 CAMREN: You guys are wussies.
- 21 COLLEEN: What kind of weird stuff?
- 22 CAMREN: Nothing! It's perfectly fine.
- 23 DONNIE: Under hobbies he has "drinking and drugs."
- 24 COLLEEN: (Shocked) What?
- 25 CAMREN: It was a joke!

- 1 JOSH: And under favorite people he has Hitler and Jeffrey
- 2 Dahmer.
- 3 COLLEEN: Carmen!
- 4 CAMREN: Gosh, it's just a joke. Nobody puts real stuff on
- 5 their MySpace.
- 6 COLLEEN: I do.
- 7 CAMREN: Nobody but you.
- 8 DONNIE: I know people exaggerate and put goofy stuff on
- 9 there, but not like yours.
- 10 JOSH: Yeah. Yours is just weird.
- 11 CAMREN: Nobody has a sense of humor anymore. My
- mom's all worried about high schools seeing it and not
- 13 letting me in.
- 14 COLLEEN: I heard that happened. My sister went to school
- with a girl who had Satan worshipping stuff on her
- 16 MySpace and Barksdale Academy didn't take her
- 17 because of it.
- 18 CAMREN: That's not fair. It's none of their business. It's
- 19 private.
- 20 JOSH: No, it's not. It's public information. That's the whole
- 21 point.
- 22 CAMREN: Maybe so, but what business does a school have
- looking at it? It's just for fun. And it's supposed to be
- 24 for kids. Old people don't understand.
- 25 COLLEEN: I don't understand. Why would you want to put
- all that goofy stuff on a site and pretend it's you? It's like
- those kids with the twelve inch Mohawks who complain
- 28 because everyone is always staring at them.
- 29 DONNIE: Yeah. You look like you're either a really awful kid
- 30 or you're just dying for that kind of attention. Either
- 31 way, it gives people a bad impression of you.
- 32 CAMREN: My profile is private. No one can find it if I don't
- 33 let them.
- 34 JOSH: (Wisely) Oh, naïve one, people have their ways.
- 35 DONNIE: Schools hire people just to do that kind of thing

- 1 You don't have to be a P.I. to be able to find stuff on the
- 2 Internet. Anybody can do it. And they make a living
- 3 doing it.
- 4 CAMREN: Are you guys telling me I have to take out the
- 5 murder rap song?
- 6 COLLEEN: Yes.
- 7 CAMREN: And the gory pictures?
- 8 JOSH: Yes. And the profanity. And the school you go to and
- 9 sports you play. What, are you some type of idiot?
- 10 CAMREN: What?
- 11 JOSH: Strangers can totally find you, you know. You put a
- lot of personal stuff on there.
- 13 CAMREN: That's not true.
- 14 DONNIE: Yes, it is. You said you go to Hampton Middle, play
- 15 basketball, and wear number eighty-three. Duh. Anyone
- in the world could find you. (Silence)
- 17 CAMREN: (Beginning to understand) I never thought of it that
- 18 way.
- 19 JOSH: Doesn't look like you're doing much thinking at all
- 20 these days.
- 21 COLLEEN: Besides not wanting you to look stupid, Carmen,
- we want you to be safe. There are a lot of crazy people
- out there.
- 24 CAMREN: There are a lot of crazy people in here.
- 25 DONNIE: Maybe. But at least you know our craziness. Who
- 26 knows what's creeping through the Internet looking for a
- 27 cute little boy just like you?
- 28 CAMREN: Cut it out.
- 29 COLLEEN: Look, I'll help you design something really cool.
- There are some awesome sites where you can download
- 31 really cool graphics and you can put up normal music
- 32 from your favorite bands.
- 33 JOSH: And then maybe I'll consider being your friend.
- 34 CAMREN: If I let you.
- 35 JOSH: You'll let me. After the way your site looks now,

- you'll be lucky to have anyone want to be your friend!
- 2 CAMREN: You guys are saints.
- 3 DONNIE: That's what I keep telling you.

49. Babysitters

Topic: Two girls discuss different perspectives of working as a teen.

Cast:

RYCE: disillusioned, not thrilled about the prospect of baby-sitting CLEO: more appreciative of the rare opportunity to make good money

- 1 (Scene opens with GIRLS chatting Center Stage.)
- 2 RYCE: (Glumly) I'm so bummed about tonight.
- 3 CLEO: What's wrong?
- 4 RYCE: I have to baby-sit.
- 5 CLEO: Ugh. The kiss of death. Who?
- 6 RYCE: Two brats down the street.
- 7 CLEO: How old?
- 8 RYCE: Seven and four.
- 9 CLEO: Sounds like lots of fun.
- 10 RYCE: The seven-year-old is OK, but the four-year-old is
- whiny and cries for his mom the whole time.
- 12 CLEO: Do they let you use the phone?
- 13 RYCE: Yeah, but only after the kids are in bed. Which is
- 14 never. Kevin cries and cries and I try everything but he
- 15 usually falls asleep like five minutes before his parents
- 16 come home.
- 17 CLEO: Is it good money?
- 18 RYCE: Yeah. I get twelve dollars an hour.
- 19 CLEO: (Can't believe it.) What? You're kidding.
- 20 RYCE: No. Why?
- 21 CLEO: That's a ton of money. How many hours?
- 22 RYCE: Usually no more than four. I'll probably get fifty
- 23 dollars tonight.
- 24 CLEO: (Emphatically) You've got to be kidding. Fifty dollars
- for watching two kids? And no diapers?
- 26 RYCE: No, no diapers. But Kevin is a real brat, I'm telling
- 27 you.