



**FLOAT**

**EPISODE 4**

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A finger slips across a phone.

A mouth smiles.

Eyes glow at the glare of a screen.

JADE is looking at her phone reading messages from Colette.

COLETTE (TEXT)

I've been thinkin bout that kiss  
all wk

JADE (TEXT)

Id like to kiss you again. Plz xxxx

Colette enters the room, holding her phone up.

COLETTE

Hi.

Jade grins.

JADE

Hi.

A playfulness glimmers in both their eyes. Colette gets ready for work.

JADE (CONT'D)

I've missed you this week.

COLETTE

Yeah, sorry. Things at home are  
just...

(BEAT)

Let's just say - that house is very  
small for all that noise. I can't  
wait to get out of there.

(BEAT)

You're lucky it's just you and your  
Mum. She seems sweet.

JADE

Yeah. She is. She's sweet.

COLETTE

Did you tell her about going to the  
doctors?

JADE

Nah, not yet. If I tell her about the waiting list for counseling she'll just start ranting about cuts to the NHS. And she'll be worried about medication interfering with my sparkling personality.

COLETTE

How does it feel?

Jade shrugs.

JADE

It's too soon to say really. How about you? Are you...How do you feel about today?

Colette shrugs.

COLETTE

I can't keep leading him on. And it feels right to tell about... you know. It's only fair on all of us.

Colette clearly means all three of them. Silence.

JADE

Promise me something?

(BEAT)

Promise me I'm not just a test. You're not just trying something out on me. Cause alotta straight girls, they sometimes think it's fun to -

COLETTE

[IN] I like you. If that's what you're asking. But.

Colette checks that no one is around and takes Jade's hands.

COLETTE (CONT'D)

I don't now how much I can promise at the moment.

Jade nods.

JADE

You're worried what folk will think?

COLETTE

No.

They move closer. Colette checks no one is near. Then she leans in and kisses Jade with such softness it brings tears to their eyes. She leans into her skin. Tender.

JADE

You're a good kisser.

COLETTE

No one has ever said that before.

JADE

Well, they're fools.

Jade smiles and slowly slips her hand away.

JADE (CONT'D)

We should probably get out there.  
Before people come in here. Lives  
to save, and all that.

Happiness hangs in the air as Jade leaves. But the hardness of the day ahead suddenly hits Colette. She clicks on her phone to check the time and a picture of STEVE is her wallpaper. She clicks it off. Fuck.

AGNIESZKA enters, distracted by being on the phone.

AGNIESZKA

(Speaks on phone in Belarusian)

TRANSLATION: I just know it's not the whole story. I better go. Bye. I love you.

Agnieszka hangs up, Colette gets ready for work.

AGNIESZKA (CONT'D)

Sorry. A friend from home.

COLETTE

You must miss them.

AGNIESZKA

If moving here has taught me one  
thing - it's that it's hard to make  
friends - as an adult.

COLETTE

Yeah. I suppose.

(BEAT)

You know, I think Liam would like  
to get to know you.

Agnieszka is surprised. She smiles, almost bashful.

AGNIESZKA

You think?

COLETTE

I think if you don't ask him out on  
a date, I'm going to do it for you.

On Colette - reminding herself to do the hard, right thing.

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INT. SWIMMING POOL - MORNING

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Jade is on pool side, watching people swim. Steve walks up to her. She has dreaded this, but tries to act normal.

STEVE

Jade.

JADE

Steve.

The two stand there looking out at the pool, with nothing to say to each other. Very, fucking, awkward.

Jade turns to sneak away.

JADE (CONT'D)

I'm gonna get -

STEVE

[IN] Jade, I think there is  
something we need to talk about.

JADE

Is there?

STEVE

It's a bit - awkward.

JADE

Is it?

STEVE

And it's been playing on my mind.  
Since last week.

JADE

Right.

STEVE

And I know you think I'm an idiot.  
Like I wouldn't notice these  
things.

(BEAT)

But about you being overwhelmed - I  
should have offered to talk or  
something.

JADE

Honestly, it's fine.

STEVE

Aye, but I wanted you to know that -  
I get it. I think I get it.

(BEAT)

I had a brother who - struggled  
with some stuff. And I think it all  
started with him being  
overwhelmed...He kept it private  
and it just got worse and worse  
and...

(BEAT)

I just wish he had talked.

JADE

I'm sorry. Honestly, do not worry  
about me.

Steve nods and goes to walk away.

JADE (CONT'D)

What was his name? Your brother.

STEVE

Jonathan. Johnny.

Steve smiles, bittersweet, and walks off. Jade suddenly feels  
guilty for what is about to happen.

