



EPISODE TEN

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10/1

INT. SCHOOL HALL - DAY

10/1

POLLY sweeps the stage with a long brush. Mid-stage, she stops, leans on the brush and stares out. The hall's ready for the end of term party. Banner, blown-up pics from Sc.4 in place. She hums the *Lady Godiva* theme and does a little Strictly-style dance, getting lost in the moment. SAM, who's just entered, makes a grab for the last of the *Lady Godiva* posters. He stares at it for a moment with contempt before ripping it to shreds.

POLLY looks up, embarrassed. He raises a wry brow and she smiles weakly. In on the banner 'Phoenix Rise End of Term Party'.

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INT./EXT. HAZEL'S CAR/SCHOOL GATES - DAY

10/2

HAZEL's just pulled up in her gym gear, SUMMER riding passenger. This time without her earphones. As she stares out the window at school, she seems immune to HAZEL's endless chat.

HAZEL

I've got tell you about Pilates this morning. I got all the way to my hundredth hundredth without stopping. I'll be balancing my coffee cup on my abs in no time.

POLLY (V.O.)

Welcome to the greatest show on earth! Everyone's welcome, whatever your musical preference or taste in shoes. Though I maintain you can't dance safely in heels. Unless you're Oti Mabuse.

10/3

INT. JAMIE STEWART'S OFFICE - DAY

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POLLY (V.O.)

Either way... there's a place here for everyone!

An empty office. The door slowly opens and a furtive KHALED sneaks in. He takes a steak bake in a paper bag from his bag and places it carefully on Jamie's desk. He grabs a pen and writes 'SORRY' on a post-it and sticks it on top. With a hopeful half-smile, he makes a swift exit.

10/4

INT. SCHOOL HALL - DAY

10/4

POLLY is on the mic onstage as pupils - including RANI, who's pinning up blown-up pics of memorable moments from the term - and N/S STAFF dress the hall for the end of term party.

POLLY

(into the mic)

The Phoenix Rise end of term party!

No-one is paying any attention. She taps the side of the mic.

POLLY (CONT'D)

(more to herself)

Seems to be working.

She puts down the mic and grabs her clipboard, then sees RANI.

POLLY (CONT'D)

No. Rani, no. They need to be much higher. Under the banner, see?

She points at the banner. RANI nods and heads over to it. One of the teachers presses play on some music, which blasts out. POLLY winces. Passing NATHAN looks in. His eyes land on RANI, dragging a table to the wall with the banner on.

POLLY (CONT'D)

(to a teacher)

Bet your school parties were nowhere near as wild as this.

RANI stands on the table to pin up a pic but stumbles. NATHAN gets there in time to stop her from falling. She grabs his hands to steady herself, then pulls away.

RANI

Thanks.

He smiles sheepishly.

RANI (CONT'D)

You're coming? Tonight?

NATHAN

Maybe.

Awkward moment. He rushes out. RANI's a bit flustered. She goes to get back on the table. POLLY's back on the mic.

POLLY

Rani Rahimi. Step away from the table.

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RANI smiles apologetically as POLLY shakes her head in despair.

10/5 INT./EXT. HAZEL'S CAR/SCHOOL GATES - DAY

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Music continues... HAZEL turns the radio down.

HAZEL

I'm all for second chances. For a start, where would you be without them? Also, my entire brand is built on embracing the whole self, mistakes included.

(glances at SUMMER)

Are you listening?

SUMMER murmurs agreement.

HAZEL (CONT'D)

But the man is a head teacher. He has to be held accountable.

SUMMER moves to exit the car.

HAZEL (CONT'D)

I'll pick your dress up from the dry cleaners.

(off SUMMER's lack of response)

For the party!

SUMMER looks at her, couldn't be less interested.

HAZEL (CONT'D)

No doubt you'd rather wear something second hand and stinky.

SUMMER

The dress is fine.

HAZEL's surprised. SUMMER smiles a dead smile. Concerned, HAZEL is about to quiz her but SUMMER's already out of the car and heading into school, past BECKY who's helping a girl tie her shoelaces.

BECKY

(to SUMMER)

Hey. Looking forward to the party?

SUMMER blinks her and enters school. BECKY watches with concern.

DARCY arrives, with his bike, helmet off, and catches up with BILLY.

10/5 CONTINUED:

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DARCY

Mate. What d'you reckon's
happening with Mr Stewart?

BILLY raises his brows - where to start? HAZEL's car zooms past.

DARCY (CONT'D)

That could be your mother-in-law
one day.

BILLY

(scoffs)

Me and Summer? Nah.

DARCY

Here we go. Told yourself it won't
happen, so it won't.

BILLY

What do you care? You've been after
her all term.

DARCY

Y'know your problem? Too much
moping, not enough action.

BILLY

I told her I like her, ok? In a
letter. And... nothing. Dead.

DARCY

A letter?! As in...?
(mimes writing)

BILLY looks embarrassed. DARCY despairs.

DARCY (CONT'D)

Maybe try telling her to her face bro.

BILLY swallows nervously. Does he dare? DARCY knows he should
own up about the note but can't! BILLY walks off into school.

10/6

INT. SCHOOL HALL RECEPTION - DAY

10/6

JAMIE's at the heart of a cluster of kids, including CASSIDY
and her Plastics: SHANNON, BLAZE and LEVI.

JAMIE STEWART

The incident was declared to the
authorities.

Curious BILLY approaches.

