Teen Spirit ep1 Gender Based Violence and other crimes

## COLD OPENING

FADE IN:

EXT/INT. KAT HOUSE(NASHVILLE) - NIGHT

The sound of a music is beeping from the outside of the house while the camera shifts, there's few heads coming out of the car heading inside the house. Before they knock, they hear chanting voices of teenagers.

V\0 (chanting)

Drink, Drink, Drink....

They knock, someone opens the door. There's a party going on. There's a girl being push into drinking. She's wearing a crown belt written birthday girl. It's her birthday. She stops drinking.

KAT

(panting)

I've had enough. I've gotta pee...

The crowd boos her while she crumbles to other rooms. She head to the bathroom and pass others making out.

BATHROOM

KAT is vomiting inside the closed toilet. There's a guy knocking to the door. He knocks again opening. Kat raises her head and stares to the guy.

KAT (CONT'D)

Klaus! What are you doing here?

KLAUS

Just checking up on you. You seem to have had too much to drink there. Get up.

Klaus carrying her up and put her to his arms. They get out of the bathroom and head to the sleeping room. The Party is still going on to the other side. They get inside the room. Kat lays down to the bed.

KAT

Thanks Klaus.

Kat and Klaus staring at each others eyes. Klaus attempt to kiss her, she blocks him.

KLAUS

(unpleased)

What's wrong?

KAT

No Klaus. I am pretty trashed right now and i don't wanna do something i'd regret in the morning.

KLAUS

No regrets. Come on.

Klaus attempt to kiss her again. She blocks him again. Kat is powerless because of how drunk she is. Klaus forces himself into her, while she's slowly pushing him. Klaus rapes her while she's crying, and the tears coming out of her eyes.

EXT/INT. KAT HOUSE (DAD PLACE) - DAY

The taxi stops near the gate. Kat gets out. The driver goes to the back and pulls out her bags. Kat takes them to the gate, a neighbor sees her and gets closer. She's an old woman.

MRS ROSEWELL

(surprised)

Kat? Is that you sweetie?

KAT

Yes Mrs Rosewell. How are you doing?

MRS ROSEWELL

(soft spoken)

We're fine here. We've missed you child. Where's your mother?

KAT

She's in Europe for business trip. I am moving back here.

MRS ROSEWELL

It's good to see you again child.

KAT

You too.

Kat carries her begs and gets to her home and heads straight to the house.

INT. SCHOOL YARD - DAY

It's an opening day of the schools at the neighborhood, students are walking in the school, some are chilling and talking about how summer has treated them. Kat walks into the school passages. Rebeca sees her and approaches her.

REBECA

Hi, Kat right?

KAT

Yes. Rebeca?

Kat is doubting if she's talking to the right person.

REBECA

Yes and i am supposed to give the school tour.

KAT

Sure. Let's go.

REBECA

I was a student activist last year and the nominations are looming.

They begin walking, and passes a pail of students sitting.

KAT

Why aren't you re-electing?

REBECA

I can't. I need to focus this year and up my grades. I'll be a senior next year. This is the drama hall and where we get our food if you like free meal. And a drama class is held here every Wednesday and Friday noon.

They keep on walking and approaching the back yard.

KAT

You play Netball?

REBECA

Nope. I am too much of a politician. That's our Netball captain. Princess.

Princess waves at them while they pass. They wave back. They approach the bathroom sites. There's boys coming from the back. There's Klaus to them. Klaus and Kat clutches with eyes. Kat panics and runs to the bathroom. Rebeca follows her. She finds her throwing out.

REBECA (CONT'D)

Is everything okay Kat?

KAT

Thanks for the tour. I'll see you at break.

REBECA

Friend. You can tell me anything.

Kat opens the door slowly for Rebeca to get in. She's emotional.

KAT

(crying)

Something really bad has happened to me.

REBECA

(sad)

What happened friend?

Kat just looking at Rebeca afraid to tell her what happened to her, which is, she is raped.

SCHOOL YARD

Klaus sitting to the school yard with Jessica and his friends, Kenny and Manuel.

**JESSICA** 

I heard the new girl stormed to the bathroom when she saw y'all boys.

KLAUS

She's just tripping.

**JESSICA** 

Is she?

KENNY

We went to her party last week and her crazy friends were drinking like fishes. She blocked out, maybe she's still embarrassed about it. **JESSICA** 

She's acting like Molly after the pool party.

Klaus gets choked and spills the drink that is on his mouth. They all look at him.

KLAUS

Can you not talk about dead people?

**JESSICA** 

What? Are you feeling guilty play boy?

KENNY

Why is Olly sitting with girls today?

Olly going to sit with Susan and Rebeca to the other side of the yard.

OLLY

(sniffing)

I'm having a bad day.

REBECA

Have you been juicing again, Olly?

OLLY

No! This school journalism is killing me. Hi Susie.

SUSAN

I asked you not to call me that again.

They all get laughing. Chris and David coming their way with Kat. They get there holding their drinks and something to eat.

CHRIS

Hey guys. Y'all know Kat right?

KAT

Hi guys.

Kat turns her head and sees Klaus and his friends sitting behind Rebeca side. She stares at them and it gets Susan noticing that there's something there.

SUSAN

Do you know them?

KAT

Nah. I thought i know them.

REBECA

Attention everyone. Tonight, there's a bomb fire at the beach.

(to Kat)

You should come. It would be fun.

KAT

I'll come. I have nothing i'd be doing anyway.

