

50. Why Would Anyone Trust Me?

(Guy or girl)

1 See this? This wreck of a room? This is me. Cluttered.
2 Unorganized. A slob. Someone who smells his clothes to
3 see if they're clean because everything I own is on the floor.
4 I have food that is actually growing underneath my bed. My
5 parents know this. My friends know this. The few who have
6 dared to come over know that I haven't seen my floor in
7 about three years.
8 So knowing all of this — knowing me — why would
9 anyone entrust me with hundred-dollar concert tickets?
10 That's right. I've got five hundred dollars worth of
11 tickets somewhere in this mess, and I can't find them. Five
12 hundred dollars! My parents are going to kill me. My friends
13 are going to kill me. I'm going to kill me! I don't have that
14 kind of money. In fact, I don't have *any* kind of money! Do
15 I look like a guy who's motivated enough to have a job? I
16 don't think so!
17 Why did I ever offer to buy the tickets online for
18 everyone? Why was I dumb enough to have them mailed to
19 this house? Why would my parents be stupid enough to let
20 me use their credit card? Why would I even begin to think I
21 should bring the tickets up here — to this black hole —
22 when they came in the mail?
23 Well, there's really only one thing I can do. (Pause) Move.
24 Take on a new identity. Start in a new town, in a new school
25 where no one can find me ... (Pause) ... Shoot! I have
26 absolutely no idea where my suitcase might be!

32. Vindictive Player

(Girl)

1 Nobody could believe it when the coach posted the A
2 and B team lists. Everyone told me that she must've made
3 a mistake. Clearly she'd made a mistake. There was no way
4 I didn't make the A team. I was a third-year player. One of
5 the *only* third-year players to try out. I've *always* been on
6 the A team. How could I possibly have been demoted?
7 Pushed down to the team made up of mostly sixth and
8 seventh graders! I'm in eighth grade, for crying out loud! I
9 didn't even play the B team when I was in sixth grade!
10 Coach Manning wouldn't change it either. Said my tryout
11 score wasn't in the top fifteen. So what? I had a bad tryout.
12 Probably because I hadn't even taken it seriously. I mean,
13 come on! It was a waste of my time to even try out! We all
14 knew I was going to make the A team.
15 It's like she's out to get me. She's made me the
16 laughingstock of the team. Practically the whole school. I
17 couldn't let her get away with that! Which is why they're not
18 talking about *me* any more! They're talking about her! And
19 those suspicious looking pictures that they found on her cell
20 phone! Coach Manning sure has some explaining to do now,
21 doesn't she?
22 Rumor has it she's going to get fired. Well, it serves her
23 right! She's *obviously* a horrible coach! Look what she's
24 done to me! So maybe I should feel guilty about sneaking
25 into her bag and stealing her cell phone and taking those
26 pictures, but I don't! I'm doing the school a favor. We'll
27 never win a meet with her leading the team! You bring a new
28 coach in here and we'll just see who's on the A team!