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CASSIDY

Why's there an emergency Governors meeting later then?

JAMIE's thrown. How did she know about that? LEVI looks impressed. JAMIE tries to hide his growing unease.

JAMIE STEWART

So the local authority can assure them that I have their full backing. Now can we all move on?

He smiles broadly. But as the group disperses so does his grin. BILLY catches his eye.

JAMIE STEWART (CONT'D)

All ready for the party?

BILLY

Sir...

JAMIE STEWART

This is nothing for you to worry about okay?

(before BILLY can argue)

Apparently Miss Abel's made one of her famous trifles.

JAMIE smiles weakly as he heads into school, the strain beginning to show. On BILLY, feeling awful.

10/7

INT. BOILER ROOM - DAY

10/7

Nervy KHALED, DARCY, LEILA and a distracted SUMMER are in the Boiler Room.

LEILA

Some people are born for fame. Others, like Rani, let it go to their head.

DARCY

She's hardly Dua Lipa.

BILLY enters.

LEILA

He knows, don't you Billy? Rani's head's gonna get massive!

10/7 CONTINUED:

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BILLY

The whole school's out there
chatting rubbish about Mr Stewart...

KHALED flinches at mention of Jamie.

BILLY (CONT'D)

... and this is what you're doing?
Rinsing our pal?

LEILA

No-one cares about an old man
nicking a car a thousand years ago.

DARCY

My mum said school sent an email
saying they know what he did and
they're good with it so...

KHALED

(hopeful)

Really?

DARCY

That doesn't mean the parents
are. There's some emergency
meeting later - governors, the
council or something.

KHALED swallows, that's awful.

BILLY

If these authorities or whatever
come sniffing around Sir, they'll
find out what he's done for me and
Ri. Hiding everything from social
services. And then what?

SUMMER, who was disengaged throughout, lifts her head.

BILLY (CONT'D)

We'll go in care.

BILLY looks in despair at the worried group, even LEILA's
quiet. Out on KHALED, wracked with guilt.

10/8

INT. SCHOOL - WIGGLY CORRIDOR - DAY

10/8

RANI is on cloud nine, a new spring in her step. NATHAN's
leaning on the wall by a classroom. RANI looks at him
nervously then plucks up courage to speak.

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RANI
Thanks for before.
(babbles)
I fell off a fence once. I was
trying to feed a horse with an
apple but...

He smiles. She thinks he's laughing at her so, feeling self-conscious, she stops talking and starts walking on.

NATHAN
(blurts)
Do you want to go to the party with me?

RANI
What? No!

He's surprised. And looks around, embarrassed.

NATHAN
No?

RANI
Yes. As in... no. Sorry.

She goes to walk off but he touches her sleeve.

NATHAN
Why? I mean, it's your choice
but... why? Cos you don't like me?

RANI doesn't know what to say.

NATHAN (CONT'D)
Ah. Ok. You're judging me on my past.

RANI
There **are** some things you've done..

NATHAN
So you don't believe people can
change?
(beat)
Right.

Gutted, NATHAN walks off. Before RANI can register what's happened, LEILA approaches.

LEILA
What's he want?

RANI
He was lost.

10/8 CONTINUED: (2)

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LEILA turns her nose up, not interested anyway.

LEILA

I'm done with singing. All that showing off... so *jarring*.

RANI looks at her, hurt.

LEILA (CONT'D)

(to RANI)

Oh you're not like that, babe.

(pauses)

Yet.

RANI opens her mouth to defend herself.

LEILA (CONT'D)

I've been watching 'how to be a C.E.O'. One woman made a mill by the time she was 19!

RANI nods. Ok.

LEILA (CONT'D)

End of the day Rani, that's all we can be, innit? Authentic.

She sashays off. RANI thinks about that. Is she authentic? And what's she gonna do about Nathan?!

10/9

INT. SCHOOL - CORRIDOR O/S MATHS CLASSROOM - DAY

10/9

An increasingly withdrawn SUMMER walks with POLLY towards maths class. CASSIDY is holding court outside the classroom.

CASSIDY

Apparently, he was in some biker gang.

POLLY

Mr Stewart's never ridden a motorcycle in his life!

CASSIDY

Calm down Polly. You'll wet yourself again.

Her pals snigger. POLLY looks to SUMMER for support but SUMMER seems oblivious. MISS ABEL joins them.

MISS ABEL

Does this look like an overpriced coffee shop? Inside, please.

10/9 CONTINUED:

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POLLY
(to SUMMER)
That girl's got the IQ of a pencil.

But SUMMER is walking off, away from class.

MISS ABEL
Summer!

SUMMER flashes her exemption card and keeps walking.

POLLY
I'll just check she's... (OKAY)

MISS ABEL silences her with a look. POLLY bids a hasty retreat. In the corridor, BILLY faces SUMMER.

BILLY
You're going the wrong way.

SUMMER
What's new.

BILLY
Wait.

She stops reluctantly. BILLY is super nervous but hasn't clocked his timing is VERY bad.

BILLY (CONT'D)
I wanted to ask... that note you got, with the line from your favourite film, 'We are...'

SUMMER
Is this a joke?
(off BILLY's confusion)
With everything that's happening - you're going on about some pointless note from a pointless film!?

He looks at her mortified.

SUMMER (CONT'D)
Grow up Billy.

BILLY looks at her, hurt, then walks toward class. SUMMER watches him for a beat, then turns and strides in the opposite direction.

