

Henry (Sides)

The Sneak Over
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In his bedroom, Henry watches *The Blue Shadow* in an old VCR. The walls are covered with movie posters.

HENRY'S MOM (O.S.)
Have you packed?

HENRY
I don't think I should go.

HENRY'S MOM (O.S.)
This is a chance to make some friends before school starts.

HENRY
I don't feel good.

HENRY'S MOM (O.S.)
You're just nervous.

HENRY
What if they don't like me?

HENRY'S MOM (O.S.)
They wouldn't have invited you if they didn't like you.

Henry directly addresses the audience.

HENRY
I have no delusions about the invitation. My social skills are non-existent. The amount of meds needed to calm my anxiety would kill an elephant. I haven't made one friend since I moved here last year. And now that summer's coming to an end my friend count is still zero. The only reason I got an invite is because I told a kid at the pool I have a copy of *The Blue Shadow*.