

FLOW EDUCATIONAL ICEBREAKER SERIES

DOWNTOWN ROOM

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INT. BATHROOM - DAY

Basic girl's bathroom. A bell RINGS.

Soft groans take over the room as the bell ceases.

MARLA PARKS (40s), the kind of teacher no one messes with, struts in. Quickly scans the room.

Bends down to see two pairs of feet in the stall.

MS. PARKS

What the hell is going on here--

Rustling in the stall. Stall doors fling open. A MALE student rushes past her. For a brief second, Ms. Parks considers chasing after him. Turns her attention back to--

JAZMINE (16), tall, lean, athletic, exits the stall. Approaches the basin, gargles with water.

MS. PARKS

So?

JAZMINE

What? Nothing happened--

MS. PARKS

Nothing? It sure looked like nothing was in a big rush out of here.

Jazmine brushes herself down. Indicates she wants to go.

Ms. Parks looks down at Jazmine, her jeans stained around both knees.

Jazmine stares back.

MS. PARKS

Did he lose something? Were you helping him find it?

Jazmine hangs her head, remains silent.

MS. PARKS

Either tell me who he is or I'm taking you straight to the Principal's office.

Jazmine shakes her head.

INT. THERAPIST'S OFFICE - DAY

A small KNOCK on the door. Jazmine cautiously enters the cozy room. Ms. LILLY CONTE, (40s) professionally dressed and a warm smile, sits in a rocking chair.

Jazmine sits opposite into a big, comfy chair.

CONTE

Another storm brewing I reckon...

Jazmine looks out, it's a glorious day.

Conte taps her fingers on the side of the chair.

JAZMINE

So... Is this my last session with you?

CONTE

It's number two...

Jazmine sighs.

CONTE

So, a few girls came forward last week. Swear they are no longer part of this...Downtown Club.

Jazmine looks up.

JAZMINE

It's not a club. It's the Downtown Room.

CONTE

Has this boy threatened you into silence? We will protect you.

Jazmine's interest piques.

JAZMINE

No, no, no. It's not like that. Robbie and I are friends. It wasn't forced. I offered. It was just fun, you know. Like a dare.

They stare at each other.

CONTE

So consensual sex is healthy sex, but did you consider that this dare can lead to a major consequence like a STI?

Jazmine shrugs her shoulders. Pulls out her cell phone...

Ms. Conte coughs.

CONTE

I'm all ears.

She flaps her ears.

JAZMINE

We are not the only ones doing this, you know? It's very popular and a lot safer than real sex--

CONTE

Real sex? How would you define real sex, dear?

JAZMINE

You know...Making babies. I'm not into sleeping around, way too much baggage.

Conte leans forward. Checks both her ears.

CONTE

So...You and your friends perceive this activity as a safer sexual act that holds no consequences?

JAZMINE

It just happened...Coz seven of us have pierced tongues. Word spread. You have time to...Get off on a hall pass. Clothes are still on. No used condoms lying around; quick and easy. We call it the Downtown Room--

CONTE

Really?

Jazmine shrugs.

JAZMINE

It's just the cool thing to do right now--

CONTE

I see. Did you ever think about STI transmission through oral sex?

JAZMINE

Not really.

CONTE

Diseases, including HIV, can be in semen, and in pre-cum. Like you believe he will pull out? Once an infectious fluid enters your oral cavity, it can get into your bloodstream.

JAZMINE

So, it won't matter if I spit or swallow? Damn...

Conte moves closer, shakes her head.

CONTE

Jazmine, any infectious fluid in your mouth...Has a chance of infecting you.

JAZMINE

Wow. I didn't realize that.

Jazmine relaxes, averts her eyes.

Conte pulls out a brochure. Holds it up.

Jazmine moves in closer, her eyes bulge.

She storms to the door. Sniffs.

CONTE

Diseases can be transmitted through oral sex. Girls tend to be more discrete about their sexual activity. Those boys were arrested for sexting--

JAZMINE (O.C)

Okay! I get it. Fu... Grrrrr. How many photos did they take?

CONTE

The school confiscated a few, who knows how many we never accounted for...

Conte places the brochure back down.

Jazmine sits back down. Leans closer.

CONTE

How's tennis going? I heard you killed your first match.

Jazmine smiles, nods.

CONTE

How come you are not concentrating on your tennis? Last session we had, you told me you had no time for boys.

Jazmine shrugs her shoulder.

JAZMINE

That's still true.

Jazmine raises her eyes.

CONTE

The boys in this school do talk. They do often brag and do not say flattering things about girls. There are so many medical reasons to stop doing this, but even more personal reasons. Is it really no big deal?

Jazmine nods her head.

JAZMINE

Guess so. I dunno. It's not like I even get off on it...I'm just a Downtown Room girl...No strings attached.

Conte relaxes back into the chair.

CONTE

You are way more special than a Downtown Room Girl, Jazmine. Think on what you really want from life right now. The choices you make will shape your life...

Jazmine rolls her eyes.

CONTE

You're good friends with Maylen Ochoa?

JAZMINE

Yea!

A slight pause.

CONTE

They took and posted four photos of her on social media. I don't see her coming back to the school now... She, as did many of the other girls, felt very used.

JAZMINE

Pigs.

CONTE

Can I count on you to stop going to the Downtown Room? The boys can't take photos--

JAZMINE

If there ain't any girls to take photos of?

Jazmine smiles.

She stands and thrusts her hand out.

They shake.

CONTE

I'll let the Principal and your mom know the required sessions are complete and this matter is dealt with. Agreed?

Jazmine smiles.

JAZMINE

Sure. Time to blow this...
(she moves her mouth)
Time to move on from this chapter.

FADE TO BLACK.