10/10 **INT. SCHOOL - MATHS CLASSROOM - DAY**

10/10

Lovesick BILLY's staring out of the window as MR KOTHARI opens the door to BECKY.

MR KOTHARI

Miss Ruiz. Please tell me you're here to take one of these maths geniuses off my hands.

BECKY

I am actually.

MR KOTHARI raises a wry brow. ETHAN chuck's a half-eaten chocolate bar at BILLY's head, laughing as BILLY nearly falls off his chair. CASSIDY laughs and even DARCY grins.

BILLY

What you doing you clown!

BECKY

Charming.

She's standing next to him. BILLY looks sheepish.

BECKY (CONT'D)

Can you come with me?

BILLY

What for?

He looks around, everyone's staring.

ETHAN

Therapy time for Tyson Fury!

BECKY

Pipe down you.

BILLY feels anger rising, he grabs his stuff.

MR KOTHARI

(to ETHAN)

Any more, you'll be in isolation.

ETHAN scowls. DARCY watches with concern as, full of dread, BILLY follows BECKY out.

10/11 **INT. HAVEN OF HAPPINESS - DAY**

10/11

BILLY sits in his usual spot opposite BECKY. She doesn't sit. No preamble, BECKY gets straight to the point.

10/11 CONTINUED:

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BECKY

Your dad's gone again hasn't he?

BILLY's heart feels like it's in his throat.

BILLY

(quiet)

No.

BECKY

Lying doesn't suit you Billy.

(beat)

How long's he been gone?

BILLY

He drives long distance don't he,
so the odd night he sleeps in the
truck but that's it!

BECKY

I get it, you're worried your
dad'll get in trouble, you're
worried about Ri but this is bigger
than that, isn't it?

(beat)

Mr Stewart's helping you. Hiding
the situation from social services.

BILLY tries not to give anything away in his face.

BECKY (CONT'D)

You do know that's wrong?

BILLY feels awful.

BECKY (CONT'D)

You have to tell them about your dad.
I'll do it with you if you're scared.

(beat)

You know I can't just ignore this.

She stares at BILLY who's trying to hold his nerve.

BECKY (CONT'D)

We'll sort things, I promise.

BILLY

I don't know what you're on about.

BECKY

Mr Stewart'll lose his job. He's
risked everything to help you.

(MORE)

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BECKY (CONT'D)
Don't you think you should help
him? While you still can?

BILLY looks away. Will he cave? He swallows.

BILLY
You're wasting your time.

BECKY shakes her head sadly. Feeling doomed, BILLY gets his bag and walks slowly out.

10/12 INT. GIRLS TOILETS - DAY

10/12

RANI's washing her hands when LEILA and RIHANNA burst in.

LEILA
That Milly wotsit from Year 10
reckons you pied Nathan Keyes in
the corridor.

RANI
Well that's definitely not true.
(trying to joke)
No pies were involved.

RIHANNA and LEILA look at each other - what??

RANI (CONT'D)
He did ask if I wanted to go with
him to the party.

RIHANNA
Do you like him??

RANI's pause suggest she does!

LEILA
WOW.

RANI
Leila. I said no.

RIHANNA
So you did pie him? Confused!

RANI
He has an awful reputation. And he
really scared Khaled.

LEILA
Back up sis. You just said you
fancy him!

10/12 CONTINUED:

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RANI

Um, no. You asked if.... and...

LEILA

Do. You. Like. Him?

RANI

I hate the things he's done.

LEILA

I hate some things Bee's done. But
she's not a bad person.

RIHANNA

People can change.

LEILA

If Khaled's as loyal as you are to
him, he'll get it.

RANI

So.... what are you saying?

RIHANNA

I think she's saying...

Looks at LEILA and smiles.

RIHANNA (CONT'D)

You do you boo!

LEILA

You do you boo!

They link arms and exit laughing. RANI looks at herself in
the mirror. What on earth does that mean!?10/13 INT. SCHOOL PLAYGROUND - DAY

10/13

ETHAN is hanging with CASSIDY, BLAZE and LEVI.

ETHAN

(to CASSIDY)

Pick you up? What on, my
skateboard?She eye-rolls. ETHAN grins at passing NATHAN, who laughs
along. CASSIDY elbows ETHAN.

ETHAN (CONT'D)

Nath, Cassidy says you should
take Blaze to prom.CASSIDY gives BLAZE a small shove forward. BLAZE smiles at
NATHAN. He squirms awkwardly and doesn't smile back.

10/13 CONTINUED:

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CASSIDY

Cat got your tongue?

NATHAN stalls - how to get out of this one? His phone beeps. He reads a text and grins, joy over his usually hard face.

NATHAN

I'm already taking someone.

CASSIDY

Oh yeah? Who?!

But NATHAN ignores her, re-reading the text, all smiles as CASSIDY and her friends look daggers at him.

10/14 INT. BOILER ROOM - DAY

10/14

BILLY paces/moves posters on the wall/kicks a cushion around, his mind racing. KHALED enters, alarmed by BILLY's simmering anger. BILLY nods at him and tries to calm down. After a beat.

KHALED

You okay?

BILLY

Looks like Mr Stewart is gonna get it in the neck.

KHALED

What's going to happen?

BILLY

Dunno. But I just want to tell everyone who's helped me and Ri that it means a lot - including you. You've been a good mate.

Pent up guilt overwhelms KHALED.

KHALED

It was me! It was childish and

stupid and I'm so sorry.

