

CONTEXT:

ABBY used to be a good student until a few months ago, when she started acting out. FLORENCE is Abby's teacher, she's very strict and doesn't have any patience for teenage moods.

Abby just got into a fight with her classmate JOHN.

INT. OFFICE - DAY

FLORENCE

Would you care to explain what happened?

ABBY

Nothing happened.

FLORENCE

You sent John to the nurse.

ABBY

He asked for it.

FLORENCE

You're going to be suspended for this.

ABBY

Good. I don't give a fuck about school anyway.

FLORENCE

Don't you dare use that language in here! I'm going to call your mother.

ABBY

It's not like she cares.

Florence stares at Abby for a moment.

FLORENCE

What did John say to you?

Abby shrugs.

FLORENCE

Abby.

ABBY

He called my dad a faggot.

FLORENCE

I'm going to have a word with him.

ABBY

Well, he's right isn't he!? The whole school knows that my dad left us for another man. They're all laughing at us.

Abby begins to weep, but tries her best to hide it.

FLORENCE

No one's laughing at you.

ABBY

Yes they are. I see them laughing behind my back. It's all his fault.

FLORENCE

Your father loves you, no matter what he might have understood about himself.

ABBY

It's not fair!

FLORENCE

I know.

Florence hugs Abby, who starts crying in earnest.

END.