

4. Beth Side 2

*the same day
after school
feminism club
Raelynn, Beth, and Nell sit in silence for a moment*

START → NELL
I mean
should we maybe go ahead and get started?

BETH
I just kind of feel like we should wait for Mr. Smith

RAELYNN
he's only the sponsor
he doesn't have to be a part of everything
Ms. Lerner is like never there for Key Club

BETH
yeah but he seemed really excited about being involved
and he took a pretty big chance on us
I don't want him to feel like we don't value that

Raelynn rolls her eyes

I'm *serious*!

RAELYNN
yeah no I don't really ever like
doubt your seriousness

BETH
did Ivy text you back?

RAELYNN
nope

BETH
me either
it's so weird she wasn't here today
we're both trying for perfect attendance this year
and she was *just* sick so it's not that

RAELYNN
yeah

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BETH
(to Raelynn)
are you okay?

RAELYNN
yeah

beat

BETH
you sure?

RAELYNN
yeah!
why!

~~NELL _____
you've just been
off _____
today _____
like in class you seemed / like~~

~~RAELYNN _____
I mean you barely know me
so I don't know if you know when I'm off~~

~~NELL _____
wow _____
okay _____
sorry I guess~~

beat

RAELYNN
sorry
I didn't mean that
I'm tired

~~NELL _____
k _____~~

beat

RAELYNN
do you think I should have sex with Lee?

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NELL

I just think like

no

right?

yeah

no

almost definitely probably not

BETH

have you even been listening to Mr. Smith?

about abstinence?

NELL

Beth, you are so confusing sometimes

BETH

what?

NELL

this is a feminism club

our bodies, our choices, right?

BETH

well yeah

but in my head it's also kind of a Christian feminist club

NELL

I don't really remember that being written into the mission

BETH

I mean we all go to church together

and that definitely makes us see things in a different –

wait

(to Nell) where do *you* go to church?

NELL

sometimes I go with my dad down in Atlanta

but my mom's not so into it since we moved up here

BETH

you can come with us sometime if you want

Rae's dad is the preacher

and Mr. Smith goes there too

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he and his wife are like
they're so amazing
(*to Raelynn*) remember when they did their joint testimony?

RAELYNN
yeah no it was really amazing

BETH
(*to Nell*) a testimony is when people tell the story of how they came to know jesus

NELL
I know what church *is* I just don't *go*

BETH
sorry
anyway they're like my inspiration

END

RAELYNN
yeah no I mean
(*she holds up her hand to show a promise ring on her finger*)
I took the Purity Pledge and not just because of my dad
I know people do it and then they change their minds and it's like
whatever for them
but I don't know
I feel really intense and weird about it
maybe I'm being
I mean it had been seven years
that's like almost half our lives

NELL
whoa
time is crazy

RAELYNN
exactly!
so yeah!
I still just
I don't know
I feel like maybe I've been overthinking stuff
maybe I should just do it
I don't know

beat

NELL
do you