

**Youth 2018 x-mas <Youth Group Prepares for College>**

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**Act 1**

\*Everyone else is wearing light summer clothing with multiple fans in the room. It's very obvious that the occupants are hot. Daniel walks into the room on his phone looking down with heavy winter clothing. Camera zooms into Rachel's face as she sends confused looks to other kids in the room.\*

(Interview) Rachel: it is... (looks at phone) 87 degrees outside. (narrows eyes) I don't think Daniel understands where exactly we live...

(Room) Daniel: Whew! What's up guys! Sure is frosty out there. Can't wait until the sun comes back out! \*pauses and looks confused\* Wait, aren't you guys cold? Here take a scarf. \*Walks over to Amy and unsuccessfully tries to give her a scarf\*

Amy: \*pushes it back\* with clear disgust on her face

Hannah: Daniel it's eighty sev- (Cut off by Gina walking in)

Gina: (walks in and looks at Daniel shocked)

Gina: Daniel... What are wear-... why is your scarf so... so ugly?

(Interview) Daniel: I don't know what's going on. It's christmas, so it must be cold right? \*yelling to someone behind the camera\* And my scarf isn't ugly!

## Act 2

\*Sitting around a table eating food, Christmas music in the background

Matt: (between bites) Wow... we're seniors already, do you know what we're gonna do for college?

\*a moment of silence\*

David: I was thinking about final-

\*interrupted by a loud bang\*

(Room) James: \*slamming a binder on table with plans for college\* Thank you for bringing this up. I've been planning for this moment since the 3rd grade. I made some plans for everyone to look over. (starts handing out paper that is titled in big font "James's super cool college plans" with an itinerary)

Sydney: \*confused\* Where did you even get that binder from?

(Interview) James: High School kinda sucked. I think I peaked somewhere in 6th grade? Definitely before puberty. Yeah... It all kinda went downhill from there... But college! New place, new me. I might start drinking kombucha? Maybe join a cult? I might go vegan for a week. I'll figure it out.

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Camera out zooms into Harrison holding paper and zooms in on his downcast face as he reads the paper. 5sec

(interview) Harrison: I don't know. I don't want to think too much about college and next year. I just know I'll miss this place. I don't know how James can be so excited about leaving us. I mean this place **is** home. Why would anyone **want** to leave?

(Room) Harrison: \*reading through the itinerary\* What about us? We're not on this list at all. Are we not apart of that future?

Daniel: (puts list aside). Yea, James, I don't think you should talk about this right now.

Matt: (annoyed) I don't know why you guys aren't pretending this isn't going to happen. We all have to leave **sometime**. Might as well talk about it now.

David: Don't you think it's kind of... insensitive?

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Sydney: (exasperated) C'mon guys, it's all apart of growing up. It's like finding out Santa isn't real. (Camera pans to Hannah's shocked face. Hannah whispers "what?") High School was great and all but it won't be our entire life. We're all gonna leave LA and go to god knows where. We're gonna make new friends and new memories. Like Matt said, it's going to happen. You guys should be looking forward to it.

Daniel: ( aggressive stand up) Looking forward to it? Like James? I do not see how you guys could forget about us so easily.

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James: (serious) Woah woah woah. That's NOT what I'm saying at all. I just think...

\*Amy and Rachel interrupt; they barge in with boba and decoration

Amy: (cheerful): Are you guys ready to set up? I brought over some decorations for us!

Rachel (noticing the tension): \*carefully\* Is everything here ok?

Matt:(walking around table to rachel&amy decor) We're fine. Come on guys, let's get started (forced cheerfulness holding up decor)! It's always fun to do this! (Everyone disperses)

(Interview) Hannah: \*distracted\* What do I think about this? It's a mess. What?? Of **course** I knew Santa wasn't real. \*scoffs\* Duh. (looks awkwardly to the side). Anyway I have to make a phone call real quick. \*Walks off in hall with camera following her as she calls her mom on her phone\* HAVE YOU BEEN LYING TO ME THIS ENTIRE TIME? WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME SANTA WASN'T REAL?

### Act 3

\* This short montage of us putting up decorations. There are 4 short scenes, each with different members, showing the split nature of the group. The pranks are meant to be comical but at the same time telling.

\* first scene: getting ornaments and lights outside the box (James on sofa-chair in sofa corner? painfully untangling the lights and strings together; Camera pans to Harrison and David with evil/serious faces

**(interview) Harrison and David:** They want to forget about us that much? Then we'll GIVE them something to remember. \*high fives each other\* Have fun forgetting THIS

\*Camera shows Harrison tangling the lights James untangled, \*Harrison looks straight at camera and grins\*  
James (in background): (notices what Harrison had done) What happened to my lights! Opens mouth in disbelief, camera zooms in on face.

**James (interview):** When I saw that my lights were **magically** tangling, I thought it was the elves. Again. But Harrison is not an elf. And I am not amused.

