

*Can I Hit It?* – Script excerpt. For perusal purposes only.

*(Some audio suggesting the start of class and the question, “How does sexual violence affect us in our lives?”)*

*(Music halts to a stop directly after question is posed. Awkward, long silence.)*

1: Sexual violence hasn't happened to me.

2: I don't know anyone who has been affected by it.

3: In our school? No, it doesn't happen there.

4: That's like rape, right? Men waiting in dark allies for girls in short skirts?

1: I've never been hurt, no. It doesn't affect me personally.

2: It's totally irrelevant.

3: The schools have rules against that kind of stuff. And they're pretty good about enforcing them. It's harder in the hallways, though.

4: I remember my cousin warning me about a guy in my neighborhood who went to jail for statutory rape. He was twenty and the girl was thirteen. But I didn't know her. I've never known anyone who has been raped.

3: And on our phones. We're technically not allowed to have them in school, but everybody brings them. And they're not exactly tools for sexual safety. I probably get ten naked pictures of girls I barely know in my school every month. Kids use phones as weapons against those girls.

1: I've been in situations where both of us had too much to drink. Only twice really. Where I know things got carried away, but I didn't really know how much. Hard to tell what actually happened through the next-morning-awkwardness.

2: My girlfriend texts me too much. Always wants to know where I am and who I'm with. Does that count as sexual violence?

4: My friend has to be drunk to have sex with her boyfriend. Does that count?

3: Our econ teacher lets guys harass the girls as they're walking into class. I swear. They line up outside his door like it's lunchtime. And some don't even need to say anything- they just look at you and that's enough. Does that count?

1: Last Friday, Justin touched me after I told him not to. Is that sexual violence?

F- On Wednesday, Kim called me a slut.

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M- Last month, I tweeted about their threesome at the homecoming party.

F- Two weeks ago, he slapped my ass.

M- Yesterday, I called him a fag.

M- I pushed her to go further than she wanted.

F- I pushed him to go further than he wanted.

M- I didn't tell my girlfriend that I have an STI.

F- He looked at me weird.

M- I watched that movie where the guy throws the girl up against the wall, pulls her hair and she orgasms in like two minutes. Loudly.

F- I owed him something because he paid for dinner.

F- I grabbed my friend's boobs because the basketball team was watching.

M- She started a facebook page about my sexuality. The entire sophomore class posted their opinion on it.

F- I made out with my teacher for a passing grade.

F- I was raped.

M- I had unprotected sex.

F- I wasn't clear with him about what I want. I'm not sure I know what I want. Is that sexual violence?

ALL:

Does that count?

VOICE:

Perhaps. Maybe we should break it down a bit.