

THE END OF SANDCASTLES

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THE END OF SANDCASTLES*A Ten Minute Drama Duet***By Claudia Haas**

SYNOPSIS: Two best-friends-forever are growing up and in different directions. Alexa thinks she’s ready for a more “grown-up” life. Maddie wants to hold on to her childhood a little longer.

CAST OF CHARACTERS*(2 females)*

ALEXA (f)..... 13-14; eager to start exploring the growing-up process—the good and the not-so-good.

(32 lines)

MADDIE (f)..... 13-14; interested in expanding childhood for at least another year. *(33 lines)*

TIME: Present, after school.**PLACE:** A room in Maddie’s home.**COSTUMES**

ALEXA—Very well put together.

MADDIE—Cozy-comfy with her hair in a ponytail. Wears sweatshirt and exercise pants or yoga pants.

AT RISE: *ALEXA and MADDIE enter.*

ALEXA: I'm telling you—you would have loved it!

MADDIE: All those kids are older, Alexa! I would've felt—weird, you know?

ALEXA: No! They were all so nice to me. I didn't have to dance if didn't want to. I didn't have to go into the "pot room." I could just—soak it all in - you know—be.

MADDIE: Pot room? What do you mean, "the pot room?"

ALEXA: You know—where they go to—smoke pot.

MADDIE: Marijuana???? You were at a party with marijuana??? That's completely illegal.

ALEXA: I didn't smoke any. It was just cool being there.

MADDIE: You went to a party with drugs and you thought it was cool? Alexa! You could get high just breathing in that stuff! Those kids may be older but their totally immature.

ALEXA: Believe me, they're a lot more mature than you'd think. And it's just part of—you know—growing up.

MADDIE: We're fourteen! We're not grown up yet.

ALEXA: Next time, I'm bringing you. You can see for yourself.

MADDIE: No way am I going to an illegal high school party!

ALEXA: Not even for me? Your best-friend? What did everyone say about us—Alexa-and-Maddie like peanut butter and jelly—we bring out the best in each other! I'm trying to help you branch out, Maddie. To be cool. I could help you...you know...dress a little better.

MADDIE: What's the matter with the way I dress?

ALEXA: It's—you know—young.

MADDIE: I am young.

ALEXA: You're a teenager! Time to leave the dolls behind.

MADDIE: Where is it written that when you have a "teen" attached to your age you have to put away your childhood? Is it a law? A commandment?

ALEXA: It's—the way things are. There was a time to "play" and now it's time for "hanging out."

MADDIE: In a "pot room?"

ALEXA: It's a new experience! You need some new experiences—time to get you out into the real world.

MADDIE: I like my cocoon.

ALEXA: You're too safe, Maddie! Let's shake you up—find a tattoo parlor—or get some piercings.

MADDIE: That involves pain. You know I've never been into anything that voluntarily causes pain.

ALEXA: At least get out of your old comfy clothes. Who's going to date a girl who's always in exercise clothes?

MADDIE: I don't care about dating—I just want—friends.

ALEXA: You ought to care about dating—because if you don't—the time's going to pass you by. You'll be all alone on prom night.

MADDIE: We're too young to go to the prom!

ALEXA: I just think you should be laying the groundwork.

MADDIE: You're changing.

ALEXA: That's the idea.

MADDIE: I don't want to change. I want to build sandcastles by the lake. I want to lay on the beach like we used to and talk about our wildest dreams.

ALEXA: I don't think you want to know my wildest dreams anymore –

MADDIE: I want to know Alexa—the real Alexa—who studied dance and was going to make a career as a ballerina—even thought it's hard and next to impossible—you were going to go for it—you were going to grab that brass ring and let it lead you to your dreams.

ALEXA: Dreams change.

MADDIE: No. Dreams are forever.

ALEXA: Nothing's forever. Those sandcastles we built? Washed away before we went home.

MADDIE: I know.

ALEXA: So, what's the point?

MADDIE: The point is—that we built them. Together. You and I.

ALEXA: I'm done with castles, Maddie. I'm done with looking at the sky and making silly plans. Plans that can't happen. I'm through with all of that stuff.

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