

## 21. Snobbish Older Sister

(Guy)

1 My sister is such a snob. She thinks that just because  
2 she's in *high school*, she's too good to drive me to school.  
3 She can't stand the thought of her friends seeing her driving  
4 a lowly middle-schooler around like a chauffeur. The few  
5 times my mom has forced her to take me, she makes me  
6 ride in the back and duck down whenever we pass a car that  
7 *might* be driven by someone she knows. And she drops me  
8 off as far from where I need to go as humanly possible.  
9 She'll say, "This is as good as it gets, bro. Now get out."  
10 Like actually turning into the parking lot of the school would  
11 be too much trouble for her!  
12 I thought having a sister who could drive would be cool.  
13 That she'd take me all sorts of places without Mom and Dad  
14 tagging along. We'd be free! Maybe even a little wild and crazy!  
15 Hal Not even close. She got her license two months ago,  
16 and I've ridden in the car with her alone three times. (*Holds  
17 up fingers.*) That's right, folks! Count 'em! *Three times!* What  
18 happened to, "You'll be driving your brother to school," or  
19 "I'll need you to take Brian to football practices  
20 sometimes." What happened to that, I ask you? I've had to  
21 walk to practice twice this week! While she sat at home  
22 doing nothing! She could've driven me. But no! Said she  
23 needed to save gas. *Save gas!* We live less than a mile from  
24 the school! How much gas could that take? Even in the  
25 super-tank she drives?  
26 You know what? I don't even care any more. Truth is, I'd  
27 rather walk than ride in that death trap with her! She should  
28 be embarrassed by her car, not me! The muffler has a hole  
29 in it that's bigger than her fat snobbish head!

## 10. Why Grow Up?

(Guy)

1 I don't ever want to be grown up. I mean, look  
2 at them! Their faces are all sour and stern and old looking!  
3 Why would I ever want to be one of them? They walk around  
4 like robot-people. No expression. No smile. No life! It's like  
5 they're half-dead already! What normal teen would ever  
6 want to become one of those? No time for hanging out with  
7 your friends, listening to music, *skateboarding!* All  
8 work and no play! What kind of life is that, I ask you?  
9 The highlight of their day is watching boring news shows  
10 or reading the newspaper! The newspaper! For real fun, they  
11 read the obituaries and look for people they know. Now,  
12 that's excitement, isn't it? Checking to see how everyone  
13 died!  
14 What smart guy would ever want to be a man? I say  
15 avoid the whole working-yourself-to-death thing for as long  
16 as possible. My parents have seen after me since I turned  
17 twelve to get a job. Work a paper route. Mow lawns. I say,  
18 "What's the rush?" I've got my whole life in front of me.  
19 I think they just can't wait for me to grow up!  
20 They are! Working that whole eight-to-five thing. That's  
21 crazy! Who wants to spend those kind of hours at work?  
22 When would I sleep? Watch TV? Call my friends?  
23 Well, they can ask all they want, but I'm not budging.  
24 What are they going to do, kick me out? Ha! Maybe they  
25 could if they weren't working all the time!