

The Little Psycho

Caleb Lowe, 21, childish, insecure and easily confused.

Melanie Partridge, 20, mature, loving, laid-back.

Anna Partridge, 8, dominating, intelligent, psychotic.

Scene 1 – The front garden

It's a Saturday afternoon in Portsmouth, there are clear blue clouds in the sky and everything is peaceful, apart from two people Caleb, and Melanie who have been shouting at each other for the past half an hour. Caleb is currently sat on Melanie's roof; he's not wearing any clothes and is covering up his privates by holding onto his own knees. Melanie is in the front garden looking up at him.

Caleb You're a liar, and I don't care that I'm naked, I won't come off the roof unless you tell me why your sister asked me about my first time!
Melanie Why do you care?!
Caleb Because I have a feeling you are partly to blame.
Melanie What do you think I talk to her about?
Caleb Me, clearly, and how shit I am in bed, obviously.
Melanie That's, not, why would I talk about that to my sister?
Caleb I don't know what you Partridges do, you're all weird, your whole family.
Melanie Says the naked man on my roof.
Caleb Just tell me why she won't leave me alone, why she practically bit me as I climbed out of your window?
Melanie Because she really likes you okay?
Caleb Is that it?
Melanie Yes, are you happy now?
Caleb No of course I'm not happy she's 8, it's really weird!
Melanie You're the one making it weird put on some clothes Caleb!
Caleb Oh you'd like that wouldn't you? You'd like me just to, stop this and come down and pretend to be best chums with your weird little sister.
Melanie I'm not asking you to be friends with her, I just want you to put some clothes on, people are starting to stare.
Caleb Well, let them stare!

Caleb stands up on the roof, his whole body is now on display.

Melanie Jesus, if my sister comes outside she's in for a real treat.
Caleb Stop that, that is not funny. She attacked me Melanie, she literally attacked me.
Melanie She was protecting me!
Caleb Protecting you!? From me?
Melanie Yes you!
Caleb We were in the middle of sex Melanie!
Melanie And I was really enjoying myself, I'm just as gutted as you are.
Caleb Why would she think you were in danger?
Melanie (Laughs) I mean, to be fair on her, I do sound distressed when I'm about to cum.
Caleb You are sick and twisted Melanie Partridge. Why was she asking me about when we first did it?
Melanie She's getting older she's just curious.
Caleb But why me? Why can't she ask her friends at school?
Melanie Because they don't know what sex is either!
Caleb Do not underestimate the youth of today Melanie, that is a grave mistake.
Melanie Will you please come down now.
Caleb Is she still by the window?

Melanie Umm, yeah, yeah she is.
Caleb What's she doing?
Melanie She's still gnashing her teeth together, oh, now she's licking her lips. She misses you Caleb!
Caleb She is like a ravenous dog!
Melanie I tell you what, I'll go calm her down, get her away from the window. And I'll give you the all clear from the bedroom, okay?
Caleb Wait.
Melanie What?
Caleb Umm. No, wait, never mind I've forgotten.
Melanie Don't move.

Melanie enters the house. Caleb sits back down and holds his knees again.

Caleb She needs to tame that kid, god I can still feel the bite mark on my arse, what the hell is wrong with that girl? Best sex of my life so far, ruined by a blood-sucking infant. (*Shouting*) Melanie, do you have a muzzle? I think that would be wise. I'm worried she'll bite something off. Melanie? Melanie, are you ready? Are you ready Melanie? I'm regretting my decision to come up here and I'm a little cold now!

Melanie pokes her head out of the window.

Melanie All clear.
Caleb Are you sure?
Melanie Yes she's in her room.
Caleb Melanie I swear to god, are you really sure?
Melanie Just get down.
Caleb If you're lying to me right now I'm leaving you.
Melanie Look, you've got nothing to worry about. Just get inside and put on some clothes.

Caleb makes the awkward decent down to her window, and finally climbs in.

Scene 2 – The kitchen

Caleb is now fully dressed, both he and Melanie are sat at the dining table eating pastries.

