

Tween Warfare

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A sweet but anxious student body president, suffering from anxiety, is determined to protect the students and her best friend from a deceitful wealthy new boy, with a suspicious family background, who uses blackmail and money to rise to the position of the student body president, all the while their secrets are exposed via the school newspaper.

## SYNOPSIS

ELI, an awkward boy attached to his camera and head of the photography club, provides PENNY, an exhausted soul obsessed with drama and head of the high-school newspaper, with photos of VIOLET, the protective and temperamental student body president, loudly arguing with ROBBIE, the deceitful wealthy new boy with a suspicious family background. Eli mentions that their feud would be something the whole school would want to know about, especially leading up to the next student body president election. Penny eagerly agrees to document their feud and Eli pledges to provide Penny with the stories and the evidence.

Violet meets up with GABRIELLE, an outspoken and honest friend of Violet, and find EMMA, a shy and overly forgiving friend of Violet, being tormented by Robbie by her locker. Violet is enraged and accuses Robbie of using violence and money to get what he wants, Gabrielle grabs Violet's arm and calm her. Robbie ignores Gabrielle and shakes off Violet's taunts and nonchalantly suggests that Violet be his girlfriend to maintain a positive image of the school and avoid further confrontation, Violet refuses and states proudly that she alone maintains a positive image of the school and will continue to do so as the student body president.

After school Violet goes to the drama class to meet DAVID, a sensitive man who cares about all the students and acts as the school's counselor. Violet asks for advice as to how she should go about handling Robbie. David expresses his concerns for both Robbie and Violet and advises Violet to leave Robbie alone and warns her that he might be having a harder time at school than she thinks. Violet is hesitant about letting Robbie do as he pleases, but she agrees that she will leave Robbie alone. JAMES, a senior who is known as the school's trouble maker, stops Violet and tells her that Robbie will answer to no one and that she is the only one who can put him in his place.

At an open house party Robbie finds Emma alone and convinces her to be his date to the party. Robbie parades Emma around and gives Emma the impression that he is romantically interested in her. James finds Eli and tells him to prepare his camera. Violet sees through Robbie's lies and takes Emma and Gabrielle away from the party. Eli takes photos of Robbie being flirtations and kissing other girls at the party after Emma left. The next day Penny publishes the story. In the bathroom Emma is distraught and Gabrielle tries to comfort her while Violet is shaking with rage. Gabrielle asks Violet what is she going to do. Robbie finds Eli and threatens to

hurt him for those photos and Eli tells Robbie to do it, Robbie scoffs and leaves Eli.

The next day at school Robbie hides his bruised eyes with dark tinted glasses. Robbie sends a student to tell Penny a false rumour about Violet. Penny, thinking it was true, publishes the false information. Violet sees the published story and quickly goes to Penny and tells her the truth. Penny is infuriated after finding out that she was lied to and then asks Violet and Eli for the worst piece of information on Robbie. The next day news about Robbie's dad being involved in a violent case, from a year ago, was made public. Robbie is humiliated for being associated with his violent, yet wealthy and powerful, father. He then desperately tries to bribe Eli to tell Penny that the story was false. Eli agrees and takes Robbie's money. Eli goes to Penny and tells her that Robbie tried to bribe him. Penny then goes on to publish that piece of information too.

Robbie's image is depleting. After school he kicks a ball around the school field. Emma approaches him and hesitantly asks why he chose to humiliate her. He admits that she was the easiest to manipulate and that if he had her as his girlfriend that it would favour his image when rising to the student body president position. Emma mentions that Robbie's dad had done the same thing, get to the highest position of power by any means necessary. Robbie agrees with Emma on that fact. Emma is chilly and Robbie casually hands Emma his jacket. Robbie then apologises to Emma and leaves.

At school the next day, Robbie is absent. Emma tells Violet and Gabrielle that she is worried about Robbie. Violet is upset and agree, saying that Robbie is an awful person and deserves what is coming to him. Gabrielle comforts Emma and tells Violet to stop speaking about Robbie. Emma reveals Robbie's jacket and asks if Violet can help her return it. Violet is hesitant but agrees. Eli overhears their conversation and retrieves Penny.