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EXT. SPORTS CENTRE - AFTERNOON

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Colette is pushing chips around with a fork.

LIAM (O.S.)

Who you avoiding?

LIAM arrives, protein shake in hand. And sits next to her.

COLETTE

I'm not avoiding anyone.

LIAM

Is that right?

COLETTE

How's your eye?

LIAM

Ah it's not bad. Getting better I think.

COLETTE

Can I touch it?

LIAM

Aye, go on and have a look.

(BEAT)

Ah, ah, alright, it's a wee bit stingy...

COLETTE

You know a warm compress should help with that.

LIAM

You think so? Alright, I'll try that. Do you think chips help?

Colette offers the chips to him.

COLETTE

Have them. I'm trying to eat healthy anyway.

LIAM

Magic. Potatoes are vegetables, and red sauce...tomatoes. That's two of your five a day right here.

(BEAT)

Just a joke.

COLETTE

I don't really feel like laughing today.

LIAM

You were never this serious at school.

COLETTE

We didn't go to the same school.

LIAM

You're joking. Aye, we did. I was four years below ye.

(MORE)

LIAM (CONT'D)

You just didn't know I existed  
until you started goin with Steve  
and got a job here.

(BEAT)

He's weird, like, in' he? Steve. A  
good guy though. Good weird. He's  
better than the other lads.

COLETTE

Do you really think so?

LIAM

I know so - I am the other lads.

(BEAT)

Are you sure it's alright I have  
these?

COLETTE

I'm sure.

She is suddenly unsure of everything. Agnieszka arrives,  
tentatively.

AGNIESZKA

Can I join?

COLETTE

Yeah, course.

LIAM

Hiya.

COLETTE

In fact. I was just leaving.

(BEAT)

Enjoy.

Colette walks away. She turns back and sees Agnieszka and  
Liam making small talk and laughing. She sees how simple love  
can be. She wishes it was that simple for her. Deep breath.  
Come on, girl.

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INT. STEVE'S OFFICE - EVENING

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Colette stands outside Steve's office door. Resetting. She  
closes her eyes as she pushes it open.

COLETTE

Have you got a minute?

STEVE

I'm sure I could find one.



Steve sits working, there is a warmth to him that fills the room. Colette suddenly feels very guilty.

COLETTE

Sorry I've not been very good at replying. I've had a shit week.

STEVE

Sounds it. How are your folks?

COLETTE

Angry. Dad's raging cause no one will give him an interview and Mum's raging because he's at home all the time just taking up space.

STEVE

It sounds shit. I'm sorry.

COLETTE

Yeah. Me too.

(BEAT)

There is something else that I need to tell you.

Colette takes a deep breath.

COLETTE (CONT'D)

So a few weeks ago I missed my period. And I did a test. And it turns out I'm pregnant.

STEVE

Pregnant?

COLETTE

Yeah.

STEVE

I thought you were on the pill?

COLETTE

Why is it just my responsibility?

STEVE

No, Yeah. I'm Sorry. You're right. You're pregnant?

(BEAT)

And it's my - our - baby?

COLETTE

Yeah.

STEVE

Why didn't you say before?

COLETTE

Because - I needed time to - think.

STEVE

Oh my god. A baby? Oh my god.

Steve suddenly smiles - overwhelmed by the news. He rushes and hugs Colette.

COLETTE

You're - happy?

STEVE

I mean. We needed a sign that we should stay together. And we're here.

(BEAT)

Here is that sign.

(BEAT)

Because I love you. I love you so much and I will do anything I can for you and this - baby growing in you. I will make a life so great. And we can start again.

COLETTE

Start again?

Colette is overwhelmed by the moment. Surprised by his reaction.

Steve grabs Colette and kisses her. She gives into the kiss. And puts her hands gently on his chest.

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INT. STAFF ROOM - OUTSIDE THE DOOR - AFTERNOON

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Jade watches through the door. She sees them kiss. Jade is devastated, her sadness slowly turning into anger.

She punches open the door.

A shocked Colette and Steve turn to look at her.

COLETTE

Jade?

Jade is devastated, she looks Colette dead in the eye. She just turns and runs.

COLETTE (CONT'D)

Jade!

6 EXT. SPORTS CENTRE - EVENING.

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Jade runs out. Tears in her eyes. Colette catches up to her.

JADE

I fucking new it.

Jade runs away. Steve catches up to Colette and grabs her by the hand to stop her. They watch Jade run.

Colette looks at Steve. And slips her hand out of his.

COLETTE

I'm sorry.

And she runs after Jade.

COLETTE (CONT'D)

Jade, Jade. For fuck's sake. Jade!

END OF EPISODE