(off BILLY's confusion)

I sent the meme. About Sir.

BILLY stares at him. Can't quite believe it.

BILLY

You what?

KHALED is scared now. The door opens as an oblivious LEILA, DARCY and RANI enter.

10/14 CONTINUED:

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LEILA

You will not believe what this
one's been up to now!

RANI shoves her surprisingly hard. LEILA goes to shove her back but BILLY grabs KHALED by his collar.

DARCY

Woah! Bill! What you doing!?

He manages to hold BILLY off.

BILLY

He sent that stuff about Stewart.

They all look at KHALED. He can't meet their gaze, eyes on the floor.

RANI

How could you?

LEILA

What do you think's gonna happen to Ri? And Billy? I thought you was our friend!

DARCY

Can everyone just... stop! Khaled?

KHALED, eyes still down, slowly shakes his head.

KHALED

If there was something I could do to help Mr Stewart, I'd do it. Anything!

BILLY suddenly has a moment of clarity. He has to do the right thing. He runs from the room.

DARCY

Gonna have to buy my boy a punchbag.

Devastated KHALED flops into a seat. All eyes angrily on him.

10/15 INT. SCHOOL - WIGGLY CORRIDOR - DAY

10/15

Lunch is over and JAMIE and BECKY are corralling the kids back to class. Breathless BILLY makes a beeline for JAMIE, watched by BECKY. BILLY lowers his voice so no-one overhears.

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BILLY

Me and Ri, we're good now Sir.
No need for your help any more,
do you understand?

JAMIE STEWART

What's happened?
(low)
Is your dad home?

BILLY

Can we just pretend this never
happened. Ok? If anyone asks
me, I'll say...

He follows JAMIE's gaze - grave-faced MISS ABEL is approaching with two important-looking suits (from the LEA) BECKY looks on with concern as they approach JAMIE.

BILLY (CONT'D)

(to JAMIE)
Who are they?

MISS ABEL

Mr Stewart, can I steal you please?

JAMIE pats worried BILLY's shoulder and follows them toward his office. BILLY locks eyes with BECKY. She goes to him.

BECKY

I know you're angry but it was
taken out of my hands. It's for
the best, Billy. You'll see.

He can't believe what she's done. His world is about to end.

10/16 INT. JAMIE STEWART'S OFFICE - DAY

10/16

As JAMIE lets the two suits and MISS ABEL into his office.

JAMIE STEWART

I thought the governors meeting was
at five?

MISS ABEL

It might not come to that.

Confused, JAMIE faces the two suits.

10/16 CONTINUED:

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JAMIE STEWART

I declared my youth convictions
when I applied for this job, they
said it made me a better candidate!
More understanding, more...
(EMPATHIC)

BILLY rushes up.

MISS ABEL

(to JAMIE)

They're here to talk about Billy
and Rihanna Hopkins.

JAMIE's eyes widen. She gives him an almost reassuring look.

BILLY

Miss! Miss Abel, please...

MISS ABEL

Not now Billy.

BILLY stares wide-eyed as JAMIE glances at his desk, noticing the now-cold steak bake. An air of defeat around him, he sits. MISS ABEL slowly closes the door on devastated BILLY.

10/17 INT. ISOLATION ROOM - DAY

10/17

SUMMER's got her earphones in and is looking straight ahead at a blank wall. BECKY watches, something's not right. SUMMER slowly taps her fingers on the table, one by one. Over and over until BECKY can't take it any more. She goes over to her and motions for SUMMER to take out her earbuds.

BECKY

You're the first student I've seen
place themselves in isolation. You ok?

SUMMER looks at her for a beat and then bolts to the door.

BECKY (CONT'D)

No!

She manages to get between SUMMER and the door.

BECKY (CONT'D)

What's wrong? Talk to me.

Seeing she can't get past BECKY and frustration piquing, SUMMER rushes back into the room and tries to pick up the table but it's nailed to the floor.

10/17 CONTINUED:

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She screams in frustration trying to yank the table and cuts her hand. But she's oblivious, still weakly trying to lift the table.

BECKY (CONT'D)

(gently)

You've hurt yourself. Let me see.

SUMMER's breathing is erratic, the start of a panic attack.

SUMMER

I can't breathe. I need space!

BECKY

Ok Summer, honey, you trust me?

SUMMER looks at her, eventually she nods.

BECKY (CONT'D)

Then breathe with me please.

That's all. Just breathe.

She inhales and waits for SUMMER to join. She does and they exhale together. SUMMER's face is covered in panic and fear.

10/18 INT. BOILER ROOM - DAY

10/18

There's a subdued vibe as DARCY, BILLY, RANI, KHALED and LEILA listen attentively to JAMIE.

JAMIE STEWART

You're hating this, aren't you?

Me being in here.

RANI

We change the code on the lock all the time.

JAMIE smiles.

RANI (CONT'D)

Oh I didn't mean...

JAMIE STEWART

Anyway, I know your breaks are precious, so...

He sees LEILA glare at KHALED. BILLY's got his back to him.

JAMIE STEWART (CONT'D)

Firstly - Khaled. He's made his apologies.

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10/18 CONTINUED:

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JAMIE STEWART (CONT'D)
(smiles at KHALED)
Though it was cold so... think
about that next time.

KHALED
Sorry sir.

JAMIE STEWART
This isn't about what Khaled did.

LEILA
If he hadn't started all this,
they'd never have found out about
Billy and Ri.

RANI
It's not their fault their dad left.