Violet, Emma and Gabrielle go to David ask if he can give them a lift to return Robbie's jacket. David says no and that they shouldn't get involved with Robbie or his family. Emma pleads Violet to help her. Violet hesitantly goes to James and asks if he could give them a lift. He agrees, on the condition that Violet pays him. Violet, says no and Gabrielle intervenes and says Violet will. James drives to Robbie's house with Eli and Penny on a scooter following at a distance.

At Robbie's house they hear glass breaking. Violet protectively pulls Emma and Gabrielle behind her and

cautiously moves in front of them. Eli and Penny watch at a distance, taking occasional photos of the scene. The three girls notice the open door and quietly move into the house. A gun goes off. The three girls shriek with fright and Eli and Penny gasp. Penny quickly calls the cops and Eli begins to record. Robbie runs down the stairs with a bloody arm and finds Emma, Violet and Gabrielle. He pushes them to the ground as another shot is fired, missing them. Robbie's drunken father is screaming profanities as Robbie. A fight ensues and James rushes inside the house, the father shoots David. David clutches at his wound and tells Violet to take her friends and run.

Violet rushes Emma and Gabrielle to the car and tells them to stay put then rushes back inside. Robbie is fighting his father for the gun. Violet then has a panic attack as the gun goes off a few more times, missing everyone. Violet then grabs a heavy vase and throws it at the father's head. The father stumbles in a daze. Robbie collapse on the ground, he tells Violet to grab the gun. Violet point the gun towards the father. The father quickly recovers and proceeds to scream at Violet as he stumbles towards her. He suddenly leaps towards Violet and violet fires the gun. Violet drops the gun and falls to her knees and screams. The police arrive soon arrive, Eli and Penny provide the videos and an account of what happened. The ambulance takes Violet, Robbie and David to the hospital. David humorously mentions that he did warn Violet that Robbie had a harder time.

### CHARACTER BIOGRAPHIES

Hero - Violet Henderson (17) is a friendly and helpful girl who often has a temper and is closed-minded. Her anxiety prevents her from making new friends other than the two she already has. She excels academically however struggles with the arts. Her anxiety arose from the absence of her parents at a young age and more specifically she woke up alone in her home due to the nanny forgetting. Since then Violet developed a fear of being abandoned and experienced vivid dreams where she kept waking up alone in an empty house. However, she copes with her dad not often around but desperately clings to her mom who makes the effort to work from home. Gabrielle and Emma are her best friends, since before she developed anxiety, and she'll do anything for them. She struggled with anxiety and the absence of her parent throughout school and is determined to be a parental and/or trustworthy figure to other and/or younger students who are struggling like she had.

Mentor - David Windle (34) has a passion for the stage and is often trying to improve the drama department in any way he can. He is a sensitive man who cares about all the student's, not just those who takes his class. He acts as the school's counselor. His wife had a miscarriage and they divorced shortly after the ordeal. He tries to make up for the loss of his child by caring for all the students and often fosters children and animals in hopes to make a difference. He doesn't deal with confrontation and is unable to stand up for himself.

Ally - Gabrielle de Silver (17) is a very active girl who is very passionate about gymnastics, she partakes in a lot of competitions in hopes to inspire her younger sister who is anorexic. She is very friendly and often can't say no when someone asks for help. She struggles academically, but is often helped by her best friend, Violet. She has a very loving, but large, family, she often feels excluded as her parents are focused on her younger siblings than her. and tries to get noticed through her gymnastics in hopes to make a name for herself in the world. Gabrielle is always by Violet's side, holding her back and pushing her forward when necessary.

Herald - Emma Watson (17) is a shorter than average girl and often keeps to herself. She only ever sits and talks to her two best friends, Violet and Gabrielle. She is incredibly shy linked to her history of being bullied since she was little. She is very skittish and clumsy thus earning a lot of negative attention from her classmates. She had three older brothers who bully and tease her and she forgives them each

time. Her overly forgiving nature is a norm as she prefers to forgive than live a life always looking over her shoulder. She is a very creative soul, and enjoys painting. After being frequently teased and bullied by Robbie, Violet takes action against Robbie.

