

THE LUNCHROOM

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"The Reichter Experiment"

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FADE IN:

INT. HIGH SCHOOL - SCIENCE CLASS - DAY

Students in groups of 3-4 are huddled around tables with beakers, burners, and various other experiment equipment present.

At a table in the back, ELLEN CONNER sets up an experiment while her partners BRIAN VANDELE and CASEY JENNINGS struggle to stay awake.

Ellen reads from a sheet of paper.

ELLEN

All right. We just need to mix the solution with the mystery liquid.

Brian and Casey fall asleep.

ELLEN

Can't you guys stay awake for just a few more minutes?

Brian snaps awake.

BRIAN

(sleepy)

Nope.

Brian elbows Casey.

CASEY

(sleepy)

I'm up, I'm up.

Casey stretches, knocking over a beaker. It lands on the ground but doesn't break.

ELLEN

Someone pick it up. It has one of our solutions.

REICTHER, standing at the next table, turns around.

REICTHER

Don't worry miss. I'll save your solution.

He bends over.

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CASEY  
Careful. Don't spill -

Casey's elbow knocks over another beaker. This one hits the edge causing the liquid to spill on the back of Reichther's head.

Reichther hops up and screams bloody murder.

REICTHER  
(in pain)  
AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!

CASEY  
Oops. My bad Reichther.

Reichther clutches the back of his head.

REICTHER  
(in pain)  
IT BURNS!

BRIAN  
What did you pour on him?

The other students begin to watch in horror. MRS. CAMPBELL, the science teacher, runs up.

ELLEN  
Mrs. Campbell, what's the mystery liquid?

CAMPBELL  
Acid.

ELLEN  
Acid?!

CAMPBELL  
Yeah probably not the best idea on my part.

REICTHER  
(in pain)  
MY HEAD IS ON FIRE!!!

Reichther stumbles around, bumping into other tables.

CAMPBELL  
Mr. Reichther, step into the chemical shower.

Campbell leads Reichther to the front corner of the room. A small shower head is on the wall. Reichther jumps in front of it.

Campbell pulls a wire and Reichther is quickly dosed with some liquid. Reichther screams more.

REICTHER  
(in pain)  
IT'S MAKING IT WORSE!

Reichther bumps into desks, ripping at his shirt.

REICTHER  
(in pain)  
IT'S RUNNING DOWN MY SHIRT!

CASEY  
Here pour water on it!

Casey grabs a nearby cup and throws it onto Reichther.

CAMPBELL  
Wait no! It's more acid!

REICTHER  
(screaming)  
WHY WASN'T IT IN A BEAKER!? THIS IS  
RIDICULOUS!

ELLEN  
(to Campbell)  
Why do you have so much acid in  
this classroom?!

CAMPBELL  
Quick, go to the bathroom.

Reichther runs out screaming. There's a long awkward pause.

CAMPBELL  
So...the thing about accountability  
is -  
(beat)  
- please don't tell on me.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - LATER

PRINCIPAL BALLARD and MR. JOHN PARKER are walking with MEMBERS of the school board in tow.

BALLARD

As you can see the school is getting along quite well since Principal Stevens left.

They reach a classroom.

BALLARD

We even got the Algebra room painted. Would you like to see?

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

It is a bit irregular but I am a great admirer of that new paint smell. What the heck!

Ballard leads the board members into the classroom. Parker hangs back for a second before Reichter comes barreling down, still screaming in pain.

PARKER

(sighs)

Mrs. Campbell?

REICTHER

(in pain)

WHY IS SHE STILL ALLOWED TO WORK HERE?!

PARKER

If you saw our budget it would make sense. C'mon, I'll take you to the bathroom.

Parker leads Reichter away.

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