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after school, 4pm

*Beth, Nell, Ivy, and Raelynn meet with the school counselor, Miss Gallagher
mid-argument*

START → MISS GALLAGHER

it's just that some people feel like this will alienate the boys

BETH

but boys can be members

~~IVY~~

~~they should be members~~

NELL

also who even feels that way?

MISS GALLAGHER

I'm not

at liberty to say

BETH

but maybe if we were able to foster a meaningful dialogue with them

we could find common ground

that's like

the whole purpose of this club

that's why it's so important

MISS GALLAGHER

it's just

a tricky situation

with everything that's been going on in the community...

people are –

tensions

are high

you have to understand that

IVY

our tensions are high, too!

we need an outlet!

BETH

yeah and I just really want to *do* something

you know?

NELL

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yeah I don't understand why tension in the community means we have to suffer

MISS GALLAGHER

okay now

let's choose our words with care

you are hardly *suffering*

NELL

yeah but

suffering is subjective, so

MISS GALLAGHER

I'm going to have to ask you *all* to check your tone

NELL

oh my god

MISS GALLAGHER

look

I know they must have done things different in Atlanta –

and I really wish I could help you /

I do, but

IVY

I think they “do things different” everywhere now

it's 2019

BETH

helping us is literally within your power as our counselor

MISS GALLAGHER

I think you're overestimating the amount of power I have here

NELL

you should be fighting for us

MISS GALLAGHER

I am

BETH

how?

MISS GALLAGHER

listen

this is a small town

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BETH

that doesn't answer my question like at all

MISS GALLAGHER

we have to be aware of the ripple effect our actions can have on / the –

Mr. Smith enters the classroom, just as Beth loses it

BETH

yeah we DO have to be aware of that
and I mean like it is literally your job to facilitate situations like this!!
just do your job!!!!

MR. SMITH

whoa whoa whoa –
what's going on in here?

*Beth claps a hand over her mouth, horrified at herself
beat*

IVY

~~we signed out the room –
it said it was free –~~

~~MR. SMITH –~~

~~that's not really what I'm asking, Ivy –~~

MISS GALLAGHER

these girls
came to me to see why their club proposal got rejected
and I have been trying to explain to them
that it's a sensitive issue
with many complicated –
things
and I empathize with them
I do
but they are not showing me the respect / I

BETH

Miss Gallagher I'm so so sorry
I didn't mean to snap at you like that I –
I'm so so sorry
I'm just really passionate about this
and I got / upset



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