Trickster - Eli Thompson (17) is the head of the photography department and often carries around his camera. He loves to socialize and is often seen making jokes and harmless pranks due to coping with his parents divorce and unable to initiate a romantic relationship with Penny, his crush. His hobby for photography arose at a young age because he preferred recording life than participating in it's activities. His parents don't notice him and thus why he prefers not to be noticed and watch people from a distance.

Shapeshifter - James Randle (18) often changes his style on a daily basis and often smokes after school hours. He is considered a shady character and is avoided by both students and teachers due to his frequent mood swings and behavioral changes. He cares deeply for his mother, but doesn't give a damn about his father. His father is prone to cheating on his mom, but is the breadwinner of the family. He acts as though he cares for no one, however he doesn't hesitate to step in if someone was in immediate danger. He enjoys giving information about students to other students, whether it will be good or bad. He hopes to be seen as a good guy rather than the bad guy he has portrayed through his looks.

Threshold Guardian - Penny Vivian (17) She only cares about her family, her father is not in the picture and she has two younger brothers that she often cares for while her mother is working. She is the head, and only person, of the newspaper club. She doesn't have time for friends as her time goes to her brothers and the club. Penny believes her life to be boring and uneventful and she relishes about other students who have more exciting lives. She lives her life through other student's lives by hearing and publishing real news that she knows is going to start fights and/or cause drama.

Shadow - Robbie Musc (17) has a muscular build and often wears all the newest and popular brands. He dislikes adults because of his father's treatment of him and his mother. He never uses physical violence to get his way, but uses rumors, money and a promises of hardships to get what he wants. He deeply cares about how people view him and his looks, because his father acts as a kind and moral man but is cruel and abusive at home. He believes that showing your best side will get you the best girl and best reputation. He hopes to one day have enough power and strength to protect him mom and stop his dad.

SCENE 1

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

The break bell rings and students flood the hallway. VIOLET casually moves through the crowd. She stops and grins mischievously. She skips forward and throws her arm over GABRIELLE'S shoulder.

VIOLET  
Hello there!

GABRIELLE  
(dramatically)  
Oh my Violet, you nearly gave me a heart attack.

Violet giggles. Gabrielle and Violet cling to each-other as they continue through the hallway.

GABRIELLE (CONT'D)  
(sarcastically)  
Some best-friend you are.

Gabrielle quickly turns to Violet.

GABRIELLE (CONT'D)  
Oh, that reminds me. Emma wants to eat in the cafeteria today, again.

Violet frowns and shakes her head solemnly.

VIOLET  
Is she waiting for us by her locker again?

Gabrielle nods.

GABRIELLE  
Yeah, she hasn't been doing well because of all the recent attention she has been getting from you-know-who.

Violet tenses up. Gabrielle places a comforting hand on Violet's shoulder. Violet smiles softly and pulls out her phone.

VIOLET  
I'm just going to call her and let her know that we are on our way.

Violet is glued to her phone's screen.

GABRIELLE  
I don't think that is necessary.

VIOLET  
(confidently)  
I think it is.

GABRIELLE  
No Vic, look.

Violet looks up and sees ROBBIE looming over EMMA by his locker.

VIOLET  
Hell no.

Violet clenches her fists and picks up speed.

GABRIELLE  
Vic calm down, you are going to cause  
a scene.

Violet separates from Gabrielle. Gabrielle gasps and follows closely behind Violet.

VIOLET  
Robbie!

Gabrielle flinches. Robbie and Emma's eyes quickly dart towards Violet marching towards them.

VIOLET (CONT'D)  
Get away from her!

Violet rushes in front of Robbie, separating Emma from him. Gabrielle gives an awkward smile and gently tugs Emma away from Robbie and Violet.

GABRIELLE  
(to Emma)  
Let's go.

EMMA  
I was doing fine. You didn't have to  
save me.

GABRIELLE  
(whispering)  
Sure, tell *that* to Violet when she's



GABRIELLE (CONT'D)  
done raging at Robbie.

