

Bep (age 23), Margot (17) and Anne (14) – Remembering Margot (edit 2)  
Serio-comic

Bep – one of the “helpers” in the Secret Annex agrees to a sleepover with Anne and Margot in hiding.

BEP

Sorry I’m late. It was hard to get out of the house. All my brothers and sisters were questioning me.

MARGOT

You didn’t tell them.

BEP

I told them I was spending the night at Hannah’s.

ANNE

Your friend from Secretarial School.

BEP

You do pay attention.

ANNE

I live vicariously through you. What should we do first? Hair? Make-up?

BEP

First things first. A movie magazine for Anne.

ANNE

I don’t know how you manage it but thank-you from the bottom of my heart. It’s good that I stay current on these things. I’d never know about the latest movies and all the stuff that’s actually fun in the world.

BEP

And today’s newspaper for Margot. Your father is hoping to read it after you.

MARGOT

Thank-you. Like Anne, I like to stay ... current.

ANNE

So tell us about life outside these doors. Have you gone on another date with Bertus?

BEP

Yes. He is a good man – although sometimes I think he wants to remake me. Yesterday, he told me I should wear my hair up all the time because it makes me look more mature.

ANNE

If he wants to change one iota of you then he is not worth your time.

MARGOT

Anne!

ANNE

Seriously. Bep is perfect with her hair up or down and it is not up to a boyfriend to decide which is correct.

BEP

He's a good man. Just a bit fussy.

ANNE

Then you need to find someone with less fuss!

BEP

We all have our little oddities, don't we?

ANNE

I don't! (Beat. Silence.) Do I?

BEP and MARGOT

Yes!

ANNE

Can you put my hair up – like yours? I think it would make me look.... older

BEP

We'll all be old soon enough. That's what my mother always says. Hold still while I brush it out.

(BEP will do ANNE'S hair while MARGOT pins her own hair up.)

MARGOT

We could use a haircut.

ANNE

I'm not letting mother near my hair. She just likes to chop it off. You should see our childhood photos. We look a fright.

MARGOT

We were cute.

You're still cute.

BEP

Bep ... do you let Bertus kiss you?

ANNE

Anne!

MARGOT

What? I just want to know what it's like. Goodness knows, I won't find out while I'm hidden away from the world. And you won't tell me anything.

ANNE

I think it's good to be a little mysterious. What do you think?

MARGOT

I agree. All the movie stars have a bit of mystery about them.

BEP

That's just in photographs. I bet when they get together, they tell each other everything.

ANNE

If someone was to talk about kissing... what would you want to know?

BEP

Is it soft or itchy? Do your lips burn? Do they turn bright red like when you blush? Do your teeth collide? What happens if you accidentally bite someone?

ANNE

Oh Anne! You don't bite when you're kissing!

MARGOT

How do you know? Margot? Margot! I'm going to tickle it out of you?

ANNE

(A bit of a tickle tussle.)

No. Stop! My lips are sealed!

MARGOT

Are they sealed when you kiss? Tell me. (Beat.) I bet you tell your diary.

ANNE

Margot also has a diary?

BEP

ANNE

But nobody knows what's in it. I bet it has all her secrets.

MARGOT

It does not. I'm very careful.

ANNE

But what do you write in it if you don't want to tell your secrets?

MARGOT

I write... about the world. What I am discovering as I grow up. I wonder what my place in then world will be. Later. What can I do to help?

ANNE

That's just like you. You're even an extra-good person in my diary. You're too good, Margot.

MARGOT

If I was too good, I wouldn't have to work at it. Believe it or not, sometimes it's a challenge.

BEP

Speaking of good, here're the results of your shorthand test.

ANNE

Did you get another "A?"

MARGOT

Yes.

ANNE

So predictable.

MARGOT

I may as well learn new skills. We've been here almost a year with no end in sight. What else is there to do?

ANNE

Pillow fight!

(And a small pillow fight as the lights fade to black.)