\*second scene: taping the mistletoe on the ceiling; Daniel is on a chair setting up mistletoe. Sydney is on the ground next to him passing tape.

Daniel: (holds mistletoe to a spot in the ceiling) Is there fine?

Sydney: (apathetic fed up tone) Yea sure

Daniel: Ok, please pass me some tape

Sydney: (hands tiny piece and slaps it on Daniel's hand)

Daniel: (peeling it off) (also with a fed up tone) a little more please? (please is sarcastic)

Sydney: (looks at camera and grins, uses arms to get super long tape)

**(Interview) Sydney:** When James told me the lights were **magically** tangling, I thought it was the elves. \*whispers\* not again. But it turns out that **some** people in this group want to be immature and petty. Not a problem. I actually have a blackbelt in pettiness.

\* third scene: That branch that we do, also with putting ornaments on it

Matt is setting up ornaments, David is taking them down.

**Interview (Matt):** It's been a rough day actually. Got home and we ran out of Captain Crunch. Lost my Math binder somewhere. And yeah, and the thing earlier today was pretty awkward. Hope everyone will still be cool. I mean **it is** Christmas. Anyway, the ornaments I put up somehow are being taken down. (slow face of realization and suddenly stands up) HEY JAMES IS IT THE FREAKIN ELVES AGAIN?

\*fourth scene: the tiny christmas tree

(Hannah pacing in background nervously)

Rachel, \*calling Gina\*: You're running a little late, is the Christmas tree ok?

Gina: Don't even worry about it, I bought the biggest one I could find! It's going to be the best Christmas tree EVER

Rachel: \*skeptical\* Alright, I'll see you soo—

Hannah \*snatching the phone away from Rachel\*: Gina, Christmas is a lie! Everything you know is wrong! Santa isn't real, he never was!

Gina: \*voice from the phone\*: WHAT? SANTA ISN'T REAL?

Rachel (exasperated): \*snatching phone back\* Just... just bring the tree. Alright? See you soon.

\*Camera pans to Amy who has a "yikes" face\*

Interview (Amy): Mom told me never to tell Hannah about Santa. But thank GOD she finally knows. Last Christmas, she baked Santa oatmeal raisin cookies and they were **disgusting**. My parents refused to eat them so **guess** who had to eat them to "preserve Hannah's Christmas spirit?" **Me**. I did. But my parents said because I was so good the Easter Bunny was gonna... (pause) Wait a minute...

## Act 4

\*Amy, Rachel, Hannah comes back to a completely destroyed room with everyone inside yelling at each other\*

Hannah: \*looks at the chaos and looks back at the camera\*: I knew Christmas was a lie.

Yvonne: Woah woah woah! What is going on here?

James: I don't know! Why don't you ask Harrison? What **is** going on here? Is this about what happened earlier with my college plans?

Harrison: No! It's about you wanting to leave and forget everything that happened these past few years. \*looks at Matt and Sydney\* And this goes for you guys too

Daniel: Exactly! And seriously?! "Making a mask out of Chick-fil-A sauce" comes before "keeping in touch with high school friends?" Actually, we're not even on the list!

Sydney: \*hands on her head in exasperation\* We're not going to forget you guys, we never will. But we have to move forward and eventually with well (pause), yeah, new people.

Matt: Honestly, after high school we're going to move on. I mean, do you still talk to your friends from middle school? Don't get me wrong, these times and memories with you guys were amazing. But moving on and growing up is apart of life.

David: That's messed up man. You shouldn't view friends as something temporary.

Everyone interrupts and an angry raucous occurs

Amy: guys... guys! nobody's going anywhere. (Everyone pauses and looks at her) At least, not forever. You'll be back, all of you guys! Christmas is a holiday you celebrate with your family at home. And that's here! With us

Yvonne: More importantly, it's the celebration of Jesus' birth, it's the beginning of our salvation. And remember, it's a celebration! All the memories together is something that you'll never leave behind no matter where you guys go. And trust me,

you'll guys will all be back for many more celebrations to come.

David ( in a conceding tone): Well, it is true that we can look forward to more Holidays.

Sydney: The more Christmases we spend together the more memories we create!

Amy: see, i don't understand why you guys are arguing. Christmas is a holiday that lasts forever!

James: I didn't mean to make you guys feel like I was leaving you behind. It's just I was excited about experiencing something new. And I was hoping you guys would be excited too.

Harrison: I got a little ahead of myself. I'm just worried about losing you guys. You guys really mean a lot to me.

David: We're gonna come back to celebrate Christmas. All of us. Every year. And that's a promise!

Matt: (happy tone) i'm ok with that, let's do it!

Everyone makes promise

Fades to black

Act 5

\*Gina walks in with the tiny Christmas tree. Everyone looks at her with confusion\*

Gina: I got the biggest tree I could find!

Daniel: Gina... Why is your tree so... so... big?