EMMA  
But--

GABRIELLE  
Shush...

Gabrielle leads Emma away. Violet watches her best-friends leave. Robbie glances at the pair and Violet.

ROBBIE  
So sentimental.

VIOLET  
Shut the fuck up.

Robbie flinches.

ROBBIE  
What the fuck?

VIOLET  
(mocking)  
*Eh, what the fuck?* Robbie! I'm not  
stupid.

Violet crosses her arms over her chest defiantly.

ROBBIE  
I was literally just talking to her.

VIOLET  
More like tormenting her.

Robbie shakes his head, confused.

ROBBIE  
Why the fuck are you getting so upset.  
It is none of your business who I talk  
to.

VIOLET  
It is my business when it is my best  
friend.

Robbie rolls his eyes.

ROBBIE  
You have two, spare one.

Violet stares at Robbie in disbelief.

VIOLET  
You arrogant prick.

Violet slowly turns and walks away.

ROBBIE  
(jokingly)  
Don't be a sour bitch.

Violet tenses.

VIOLET  
You can't buy everything you want.

SCENE 2

INT. DRAMA CLASS - AFTERNOON

DAVID is marking student's essays on his laptop. Suddenly Violet pops her head into the classroom.

VIOLET

Hi sir.

David jolts with surprise.

DAVID

Violet what are you still doing at school.

David checks his watch and his expression falls emotionless.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Oh, it is only twenty past.

Violet smiles, walks in and takes a seat in one of the empty chairs.

VIOLET

I truly believe time stands still in this place.

DAVID

I'm beginning to believe that as well.

Gabrielle walks in the glass with two cool-drink cans.

GABRIELLE

Yo.

Gabrielle hands Violet one of the cans.

VIOLET

Ah! Thank you...

David's eyes dart between the Violet and Gabrielle. The pair simultaneously frown at David.

DAVID

I'm no expert on student behavior, but something is off with you two. Bad grades?

GABRIELLE

More like bad boy--

Violet flicks Gabrielle's arm, silencing her.

VIOLET

It's Robbie, that spoilt new boy.

DAVID

Isn't that description a bit harsh.

VIOLET

Not in the least sir. He is arrogant, hasn't heard of personal space and won't leave Emma alone. She doesn't even like being around boys. She's too shy and way too good for anyone in this place.

David nods his head and sighs.

DAVID

Have you ever thought that maybe your intense dislike for Robbie it because there is a chance he will take Emma away from you?

VIOLET

No, he is just a bad person. And definitely not good enough for her.

DAVID

Gabrielle please help me out here.

GABRIELLE

I'm sorry sir I agree with Vic. Robbie is not a good guy.

David sighs.

DAVID

Okay I can't force you two to get along, but please do me a favour.

VIOLET

Sure, what is it?

DAVID

Please don't cause trouble with him and rather just avoid him. You as students and us like teachers don't know what his home space is like. Do you know what I mean.

Violet sighs and hesitantly nods her head.

VIOLET  
Yes, I understand.

DAVID  
Thank you.

Gabrielle tosses her empty can into the trash bin.

GABRIELLE  
Score!

Violet chuckles stands up.

VIOLET  
Thank you sir for the advice, I'll try  
my best and avoid him.

DAVID  
No problem.

GABRIELLE  
Bye sir.

VIOLET  
Bye!

EXT. OUTSIDE THE DRAMA CLASS - AFTERNOON

Violet and Gabrielle stroll away from the class.

JAMES (O.S.)  
Hey Violet.

Violet and Gabrielle turn around to see JAMES strolling  
towards them. He is playing with a cigarette in his hand.

VIOLET  
Smoking on school grounds is against  
the rules.

JAMES  
Not after school hours it's not.

Violet frowns, unimpressed and annoyed.

JAMES (CONT'D)  
Hey princess don't get your panties in  
a bunch.

Gabrielle flinches in disgust. Violet rolls her eyes.

VIOLET

I'd appreciate it if you left us alone. From what I've heard you're trouble.

JAMES

Don't believe everything you hear.

He glances around.

