

Troupe 98
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sarah 1
sarah 2
sarah 3
sarah 4

all are members of Girl Scout Troupe 98

a play for two actors with doubling
or a play for four actors
you can experiment

I so then she
2 slammed the door in your face you said that
I yeah like
what the fuck
like I'm a child, you know?
I'm the future
2 maybe she was tired
I no
I know tired
tired is
like when your little sister is watching the teletubbies and you're like I'm too old for
this shit but then you start to get invested and then the pancake machine doesn't work
and the yellow one can't get their pancake and you start crying?
that's tired
2 maybe she has enough candy
I is that possible?
2 if you're old enough maybe
I do you think I said something wrong?
2 you said the pitch, she was just mean
I not her
sarah 3
do you think I said something wrong to sarah 3?
2 oh
I so you do
2 well
I I thought it'd be funny
2 okay
I I thought she'd laugh
2 okay
I for a second it looked like she might laugh

2 I mean
not really

1 well then she just doesn't have a sense of humor

2 she's dying
she can be as much of a downer as she wants

1 I bet the only reason she's sold so much is because people get sad when they look at her

2 her wig is nice

1 but it's obviously a wig
like *obviously*

2 it's soft
I like it

1 and then you see this kid at your door in an obvious wig
like of course you're gonna throw a twenty at them

2 this is becoming not okay

1 I want the bike
it's not my fault I don't have cancer

2 sarah

1 what?
like I don't want cancer
but I do want the bike

2 let sarah 3 have the bike

1 why?

2 because she's *dying*

1 so I'll get to use it longer
it makes sense

2 she's about to not be here anymore
you know that, right?
pretty soon she'll just be what you think and what I think and what sarah 4 thinks and that's it
and then we'll just have

like
an echo where she used to be

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1 hi hello my name is sarah yes there are three other girls in my troupe named sarah yes
I hate it yes I know hate is a very strong word would you like to buy troupe 98 candy
from me?

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4 I have not sold enough candy to be proud of who I am as a person

2 jesus

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2 hi hello my name is sarah yes there are three other girls in my troupe named sarah yes
I hate it yes I know hate is a very strong word would you like to buy troupe 98 candy
from me so I can win the big blue excaliber mountain bike would you like to buy
something?

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1 do you think people would buy more candy if I was bald?

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1 like if I shaved my head and I was bald?

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1 like if I shaved my head and I was bald and they thought maybe I had cancer do you
think they would buy more candy?

4 I've never cut my hair
sometimes it gets stuck in my butt crack and I wonder what it sees

1 okay that's great but like if I was bald do you think they'd buy more candy?

4 I think they'd cry after they close the door

1 they wouldn't close the door because I would wedge my foot in it obviously

4 so that's illegal

1 it's not illegal
it's capitalism

4 maybe you could just smile more

I you sound like my dad

4 ew

I yeah
that's why I said it
so you'd feel bad and to feel less bad you'd say you liked my bald idea

4 I don't think you should talk about cancer right now
it's not very sensitive
you know

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4 hi hello my name is sarah yes there are three other girls in my troupe named sarah yes
I hate it yes I know hate is a very strong word would you like to buy troupe 98 candy
from me so I can win the big blue excaliber mountain bike and ride very far away from
my mom and her boyfriend and her boyfriend's fucking neurotic dog would you like to
buy something?

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I peewee herman scares the living shit out of me
I thought he was a rat for a while
like I didn't think about him for a long time and then when I thought about him I
thought he was a rat and then ms. tiffany showed me a picture of him and I realized I
was thinking of that white cartoon rat from pinky and the brain
my mom was listening to a podcast about peewee herman which is when I learned that
anyone can make a podcast about anything even if no one cares—

2 isn't that racist?

I no it's actually like equality I think?

2 "white cartoon rat"

I that's a fact

2 racism is a fact?

I yes but also that the rat is white, it's a fact

2 so what is peewee?

I I don't know

that was the whole point of this podcast it was like who the fuck is peewee herman

2 no I mean
his color
like if I drew a stick figure of him what crayon would I use?

1 white
or maybe yellow, like beige-yellow
I don't know

2 not the rat
the person who you thought was a rat

1 I am talking about the person who I thought was a rat
his name is peewee
I'm not getting to talk about what I wanted to talk about

2 peewee sounds like a white name

1 that's what I'm saying
peewee is
okay
we're gonna start over
we're gonna start over and you're gonna not interrupt me about something you don't
know anything about and you're gonna listen to me because I just listened to you and
it's my turn
okay?

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1 *(clears throat)* peewee herman scares the living shit out of me

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3 hi hello my name is sarah yes there are three other girls in my troupe named sarah yes
I hate it yes I know hate is a very strong word would you like to buy troupe 98 candy
from me so I can win the big blue excaliber mountain bike and ride very far away from
my mom and her boyfriend and her boyfriend's fucking neurotic dog and my sister
who hasn't said a word in sixteen months and I think it's going to break us all apart like
actually break us all apart would you like to buy something?

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I is burping a lot on purpose

4 we need to practice

I is still burping

4 we need to practice this or we'll look dumb

I I am practicing

4 the song
we need to practice the song

I the song is dumb

4 you're dumb

I ouch

still burping

4 don't make me say the thing

I god don't say the thing

4 if you don't practice the song with me I'm gonna say the thing and you're gonna feel
like poop

I like shit

4 what?

I the phrase is "you're gonna feel like—"
just whatever
just don't say the thing okay?

they sing the theme song:

I & 4 troupe 98
troupe 98
greatest in the state
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we sell candy by the crate
troupe 98
we are bound by three girl scout virtues
number 1: tell the truth or misses tiffany says you'll lose a tooth
number 2: don't toss your cookies (*barf noises*)
number 3: stay away from angry men, except for uncle ben, he's my best friend
troupe 98
troupe 98
greatest in the state

troupe 98
troupe 98
troupe 98
we sell candy by the crate
troupe 98

they cry

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*sarah 3 rides her bike across the stage
her wig falls off
she exits
the wig remains*

end of play