

The Graduation Project

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Comedy

(Amy and MAY, overachieving high school seniors, are tasked with helping their fellow students in order to graduate. They meet their first student, Suzie.)

(Amy and Maya are in a classroom now. They're rifling through the different files.)

AMY: Who are we seeing first?

MAYA: *(Consulting a list:)* Suzie—

(Suddenly, a bubbly girl, SUZIE, bursts into the room and walks right up to them.)

SUZIE: Hi! I'm Suzie McKenzie. You must be Maya and Amy.

MAYA: We are!

SUZIE: My guidance counsellor sent me over. Thanks for helping me with the final push towards graduation. I really want to put in the work to get it done.

MAYA: That's a great attitude. We're happy to help.

AMY: Let me just find your folder here.

(She looks for it.)

MAYA: You said your last name was McKenzie, right?

(Suzie seems to be distracted, off.)

SUZIE: My last name?

AMY: Yeah, I just need to find your folder. I'm a bit of an organization freak, so...

SUZIE: Oh. Uh. Why do you need to know my name?

AMY: To find your folder.

MAYA: McKenzie, right?

SUZIE: Is that what I said?

MAYA: I think so.

SUZIE: That must be it, then. Haha.

MAYA: Right.

AMY: *(Pulling the folder:)* Ah, here we go. *(She flips through it.)*

SUZIE: What does it say?

AMY: Well, uh. It says you have trouble with memorization, remembering details, that sort of thing.

SUZIE: I'm not sure. Who'd you say you were again?

AMY: I'm Amy.

MAYA: And I'm Maya.

SUZIE: Of course Mamy and Aya. Sorry, I...

(She seems distracted again. And then snapping out of it, almost like a reset button.)

SUZIE: Hi! I'm Suzie.

(Suzie puts out her hand. MAYA and AMY share a concerned look. MAYA shakes her hand.)

MAYA: Nice to meet you Suzie.

AMY: Do you know why you're here?

(She looks around.)

SUZIE: I go to school here?

AMY: Yes. That's true. But I mean in this room specifically with me.

SUZIE: You're a student. I'm a student. Students are in school.

AMY: Right. Are you excited about graduation?

SUZIE: I always like graduation. Everyone's so happy to get out of here. I go every year.

MAYA: But this year's different. Since you are the one graduating, right?

SUZIE: Me? No I'm only a Junior.

(Amy consults her file.)

AMY: Your files says you're a Senior.

SUZIE: My file?

(Amy hands her the file. Suzie reads it.)

SUZIE: That's strange, I...

(She gets "distracted" again. She looks up from the folder, reset.)

SUZIE: Hi!

MAYA: Hi Suzie.

SUZIE: How do you know my name?

MAYA: I'm Aya and this is Mamy. I mean Maya and Amy. We're here to help you graduate. Since you're a Senior. Like it says in your folder.

SUZIE: My folder? *(She looks down. Oh.)* Right. Graduation.

AMY: Do you have more tests to take?

SUZIE: I think I might possibly have two English papers due.

AMY: Did you write them?

SUZIE: Write what?

AMY: Your English papers.

SUZIE: On what?

MAYA: Can I see your backpack?

(Suzie takes off her backpack and gives it to Maya. While Maya is going through it, Suzie gets another reset.)

SUZIE: Hi! Can I help you with something?

(Maya pulls out the two English papers from her backpack.)

AMY: I'm Amy. We're going to help you graduate.

SUZIE: But—

AMY: Yes, you're a Senior. These are your English papers. I'm putting them in your folder with a note that says "Important: for Graduation."

(Amy hastily writes a note and gives Suzie the folder.)

MAYA: Now we want you to give this to your guidance counselor. Get there as fast as you can.

SUZIE: Nice to meet you, Mamy.

AMY: Go! Now! Run!

(Amy hurries Suzie out with the folder.)

AMY: Go! And from now on write everything down!

(Suzie runs out.)

AMY: That was a close one.

(From off:)

SUZIE: Hi! I'm Suzie!

(Amy takes a deep breath. MAYA helps her.)

End of Scene.