

THE SLEEP OVER

A One Minute Play

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PAUL and JANE excitedly watch their son Eric go up a climbing wall.

PAUL
(yells)

You can do it, Eric!

JANE
(yells)

You're almost there, honey!

PAUL
I think he's resting.

JANE
Resting's fine. He'll get to the top.

Paul sees MIKE, a dad, hurrying along.

PAUL
Hey Mike! Can you believe Eric's almost at the top?

MIKE
(quick look up)
Nice.

PAUL
"Nice?" Watch!

MIKE
I can't--

PAUL
Mike, can you watch for just one minute?

MIKE
Sorry, we've got five kids sleeping over for Mikey's birthday and I'm late!

PAUL
What? We never got the invitation.

JANE

Paul.

PAUL

They're best friends. Eric always loves Mikey's birthday parties.

JANE

Paul, stop.

PAUL

Mike. Come on.

MIKE

It's not, you know, my call. Hey, I'll see you guys around...

Mike leaves. Paul and Jane look at each other,
shattered.

PAUL

What happened?

JANE

He didn't get invited.

PAUL

But why? How could anyone...

Paul and Jane turn their attention back to Eric.
But now it's desperate.

JANE

(yells)

Keep going, Eric!

PAUL

(yells)

Don't quit, kiddo! You're almost at the top!

END