BILLY
Rani...

JAMIE STEWART
Khaled made a mistake. And so did I.

DARCY
Are you really gonna say that you
helping Billy and Ri was a mistake?

He eyeballs JAMIE.

JAMIE STEWART
What I'm saying is - we make choices
and then we have to face the
fallout. No matter how hard. But
I'll never stand here and tell you
not to watch out for your friends.

DARCY gives BILLY a small nod.

JAMIE STEWART (CONT'D)
On day one I told you how important
your bond would be, the six of you.
And I've seen that with my own eyes.
I'm so proud of you. All of you.

BILLY swallows. Doesn't feel he has done anything to be proud of.

LEILA
It's still kinda Khaled's fault!

RANI nudges LEILA to shut up.

10/18 CONTINUED: (2)

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JAMIE STEWART

None of us would be here now if we
were perfect humans. So if you
can't forgive one of your own, then
what was the point of me?

LEILA gives KHALED a small apologetic smile.

RANI

Was?

BILLY looks up, concerned. DARCY looks at BILLY - what!?

JAMIE STEWART

There's a special assembly later,
Miss Abel will explain everything
but I wanted to tell you all
myself. I've been suspended pending
an investigation. That means...

LEILA

They sacked you!?

DARCY

Do you ever listen? An
investigation. So he might come
back, he might... (NOT)

JAMIE smiles sadly. BILLY slumps into a seat, guilty and gutted.
KHALED looks at him - knows he has to try and make this right.

10/19 INT. HAVEN OF HAPPINESS - DAY

10/19

BECKY's putting a dressing on a much calmer SUMMER's hand.
She looks at her, figuring out what to say.

BECKY

You've done so well this term.

SUMMER

Til now.

BECKY

There's nothing wrong with needing help.

SUMMER

I'm sick of being... sick.

(beat)

This feeling in my stomach.
Always... anxious. I couldn't even
eat my lunch yesterday because the
tomato was touching the bread.

10/19 CONTINUED:

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She sighs - it sounds so ridiculous out loud.

BECKY

You've got coping mechanisms?

SUMMER

Sometimes it gets so bad so quick, I
forget them and then it's too late.

BECKY senses she wants to say more so stays quiet.

SUMMER (CONT'D)

And I've missed some therapy sessions.

BECKY

Have you told your mum?

SUMMER stays silent.

SUMMER

I've got a support worker I can
talk to. Called Romeo.

(smiles)

He's nice, listens, you know, no
judgement. But...

BECKY

Yeah?

SUMMER

I'm scared.

BECKY

What of?

SUMMER

That if I tell him how I really am...
they'll send me back to hospital.

BECKY feels for her. But she knows going back to hospital is
something SUMMER has to do.

BECKY

(knowing)

What happened there?

SUMMER thinks, her eyes well with tears but then she smiles
sadly, looking right at BECKY.

SUMMER

I got better.

BECKY sits with her in silence before passing SUMMER her phone.

10/20 **INT. SCHOOL - YORK HOUSE CORRIDOR - DAY**

10/20

LEILA and RIHANNA are about to enter class.

BILLY

Ri!

She stops.

BILLY (CONT'D)

Has she told you about Mr Stewart?

RIHANNA looks at LEILA, who shakes her head.

BILLY (CONT'D)

They know what he's done for
us. And about dad.

RIHANNA

What's gonna happen?

BILLY's doesn't want to lie to her. But...

BILLY

I won't let them split us up.

RIHANNA's eyes well but she tries her hardest be strong. BILLY stoops to look in her eyes, trying in vain to look confident.

BILLY (CONT'D)

Have I ever let you down?

RIHANNA, still scared, shakes her head. BILLY gives her a small, brave smile but there's fear behind his eyes. LEILA looks on, gutted for her best mate.

10/21 **INT. HAVEN OF HAPPINESS - DAY**

10/21

BECKY in the background, SUMMER's on her phone.

SUMMER

Romeo, it's Summer.

(beat)

Not really.

She bites her lip - can she say the words? BECKY smiles, sad but proud. On SUMMER, scared but knowing this is what she has to do.

10/22 **INT. SCHOOL - IT CLASSROOM - DAY**

10/22

RIHANNA's subdued as LEILA walks back to her desk from the printer, holding a printed document.

MISS ABEL

Hey! You're supposed to ask before you print something.

LEILA waves the paper in MISS ABEL's face.

LEILA

Can I print something Miss?

She flops into her seat with a cocky look for MISS ABEL, who eye rolls. LEILA slides the paper to RIHANNA.

LEILA (CONT'D)

Sign it. At the bottom.

RIHANNA's about to sign the makeshift form when she stops.

RIHANNA

What is it?

LEILA

I'm gonna ask my mum to adopt you.

RIHANNA's confused.

LEILA (CONT'D)

She loves you.

She makes the heart shape with her hands.

LEILA (CONT'D)

You always make the bed when you stop over.

Feeling a little lighter, RIHANNA smiles. True friendship.

10/23 **INT. BOILER ROOM - DAY**

10/23

BILLY's getting ready for the party, an air of sadness over him. Full of it, DARCY's getting ready next to him, playing music from his phone. DARCY does a dance move, trying to make BILLY laugh. BILLY just looks at him then sighs. DARCY turns the music off.

DARCY

It's like hanging out with a jigsaw. One with missing pieces.

10/23 CONTINUED:

10/23

BILLY

As if you've ever done a jigsaw.

