

**Scene Eight**

Ben            We did it last night, the V plates are finally off!

Mike          Good man, I guess I can call you a man now.

Ben            Cheers Mike.

*Rosie and Chloe walk on stage.*

Chloe         Rosie, I need to talk to you... *(She sees Ben)* I've gotta go. *(Rosie grabs Chloe)*

Rosie         No, Michael's written a new song, you can listen to it.

*Rosie pushes Chloe over to a chair then walks back over to the boys and they begin to sing. Chloe is staring into space, the song is extremely relevant and reminds her of the awful truth, Chloe gets to a point where she can no longer take it and she runs out, Rosie looks around then follows. Michael stops playing and looks around for Chloe and Rosie.*

Mike         Ben is something up with Chloe?

Ben            No, no, she's just being a moody bitch recently that's all.

Mike         It's just that I've never seen her like that before.

Ben            She's probably just adjusting to life - you know - to not being a virgin. *(nervous laugh).*

Mike         Who made the first move then?

Ben            Eh?

Mike         Who made the first move, last night?

Ben            Well, I guess that would be me.

Mike         Good man!

Ben            Cheers Mike.

Mike         Probably did something wrong though.

Ben            What? *(nervously)*

Mike         I'm just saying you probably did something wrong last night to put her in the mood she's in today.

Ben            Like what though?

Mike         I'm just saying ... you're probably rubbish in bed. It was a joke!

Ben            Oh right...yeah.

Mike         Why? What did you mean?

Ben            Oh nothing...nothing.

Mike Come on .. must have meant something.

Ben Well, when I saw you and Rosie at the party last night, I just told Chloe that I wanted us to be, you know, closer.

Mike So you had sex with her? Ben, you do know that me and Rosie didn't have sex straight away, don't you.

Ben Well, we were both drinking Mike - you saw how bad she was.

Mike Yeah. (Pause) You're sure she wanted to do it, yeah?

Ben (With difficulty) Well... not really.

Mike Cos, you know what it's like these days. The girl has to give 'consent' and stuff.. I'm just saying.. next they'll probably be accusing you of being a rapist or something! (laughs)

Ben (Not taking it as a joke) You what Mike?

Mike Sorry man I didn't mean to..

Ben You accusing me of being a rapist? Is that it?

Mike I'm not accusing you of being anything, I'm just saying you can get into trouble for this sort of stuff.

Ben (Grabbing him) Mike! I am not a rapist!

Mike Alright!

*Ben hits Mike and exits. Enter Rosie, sees Mike holding his face.*

Rosie- Michael? Are you OK?

Mike Yeah yeah, I'm fine.

Rosie What's wrong?

Mike Rosie it doesn't matter.

Rosie Clearly it does.

Mike No Rosie, it really doesn't.

Rosie Have you had an argument with Ben?

Mike No, just go away.

Rosie Michael, tell me what's wrong now!

Mike Rosie, you really don't want to know.

Rosie Yes I do want to know.

Mike No, you really don't.

Rosie You're clearly upset over something, tell me.

Mike Rosie it doesn't matter.

Rosie It does matter. (Pause) Michael, I tell you everything. (Pause) Tell me! Michael! Look at me! If you loved me you'd tell me.

Mike It just ... I think Ben ... might have raped Chloe last night.

Rosie (in disbelief) What?

Mike He just told me.

Rosie What are you talking about? Don't be ridiculous. Just get out Michael!

*Michael exits stage and Chloe walks on*

Chloe Have they both gone now?

Rosie Yes, Chloe you can tell me anything you know, no matter how bad it is?

Chloe Rosie, never mind.

Rosie It's just that Michael said the most absurd thing before, he said that Ben had raped you. How odd is that?

Chloe Yeah that's really odd that isn't it?

Rosie So he didn't?

Chloe No Rosie he didn't.. well that's what you wanna hear isn't it?

Rosie Of course that's what I want to hear.

Chloe You don't want to think that your precious Ben could ever rape me do you?

Rosie Precious Ben? Chloe you're my best friend, but I have known Ben my whole life and it's just not something he would do.

Chloe *(Turns to face Rosie)* Well he did! And where were you, where were you when it happened? Best friend, you never accepted me. You just tried to make me something I'm not and look where it's got me!

Rosie Don't you dare blame this on me!

*Chloe walks off stage*

Rosie Chloe, wait!

***Blackout***