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On the threshold of the staff room, MS MORGAN doesn't know what to say. She's been collared by BETHAN (16), making her read a poem she's written.

BETHAN ... Should I enter it?

 $$\operatorname{MS}$ MORGAN It's a bit... So is she in love with a seagull?

BETHAN Well it's a metaphor. Obviously.

MS MORGAN (I gnoring the sass) Right... Have you been

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TRAVI S

See this is what I'm talking about, grounding. You gotta have your barefeet on the grass right, and then the negative charges in your body can just run in to the earth.

LYDI A

I'm not signing your petition.

TRAVIS

What, why?

LYDI A

BecauseEit's made up shit.

TRAVI S

It's not. Scientists habe done studies. We're making ourselves sick with these rubber soles -- (gesturing to his trainers)

Separating us from the earth.

LYD

Yeah, put your snaggle toes@away and get out my ears.

BETHAN

I signed it. But you owe me 'cos Mrs Blocker caught me with my phone out. She was like -

BETHAN does a pretty bang on impersonation of their butch, Valley's, P.E. teacher.

BETHAN (CONT'D)

"Bethan Gwyndaf, is that phon€

TRAVIS
Debbie Chapman had sex with a frozen sausage.

BETHAN
I thought she was taking Chemistry
A Level two years early?

LYDIA So, she can still fuck a sausage.

TRAVIS Everyone say LYDIA (CONT'D)
I should just fucking kill myself,
my mother wouldn't care.

TRAVIS
Babe, stop - you're scaring me.

BETHAN

Just have some water OK?

LYDI A

Why - you don't care about me...

A wave of nausea hits LYDIA an

BETHAN watches TRAVIS trail off after LYDIA calling to her,

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BETHAN, shitting herself, knocks on her parents bedroom door.

BETHAN

Dad. . . Dad.

DI LWYN (0. 0. V)

KATRINA Why d'you look scared? Don't be scared baby, I'm the serongest woman in the world.

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BETHAN nods. TRINA grabs her from behind, swaying with her KATRINA

Come

MS MORGAN (CONT'D) It's compulsory you all tur

MS MORGAN
It's not about "OK", Bethan. I know said grit but I meant your grit.
Speak from the heart... That's all I want. That'sj ET BT 12 0 0 12 243 6 0 12 369 675 Tm /TT278

MRS BLOCKER (CONT'D)

Ri ght,

TRAVIS senses a row brewing, he deflects it, as his way.

TRAVIS D'you reckon Ms Morgan has a v

TRAVI S

Love you.

LYDIA and TRAVIS plod off. We hold on BETHAN as she hovers outside the Green Grocer's, inspecti

GINA ... Make it quick.

BETHAN

Thanks.

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Bag.

BETHAN drops her bag and appr

BETHAN
Oh yeah? . . . Well why don't you go finger yourself!

BETHAN chucks the stuff and runs out, grabbing her bag --

GINA Yeah run, 'for I kno

DI LWYN

KATRINA Please don't hurt my baby.

CUT TO:

BETHAN Priest, d'you want these?

PRIEST beelines for her --

PRIEST Alright, dykey? Yeah give 'um yer. (BETHAN offers them) When'd your tits get so big?

PRI ES

PRIEST saunters off, booting someone's rucksack.

POPPY
Yeah bye Priest, you're an ape...
(To BETHAN)
Maybe come sit with me in English?

POPPY peels off, DEBBIE CHAPMAN shooting BETHAN evils before she follows. LYDIA sniggers --

LYDIA
Talk about rate yourself...

But BETHAN'S heart pounds nearly through her chest... POPPY wants to sit with her! LYDIA turns to her phone - she has the email up from MS MORGAN, sharing BETHAN'S poem. Lydia reads --

LYDIA (CONT'D