DARCY

What you need, is a girlfriend.

BILLY

Are you totally clueless? Do you know what's about to happen to my life!?

DARCY

Exactly! You've got no parents, bad trainers and you're not teacher's pet any more cos... yeah.

BILLY

I swear if you don't shut it...

DARCY

Summer's into you, man.

BILLY

Yeah? She just told me to grow up!

DARCY

That sappy note you put in her locker, I signed my name on it - she thought it was from me.

A stunned BILLY's open-mouthed.

BILLY

Why? Why would you do that!?

DARCY

Cos I was jealous! Mate, it was a snake move but I'm telling you now.

Raging, BILLY goes chest-to-chest with him.

DARCY (CONT'D)

You gonna hit me? Fine. After you go talk to her. Bill, go. Go!

BILLY backs away, spiralling with anger and confusion.

10/24 INT. GIRLS TOILETS - DAY

10/24

Music playing through LEILA's phone, LEILA is doing RANI's hair and RIHANNA's on make-up duties. RANI's nervous, humming to keep herself calm. As she checks her phone...

10/24 CONTINUED:

10/24

RIHANNA

Wonder who my first date will be with?

LEILA

You'd need to talk to a boy
without crying first.

RIHANNA scowls playfully. Looking at her phone, RANI frowns.

RANI

Khaled isn't texting back.

(beat)

I won't lose a friend over a boy.

LEILA and RIHANNA look at each other over RANI's head. What's going to happen? There's a loud knock then BILLY barges in. RANI and RIHANNA squeal. LEILA smiles at him.

BILLY

Summer in here?

LEILA

(annoyed)

Not unless she's hiding down the
bog.

He rushes back out. A grin spreads across RIHANNA's face.

10/25 EXT. SCHOOL HALL RECEPTION - DAY

10/25

RANI, looking unconventionally fantastic, stares at her watch. There are balloons, fake flowers and streamers over the school entrance. Some kids are arriving, others huddle around having fun before they go in.

BEE and SAM stand a bit aside, watching with bemusement.

SAM

(of a boy's outfit)

Just cos it comes in your size,
doesn't mean you should wear it.

BEE

Think I prefer standard detention
to babysitting 200 hyper kids.

SAM

There is one bonus.

(off BEE)

Abel's raspberry trifle.

10/25 CONTINUED:

10/25

BEE does the chef's kiss. On cue, late as ever, KHALED runs into the school yard.

KHALED

Sorry, I forgot to bring clothes to change into then I missed the bus and...

RANI grabs his hands to silence him.

RANI

Nathan asked me to the dance. I sort of said... yes.

KHALED

(stunned)
You like Nathan?

RANI

He promised he'll apologise to you.
And I... I don't think he's all bad.

KHALED is silent.

RANI (CONT'D)

On our first day, Mr Stewart told us we all deserve a second chance.

(beat)

But if you hate it, I'll tell him no.

KHALED

Really?

RANI

Of course!

(beat)

You're my friend.

RANI stares at him. KHALED thinks.

KHALED

Okay.

RANI raises her brows - *really*? KHALED nods. She grins before grabbing his hand and dragging him towards school.

RANI

Come on!

He smiles, a bit sad, and follows them.

SAM holds out his arm like an old school gent for BEE, who graciously accepts.

10/25 CONTINUED: (2)

10/25

MAGS (O.S.)

Bee!

BEE turns, her face falls when she sees MAGS, in work clothes.

BEE

Lay's already gone in.

MAGS

I'm not here for Leila.

SAM takes a respectful step away, giving them privacy.

MAGS (CONT'D)

She said you were helping out tonight.

BEE looks at her - so!?

MAGS (CONT'D)

You didn't go to your end of term
thing last year so I thought..

BEE

It's detention for me, not a party.

MAGS

Well, I brought you these still.

She gets a pair of large-ish real gold hoops from her pocket. BEE stares at them. Her absolute favourites. Her face breaks into a smile. As she takes them.

MAGS (CONT'D)

(light)

You always took them without
asking, thought it'd make a change.

BEE

Always have to make a dig, don't you?

MAGS

I didn't mean...

BEE pushes the hoops back into MAGS's hand but MAGS won't take them. Stalemate.

MAGS (CONT'D)

I'm sorry. I want you to have them.

She smiles but BEE doesn't smile back. SAM looks on. Covering her sadness, MAGS goes. BEE looks down at the earrings then shoves them in her pocket. She beckons SAM as they walk into school.

10/26 INT. SCHOOL HALL - NIGHT

10/26

LEILA, RANI, RIHANNA and KHALED enter. NS TEACHERS supervise the party. DARCY's flirting with some girls. RANI sees KHALED look nervously at BILLY, who's scanning the room for Summer.

RANI

It's too late for Mr Stewart.
But maybe you can fix things
with Billy?

KHALED frowns - but how? MISS ABEL enters and proudly places her raspberry trifle on the food table.

NATHAN, ETHAN, CASSIDY, SHANNON, BLAZE and LEVI are on the other side of the dancefloor. RANI locks eyes with NATHAN across the floor. NATHAN's blown away by how good she looks and smiles. RANI smiles back. ETHAN clocks this.

ETHAN

I think she likes you! Bad luck.

RANI, trying to look confident, makes her way toward NATHAN, parting the crowd. She attracts some surprised looks from the students. She's oblivious.

CASSIDY

Even Miss Abel wouldn't be seen
dead in that.

SAM and BEE slip in.

