

FLOW Icebreaker series

RUMORS

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FADE IN:

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Typical public school classroom.

TEACHER (30s), an off the wall, trying hard to be hip, teacher sits at their desk, marking assignments.

RAVEN (16) Shy, well worn clothes, sits at the front with an open journal full of drawings, doodling.

FELICITY (16) enters wearing cheap knock-offs of the latest trends, a real try-hard.

A quick glance at Raven, she heads for a desk staring at her cell phone. She's avoiding Raven.

Teacher puts out a hand. Felicity reluctantly hands it over then cautiously sits two desks away from Raven and looks up at the white board.

INSERT: on board- DETENTION 3pm - 4PM

CHELSEA (16) the latest hot trend clothes, uppity, the popular mean girl enters, joins Felicity.

Chelsea's quick glance at Raven belies how observant she is. She takes a seat in between Felicity and Raven.

TEACHER

Now you're all here, you'll stay seated and no talking while I take care of something.

Teacher gets up, stops in front of Chelsea with hand out.

Chelsea hand overs her phone. Teacher leaves.

CHELSEA

Oh my God, Raven, did you steal your clothes from Goodwill?

Felicity sniggers.

FELICITY

They're her cousin's clothes. She rarely buys her own.

Raven is struck by Felicity's viciousness.

RAVEN

What are you doing Felicity?

CHELSEA

Trash is as trash does. And right now, this--

Chelsea indicates Raven's outfit with a wave.

CHELSEA

Needs to go in the trash.

Raven looks to Felicity for support, but none is to be had.

CHELSEA

Didn't you tell me that Josh gave her chlamydia last year?

Raven glares at Felicity, mouth agape. Felicity looks away.

RAVEN

What the hell, Felicity. You're supposed to be my friend.

FELICITY

Supposed to? I don't remember signing a contract.

Chelsea validates Felicity's response with a quick flick of her hair then pulls out a hand-mirror to touch up lipstick.

RAVEN

What?

Raven tears up.

CHELSEA

Josh was really scraping the bottom of the barrel, which for Josh is a step up from the usual.

AMY (O.S.)

That's what I thought when Ben hooked up with Felicity last month.

Their attention turns to the voice behind them.

AMY (16) sensible clothes, confident without arrogance, is calm as she confronts Chelsea from her seat right at the back near the wall.

Raven is horrified. Felicity's eyes go wide. Chelsea continues applying lipstick.

AMY

Oops, I've said too much.

Amy does the 'key and lock' gesture to her mouth.

CHELSEA

MY Ben? Please, he'd never step out on me. We've been exclusive for over a year. Josh however, has a vajayjay addiction so his standards are more fluid.

Chelsea preens her hair in her hand-mirror.

Amy saunters to Raven's desk and takes a seat between Raven and Chelsea.

AMY

(to Raven)

Don't listen to her. She doesn't know anything about you.

CHELSEA

I know that you don't get STDs if you're a virgin or use condoms and everyone knows how contagious Josh is so she must have wanted to get infected.

AMY

Oh my god, Chelsea, where do you get your information from? Facebook memes?

CHELSEA

Um, I.G. Who does Facebook anymore?

AMY

You're not going to find any real information on social media. You need to talk to your doctor or at least go to a medical website.

CHELSEA

Duh, where do you think people who post on Instagram get it?

RAVEN

From airheads like you spreading lies on social-media.

CHELSEA

I only follow respectable influencers.

AMY

OMG. Influencers don't know shit.

Felicity, desperate to help Chelsea save face, jumps in.

FELICITY

I know someone who used Dr. Pepper to wipe away chlamydia. She got that tip from Instagram.

AMY

Then you know someone who wiped themselves with a fizzy drink.

FELICITY

No, she said she doesn't have it anymore.

AMY

If she had chlamydia then her doc would test and treat her. If she wiped herself with Dr. Pepper at the same time then she just wasted a buck.

CHELSEA

Who was this? You didn't tell me.

Felicity looks away.

FELICITY

No one you know.

Amy and Raven raise their eyebrows at Felicity.

FELICITY

What are you smiling at?

RAVEN

I'm just remembering how you went through a Dr. Pepper faze recently and realizing why you kept taking cans into the toilets.

Chelsea catches on.

CHELSEA

Felicity doesn't have chlamydia, she's actually a virgin.

Felicity's cornered. Looks directly at Amy with courage.

FELICITY

That's right. So I definitely
couldn't have slept with Ben.

Chelsea gives Amy and Raven a tight smile.

AMY

You're so right, BJ's don't count.

CHELSEA

You can't get STIs from blow jobs.

Felicity cocks her head as if unsure about Chelsea's statement.

AMY

Literally everything you say is
from opposite world, but hey,
don't believe me. Ask your doctor.
And you might wanna get tested.

Chelsea's face drains and she can no longer pretend she's not suspicious. She flashes a strained smile at the two girls.

FELICITY

What's your problem anyway?

AMY

Chelsea has been spreading rumors
and misinformation for years and
I'm sick of it. Look what she did
to you and Raven.

Felicity blinks at the revelation.

AMY (CONT'D)

So detention is perfect punishment
cause keeping her mouth shut is
not her thing.

Raven can't hide her pleasure at this confrontation.

Chelsea shoots up from her seat.

CHELSEA

I'll have you know-

Amy turns her back on Chelsea and flashes her phone at Raven, interrupting Chelsea.

AMY

-So, I have a two for one coupon for a milkshake at Joe's. Do you wanna share?

RAVEN

Um, sure...

(leans in and
whispers)

Why are you being so nice to me?

AMY

Because it takes less effort to be nice than mean.

Chelsea smarts at this.

AMY

Also some jerk gave me chlamydia last year. I didn't realize for months and now I have damage to my ovaries.

Chelsea's jaw drops. Felicity looks down as if thinking.

RAVEN

It damages your ovaries?

AMY

Guys get it easy. They don't suffer consequences like we do. And Josh uses girls all the time. You're not the first he's done this to and you won't be the last. So us gals need to stick together...right?

Felicity with a change of heart, gets up and moves over to sit next to Raven with an apologetic smile.

Raven hugs Felicity.

Teacher returns; notices the seat changes.

TEACHER

It's wonderful to see the sisterhood bonding, but can you do it silently and at your own desks?

Felicity and Amy return to their original seats. All smiling as Chelsea pouts, arms crossed.

FADE OUT: