Characters:
- Rory: Self-absorbed, center of the group
- Owen: Serious, skeptical
- Avery: Passionate
- Percy: Dislikes the other characters, practical

Characters are friends, sitting around a campfire in the woods, in a semicircle facing the audience. Actors should pretend they are roasting marshmallows.

RORY
Thanks, everyone, for coming out to this weekend birthday camping trip. I know my dog really appreciates it. Thanks for planning this, Owen.

OWEN
Anything for you, Rory.

RORY
And thanks for bringing the marshmallows, Avery.

AVERY
Of course.

RORY
And thanks for clearing your weekend plans, Percy, so that you could drive us here.

PERCY
I didn’t have a choice.

RORY
I mean, you volunteered to come out for my dog, which is so sweet.

PERCY
You said I had to.

RORY
And my dog is so grateful.

PERCY
You’re literally my boss.
RORY
Anyway, I’m so grateful to be surrounded by good friends on this weekend trip in the woods, roasting marshmallows at night.
(Waits for a moment, looks up, then makes a noise of surprise)
Did anyone else see that?

OWEN
See what?

RORY
Those lights in the sky, I think they were aliens!

AVERY
(Seriously)
Of course they were aliens, they’re always watching us.

OWEN
Aliens aren’t real, though.

AVERY
Yes, they are!

PERCY
This is why I didn’t want to come.

RORY
What did I just see if they’re not real?

OWEN
It’s perfectly possible that they were just weird lights. Weird lights happen for reasons that aren’t aliens.

AVERY
But they don’t happen all the time! There are aliens, and the lights Rory saw are proof!

RORY
How do I know if they were aliens?

PERCY
Okay, okay every stop! Rory, you saw lights, and you want to know if there are aliens, based on the lights, right?

RORY
Exactly!

PERCY
Owen, you’re saying aliens don’t exist. The lights happening doesn’t mean anything big.

OWEN
Affirmative.

PERCY
Avery, you’re saying aliens do exist, and that Owen is wrong.

AVERY
As usual! No one ever listens to me.

PERCY
Okay. Rory, let’s say that Owen’s right, and there aren’t aliens.

OWEN
Which there aren’t.

AVERY
Yes there are!

PERCY
I will personally make sure the two of you are abducted first.
(Takes a breath, turns to Rory.)
Rory, let’s say that Owen is right. You’re the one that saw the lights. How likely is it, in the world where Owen is right and aliens really don’t exist, that you would see lights like that anyway?

RORY
(Pauses for a moment)
Pretty likely. Maybe a 20% chance to see lights like that anyway.

PERCY
I mean, 20% is pretty high. It seems like lights like that don’t necessarily mean that there are aliens, so you can’t say Owen is wrong.

AVERY
You can’t say I’m wrong either!

PERCY
I didn’t say you were wrong. I just said the lights aren’t proof to Rory that you’re right.

OWEN
So, Rory, who do you believe, me or Avery?

RORY
I mean… I just don’t have a lot to go on, I guess. Those lights are perfectly possible in the world where you’re right, Owen. But I guess I also can’t say yet that Avery’s wrong either. I guess all I can say is that I don’t have enough evidence to say that aliens exist.

PERCY
Great, solved, done, now we don’t have to talk about it anymore.

AVERY
(After a pause)
You’re a real buzzkill, Percy.

OWEN
Yeah, why did we even invite you?

RORY
Yeah, like, you didn’t have to come, Percy, if you didn’t want to.

PERCY
I literally did not have a choice.

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