NATHAN

She's got her own style.

CASSIDY

There's more style in my nan's
baked bean casserole.

ETHAN

Is she actually coming over?
(sniggers)
She is! Watch out bro.

CASSIDY and the PLASTICS glare at RANI as she approaches, she gets even more nervous and looks to NATHAN for reassurance.

CASSIDY

Are you lost babes? Your jailbird
mates are over there.

10/26 CONTINUED:

10/26

She points towards BILLY, who's distracted staring at his phone hoping Summer might call, RIHANNA and LEILA. RANI's embarrassed but focuses on NATHAN, who's staring, wide-eyed.

RANI

Nathan?

ETHAN cracks up. NATHAN pauses. RANI smiles and he... turns his back, laughing loudly with CASSIDY and her friends.

KHALED watches, clocking something is wrong. Confused, RANI takes a step toward NATHAN. CASSIDY gets between them.

CASSIDY

As if he'd be seen with you.

(to her friends)

Bless.

Sick with humiliation, RANI turns and begins the slow walk of shame back across the floor, all eyes on her.

Fuming, KHALED rushes over. LEILA, RIHANNA, BILLY and DARCY follow him. KHALED yanks NATHAN's arm so he faces him.

KHALED

You... you're a bully. And I've worked out why. Cos you're weak. You're the one who gets stepped on in cartoons. Not me.

NATHAN looks over at humiliated RANI and feels awful.

CASSIDY

(to NATHAN)

You gonna let this freak talk to you like that?

But dejected NATHAN walks towards the exit.

LEILA

(shouts)

Takes a king to know a queen.

RANI smiles at her. She likes the sound of that. RIHANNA wraps her arms around RANI.

DARCY

She's right. You're too good for that rat.

But LEILA's not leaving it at that. She grabs Miss Abel's trifle and gets on stage to tip it over NATHAN.

10/26 CONTINUED: (2)

10/26

The room seems to go silent. He freezes as blood-red jelly, cream and custard drip down him.

ETHAN winces. POLLY is horrified. CASSIDY stares in shock.

It sounds like the whole school whoops and hollers. NATHAN swipes trifle from his face and a dollop lands in CASSIDY's hair. She freezes in horror.

NATHAN's humiliation is complete. He exits.

MISS ABEL glares at LEILA, who dips her finger into the remains of the trifle in the bowl.

LEILA

Not bad, miss.

Smiling, she hands MISS ABEL the empty bowl but MISS ABEL's furious face makes LEILA grimace and shrink back, for the first time, a tiny bit scared! Amused DARCY fist bumps LEILA.

DARCY

Now run.

LEILA flees, pursued by MISS ABEL.

RANI, though upset, stifles a giggle. BILLY, DARCY and KHALED envelop her in a hug and she smiles. Wrapped in loyalty and warmth, she doesn't feel so bad. Maybe this... *friendship*, loyalty is all any of them need.

RANI

Where's Summer?

On BILLY. Good question.

10/27 EXT. SCHOOL CAR PARK - NIGHT

10/27

SUMMER and BECKY walk toward BECKY's car.

BECKY

Your mum's packing your bag, she's going to meet us at St Michael's.

SUMMER

Is she ok?

BECKY

Worried. She loves you.

SUMMER gives a small nod of acknowledgement.

10/27 CONTINUED:

10/27

BECKY (CONT'D)
And you're ready for this?

SUMMER looks back at Phoenix Rise and stops suddenly.

SUMMER
There's something I need to
do. Have I got time?

BECKY's surprised but nods. SUMMER smiles.

10/28 INT. SCHOOL HALL - NIGHT

10/28

SAM and BEE, Mags's earrings in, watch the kids with disdain.

BEE
What's that smell?

SAM
Cheeseballs and hormones.

BEE play-thumps his arm. Joker.

LEILA, RIHANNA, RANI and POLLY are doing a rehearsed dance. KHALED, a new confidence to him after confronting NATHAN, is half-heartedly joining in but has one eye on BILLY, who's brooding by the food table. KHALED strides over to the DJ, talks briefly into their ear and takes the mic. The music suddenly cuts dead. Students and teachers look over to see what's going on. KHALED slowly walks to the middle of the dancefloor.

KHALED
(on mic)
Phoenix Rise has given me
somewhere to feel safe...

BEE
What's he on about?

CASSIDY eye rolls.

KHALED
... my first proper friends.

BILLY looks over at KHALED.

DARCY
Woop woop.

LEILA
That's us!

KHALED
And made me...
(swallows nervously)
(MORE)

10/28 CONTINUED:

10/28

KHALED (CONT'D)
Proud of myself. Most of the time. And
that's all because of Mr Stewart.

MISS ABEL starts to walk toward him.

KHALED (CONT'D)
Because he gave me. Us... a second
chance.

MISS ABEL
Ok, that's enough.

KHALED
So are we really going to stand back
and let these so-called authorities
walk all over him. All over us?

Some kids shout 'No!' MISS ABEL tries to get the mic off KHALED.

KHALED (CONT'D)
We're forgetting who we are!
We're Phoenix Rise!

The kids cheer. KHALED locks eyes with a distracted BILLY,
who nods support. BILLY makes his way toward the exit in
search of Summer.

POLLY
Guys, we're about to play musical chairs!

MISS ABEL
This is a party!

KHALED
No, Miss. It's a protest.
(to the crowd)
Come on!

