

19. Purse Party

(Girl)

1 This is getting ridiculous! It's bad enough getting invited
2 to a gazillion people's birthdays every year and having to
3 buy them presents, but now I'm expected to go to my
4 friends' houses and buy things *from them*? This kind of
5 thing is for old ladies or people with money! Where am I
6 supposed to get the cash to buy a forty-dollar — or more —
7 purse? And don't forget the matching wallet! I won't be able
8 to leave without getting one of those!

9 Next my friends will be inviting me to buy dishes, or
10 makeup, or jewelry. Just so *they* can get free stuff and I can
11 be broke! I don't even get an allowance. But if I did, I still
12 wouldn't be buying stuff like that! That's what my parents
13 are for! *My* money is for fun stuff like candy, and CDs, and
14 things that I want!

15 I know what's going to happen, though. I'm going to go
16 — it's not like I have a choice, she's my *best* friend! — and
17 I'll feel all guilty and order something. Something I cannot
18 afford. And then I'll have to do all these extra chores around
19 the house to earn money, just to buy a stupid purse that I
20 didn't *want* or *need* in the first place!

21 This *so* stinks! Who cares about fake designer purses
22 anyway? The ones I've seen look like something my
23 grandma would carry! And even if I do see a cute one, I'd
24 rather buy it at the store with my mom's money where it'll
25 probably be half the price.

26 Well, I'm just going to have to find a way out. Get sick.
27 Say my cat ran away. Too much homework. Something.
28 Anything! I will not cave in to the purse frenzy that has
29 taken over my school!