JAMES (CONT'D)

About Robbie.

Violet suddenly turns, facing him directly.

VIOLET

What do you know about him?

JAMES

I heard your conversation earlier. You're right he is bad news. Avoiding him isn't going to help anyone, especially your friend.

Violet frowns, concerned.

VIOLET

What do you suggest I do?

JAMES

You are your year's student body president, you have power. So what I'm saying is to put him in his place. The last thing this school needs is a brat like him running this place.

Gabrielle shakes her head confused.

GABRIELLE

Why are you telling us this?

JAMES

To be honest I prefer a hot-head like Violet than a rich daddy's boy running this place in your senior year.

SCENE 3

INT. PENNY'S OFFICE

Violet storms in and slams the door behind her. PENNY turns suddenly startled. Penny watches Violet take a seat near her.

VIOLET

(annoyed)

I'm guessing you don't know why I'm here?

Penny quickly blinks, glancing at the door and back at Violet.

PENNY

No...

VIOLET

You don't have a lot of people come by here do you?

Penny pauses again, her eyes drifts back to the door. She is visibly uncomfortable.

VIOLET (CONT'D)

Never mind that. You published false information.

Penny's eyes quickly dart towards Violet.

PENNY

(loudly)

I did not. I have worked hard to maintain an honest and strong reputation--

Violet raises her hands defensively.

VIOLET

I know how hard you work, but I wouldn't come here if there wasn't a problem.

PENNY

No, I always make sure--

Eli casually walks into the room, he pauses momentarily looking at Violet.

PENNY (CONT'D)

Eli, those pictures you gave me yesterday, Violet believes they are fake.

Eli suddenly frowns and glances at both Violet and Penny.

ELI

I... uh. I didn't take those photos.

Penny quickly stands up.

PENNY

What? I thought you took--

Eli's eyes widen awkwardly.

ELI

I'm so sorry. I thought...

Penny gasps. She glances at Violet then back at Eli.

PENNY

Because of you my reputation is on the line.

Eli stares at Penny. He runs a shaky hand through his hair.

ELI

Penny I'm really sorry I honestly believed I had a credible source.

PENNY

I trusted you, I believed only you brought me honest information and proof.

ELI

I only expanded my sources to give more to you. I swear I was only thinking of you.

PENNY

Now my reputation could be ruined.

She sighs then suddenly rubs her temples, stressing.

PENNY (CONT'D)

Now I have to publish a public apology. I have never published a public apology before.



ELI

I really am so sorry Penny.

Violet lets out a loud sigh. Both Penny and Eli turn towards Violet.

VIOLET

You two have your own problems and issues to deal with, but what are we going to do about the false information about me?

Penny turns away from Eli. Eli is momentarily shocked.

PENNY

Yes, I'm sorry for the problem's I caused you because of my mistake.

Violet glances at Eli, Eli stares her down. Violet quickly turns back to Penny.

PENNY (CONT'D)

What can I do to fix this problem?

Violet smiles mischievously. Penny and Eli look at her confused.

VIOLET

Obviously Robbie is the one to blame for the false information.

Eli suddenly slaps his own forehead. Penny turns towards him.

ELI

I guess I really did fuck up.

PENNY

We will talk about this later.

Penny turns back towards Violet.

VIOLET

I have information about Robbie, but I don't have proof.

Penny frowns.

PENNY

I would like proof when I get information.

VIOLET

Penny, I wouldn't lie like Robbie has, it is one of the reasons why I hate him so much.

Penny glances at Eli. She bites her lip unsure.

PENNY

I don't know Violet. If what you give me is false too, my reputation is finished.

VIOLET

But if it is true, then you have the scoop of the week.

PENNY

I don't know violet. It's nothing personal, I just don't want to take the risk.

Violet gets up and puts a comforting hand on Penny's shoulder.

VIOLET

I know it's scary and I know how much you love this club, but I can't let him win. Please trust me, I promise I won't ruin your reputation.

Penny glances at Eli and back to Violet.

PENNY

I'm only saying yes because you promised.

Violet smiles.

ELI

Plus we could make you look really bad if you break that promise.