He hands MISS ABEL the mic and strides to the exit, followed by
RANI, DARCY, LEILA and RIHANNA. There's a buzz as the kids, a
few at first then the crowd swelling as the ranks grow, join in,
some grabbing balloons and streamers from the walls/tables.

RANI
(shouts)
Bring back Sir!

MISS ABEL
(on the mic)
Kasim, come back right now!

POLLY
His name is KHALED!

10/28 CONTINUED: (2)

10/28

She stares wide-eyed at MISS ABEL, then gets lost among the kids as they join in the chant and rowdily follow KHALED out. MISS ABEL gestures at staff and helpers to round up the rabble.

MISS ABEL
We don't have insurance for this!

10/29 INT. SCHOOL HALL RECEPTION - NIGHT

10/29

Confused by the roaring crowd heading out of the hall, SUMMER pushes through them, desperate to get inside.

10/30 EXT. SCHOOL HALL RECEPTION - NIGHT

10/30

A subdued JAMIE, carrying a box filled with his belongings, exits school. He hears the muted sound of chanting, frowns, and turns to see the protest emerge from school. He fills with emotion when he sees the pack of students chanting "BRING BACK SIR". MISS ABEL and the other staff exit the school to see JAMIE get pulled into the centre of the crowd, surrounded by balloons and streamers. Even MISS ABEL has to smile at the sight before shaking her head in despair. This school!

BILLY finds KHALED and hi-fives him. KHALED's face lights up. He's got his pal back!

JAMIE makes his way out of Phoenix Rise, stopping to look back with a sad but proud smile.

BILLY pushes his way back through the crowd toward school. KHALED looks on confused.

10/31 INT. SCHOOL HALL - NIGHT

10/31

SUMMER stands in the now empty hall surrounded by the detritus of the abandoned party. She looks around, gutted she's missed Billy. But then the doors crash suddenly open.

SUMMER turns to find BILLY staring back at her. BILLY's resolve evaporates and he's left facing her, lost for words.

SUMMER
There you are.

BILLY
Right here.

He pauses then thinks to hell with it.

10/31 CONTINUED:

10/31

BILLY (CONT'D)

I want to tell you something. The note, the day of the football match, I know it said it was from Darcy but..it wasn't. I wrote it.

SUMMER

He got you to write it for him? I should've known! He could never write anything so.. (SPECIAL)

BILLY

Not for Darcy.
(beat)

For me.

SUMMER looks at him, everything starts to make sense.

SUMMER

(soft)
I should've known.

BILLY

If I don't say this now, maybe I never will so... you're the best person I've ever met. You've got everything but you're still kind. And strong. Brave! And... so pretty.

He looks down, almost sick with embarrassment.

SUMMER

I am none of those things. Billy...

He looks at her.

SUMMER (CONT'D)

I'm... broken.

BILLY

Never say that. The way you deal with your problems is one of the things I love about... like about you.

SUMMER takes a deep breath.

SUMMER

There's something I have to tell you.

BILLY thinks he's about to get the brush-off. He sticks out his chin, pride kicking in.

10/31 CONTINUED: (2)

10/31

BILLY

I know what you're gonna say, I just
had to tell you that. It's fine.

SUMMER

No.

She looks over at waiting BECKY. BILLY's confused.

SUMMER (CONT'D)

I'm going back to the unit. I need
some help, just for a bit.

His heart sinks.

SUMMER (CONT'D)

But when I get home, you're the
first person I'll come looking for.

(beat)

If you'd like that?

BILLY can't believe something has finally gone right for him. His heart fills with things he's never felt before. Good things! He takes a step toward her. SUMMER holds out her hand. BILLY takes it.

We see they're surrounded by fake flowers, fairy lights and a magical glow. A Hollywood moment in the heart of Coventry, BILLY and SUMMER share their first kiss.

10/32 EXT. SCHOOL HALL RECEPTION - NIGHT

10/32

Jamie's gone but the kids are still chanting. MISS ABEL and the teachers are rounding pupils into small groups to disperse the protest.

MISS ABEL

My final offer - if you don't get
back to this party right now, no
football, street dance, drama or
after hours laptop access next
term. For the whole term.

The chants die down. BILLY joins the crowd and gestures at LEILA.

BILLY

Get the others.

He moves aside and DARCY, KHALED and RANI join him.

10/32 CONTINUED:

10/32

BILLY (CONT'D)
There's something we need
to do. For Summer.

10/33 INT. BOILER ROOM - NIGHT

10/33

Our gang stand in the Boiler Room. It looks the same but
feels so different.

RANI
It doesn't feel right. Without her.

KHALED
She'll be back soon.

LEILA
Mouthier and more spoilt than ever.

DARCY
Is anyone mouthier than you?

RANI
It feels like the end. We're the
boiler room 6 - not 5.

BILLY
Nah. Summer would say - it's not about
where you are, it's about who you are.

He smiles. A new feeling, like maybe everything will be ok.

10/34 INT./EXT. BECKY'S CAR/ROAD - NIGHT

10/34

In BECKY's car, music playing on the radio, SUMMER looks out
the passenger window as they pass the phoenix graffiti, out
of school.

A message beeps on her phone. She opens it to see a selfie of
the defiant super five, in their beloved boiler room. There
are stars and flowers around the edges and the caption reads:
'WE ARE INFINITE'.

SUMMER smiles and rests her head on the window. Maybe things
will be ok after all.

They head out of school and toward the main road, then
disappear into the night.

END OF EPISODE