Caleb Did you find it in the end?
Melanie What?
Caleb The muzzle.
Melanie No Caleb, I am not putting a muzzle on my sister.
Caleb What if she tries something.
Melanie Why are you so scared of her, you're a grown man.
Caleb Because she tore into my flesh, with her teeth! Because she keeps asking about my sex life!
Melanie Look enough, I know she's weird, but I'm sorry, okay, I'm sorry she can just get a little in people's face.
Caleb A little? Who bursts into their sister's room when she's in the middle of sex and starts biting?!

Melanie She loves, she loves so frickin' hard. She loves me, she wants to protect me. And she loves you, which yes, is a little strange. But she's not a psycho; she's just a normal girl.
Caleb But she clearly is a psycho, aren't you going to get her checked?
Melanie What the hell are you saying?
Caleb Melanie, no little normal girl does stuff like that. She's nuts. She's probably got a problem?
Melanie Are you saying my sister is fucked up?
Caleb I'm not just saying is Melanie, I've got a pretty good example as well.
Melanie Shut the fuck up Caleb, I'm done talking about this.
Caleb Why are you getting stressy at me?
Melanie Because you don't seem to understand what I'm saying!
Caleb I heard what you said, but you're wrong!

Melanie Oh, I'm wrong, about my own sister, just fuck off and go home Caleb.
Caleb Yes, you are! I don't understand, what did I do to deserve this?
Melanie You said my sister has a problem.
Caleb I was on the roof! Naked, just to get away from her!
Melanie Well that's your fault then, not hers! You could've just talked to her, told her to stop; instead you did the most stupid thing I could think of!
Caleb I could not have just talked to that thing, I had to get away.
Melanie Well, now so do I.
Melanie exits the room and heads upstairs.
Caleb What the hell? What is your problem?

Anna appears from behind the plant, she has been there the whole time.

Anna She has lots of problems.
Caleb Jesus Christ!
Anna You said I was a psycho and that hurt. I heard it.
Caleb Jesus, Anna, I'm, I'm sorry I didn't realise you were there.
Anna That's okay, I'll forgive you, only if you do something for me.
Caleb Erm, no I'm fine without your forgiveness.
Anna I would like a kiss please.
Caleb No.
Anna Just a little one. Please it would make the happiest girl in the whole country.
Caleb I don't want to do that.
Anna Please, please, please, please, please/please, please, please, please, please.
Caleb Stop, that, Anna. Stop, please, Anna. Jesus fine!

Caleb air kisses Anna on the forehead and messes her hair.

Anna There you go, now you can die happy.
Caleb That wasn't a real kiss!
Caleb Yup, yup it was, that's how grown-ups kiss.
Anna You didn't even touch my forehead, you just made a kissy sound! Kiss me properly.

Anna tries to grab Caleb's mouth.

Caleb I'm not doing this Anna, leave me alone and let me eat my pastry in peace.
Anna No.
Caleb Anna, I've asked you nicely, please fuck off.
Anna No I don't want to. I want to stay with you.
Caleb Let me eat my Danish pastry.
Anna NO!
Long pause, there is a stare off.
Caleb Melanie! Melanie, please come downstairs.
Anna Melanie has gone; it's just you and me.
Caleb And the pastry.
Anna No one else in the whole world!
Caleb Melanie please, I'm sorry for what I said, you're amazing, I love you please, for the love of god come downstairs.
Anna MARRY ME!
Caleb Melanie!! Please! What can I say to make you hurry the fuck up?

Anna starts to chase Caleb round the table, he still holds onto his pastry.

Anna You were right, you're always right, I love you, you're amazing, you're beautiful, you've got a perfectly normal sister!
Anna Don't make me give you an ultimatum Caleb.

Caleb (Genuinely surprised) How the hell do you know that word, ultimatum? That's pretty impressive.
Anna Don't be a sycophant, it's either me or the Danish!

Caleb stands shocked, wide-eyed, drops his Danish and runs off screaming out of the house. Anna chases after him. After some time, Melanie returns downstairs, she tries to find the two of them, but gives up very quickly. She picks up the Danish Caleb dropped and eats it. She closes the front door and goes back upstairs.