DAVID

(to Olly)

You decided to grace us with your presence today hm?

OLLY

Leave me alone dude.

REBECA

What's up with you two?

OLLY

We're just playing.

Olly sees Klaus staring at Kat not so unpleasantly.

OLLY(CONT'D)

(to Kat)

Why is he at staring you?

KAT

I don't know. Maybe he thinks i am cute.

(to David)

Don't you think so David?

DAVID

Maybe.

They both smile at each other. There's a major vibe over here, Chris is noticing it, they look at each with Olly.

SUSAN

(to Rebeca)

Who's gonna pick me up at the store later on?

REBECA

Ask your boyfriend over here. You should invite Princess too.

## **BATHROOM**

Klaus and Kenny inside the bathrooms seemingly corning. They keep on looking the other side when they talk.

KLAUS

This girl Kat, she's already acting like Molly. She can't talk about what happened to her party.

KENNY

She's gonna claim you have raped her. I've noticed.

KLAUS

Make sure she doesn't talk man. Whatever it takes. I don't need such an attention at the beginning of a new school year.

KENNY

I'm on it man. Don't worry.

KLAUS

Do you have those drugs to wipe her memory?

KENNY

I still have some at my place. Lets bounce before Jess notices that you have disappeared.

They sneak out of the bathrooms and go separate ways. Manuel sees them from a small distance.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Rebeca walks inside the Principal office, she finds him drinking a tea checking up on some papers. She knocks and walks in.

PRINCIPAL

Come in Rebeca.

REBECA

Good morning principal.

PRINCIPAL

Morning. I asked you here to ask you to re-elect for a student activist again this year. You did a stellar job last year.

REBECA

Thanks a lot...

PRINCIPAL

But?

REBECA

I don't think i'd be able to do it this year after how the year ended, with Molly committing suicide and all the rape accusations and Olly's Dad murder case. It was too much.

PRINCIPAL

But that was out of your hands...

REBECA

Maybe if i was there at the Pool Party, i could have prevented Molly from all that.

PRINCIPAL

Listen Child. This isn't your fault. You weren't there at the party, what if you were there and it could have been you who got raped. You did a wonderful job here at school and being an activist for students, it really helps when you're at your senior year and applying for colleges.

The Principal puts Rebeca in pressure as he wants her to re-elect for student activist.

REBECA

I think i have someone i could elect and work with her, but not as a head of students.

PRINCIPAL

Who's that?

REBECA

Kat Mabaso. The new transfer student from Nashville.

PRINCIPAL

Do you think she can handle this school drama?

REBECA

Yes, but let me talk to her first.

EXT. STREET DAY - DAY

Rebeca and Olly coming their way from the school direction walking slowly, seemingly talking about something serious and Olly is trying to change the subject.

REBECA

Do you think Klaus could have raped Molly?

Rebeca wants an answer to someone who has them but can't give them to her.

OLLY

I don't know. Why do you care?

Olly seems like he's not liking the idea of talking about Klaus and Molly rape accusations.

REBECA

You were there at the party and so close to him than any other person. You could have seen something.

MORTAGE

Here's how Klaus raped Molly.

- It's in a party, a pool party. Everyone is crushed, some smacking at the rooms, some dancing inside the house. It was a warm day, and Molly goes to the pool to dehydrate and easy-up her wasted body from drinks and weed.
- Molly is swimming. Klaus dives into the water and skin deeps until he appears in front of her by the pool corner.

MOLLY

Klaus! What are you doing here?

KLAUS

I know you want me.

Klaus speaks turning Molly around.

MOLLY

(nervous)

Klaus stop... Stop this isn't funny.

(chuckles softly nervous)

Klaus actually pulls her underwear down and do it without her participation.

- There's Olly right there up top, shocked and doing nothing about it.

BACK TO SCENE

REBECA (CONT'D)

I think he has done something to Kat.

Rebecca is assuming which is true.

OLLY

I don't know, a lot of stuffs happens with Klaus. He hooks up with a lot of girls.

Olly has a guilty conscious to his face because he knows what Klaus is doing to girls out there.

REBECA

Aren't you afraid that he's gonna do it to people you love?

Rebeca staring at Olly wondering if he has her back or not.

OLLY

I'm gonna kill him and throw his body to the moving river.

Olly's response gets Rebeca smiling.

EXT. RIVER SIDE - DAY

The birds are cheeping, the water is slowly flowing, the fishes are shaking the water, it's a breather, there's a fresh air, it's a quiet place. Chris is sitting alone near the water with his book scribing in it. He seems to be writing something.

A car slowly parks a bit far from him. It arises him. He gets up and try to see who might be coming out of the car. It's Howard (Klaus dad) and a woman. Chris sneaks near to hear their conversation.

HOWARD

I told you to skip the country after i paid you, didn't i?

MERRY

The money you gave me wouldn't even take me to Angola. I want more.

HOWARD

Then you gonna want more again and again. Do you want me to make you disappear like your daughter?

Howard shocks Chris with that he's the one who killed the person his father has been arrested for, which means his father is framed.

CHRIS

(infuriated)

This psycho framed my father...

Howard goes to the car and get a wrapped envelop with a torn of money.

HOWARD

(angry)

I want you gone before the end of the day. I'll send someone to check on you. Never blackmail me again, your daughter was collateral damage. She had to go with all the secrets.

**MERRY** 

You won't be hearing from me anymore.

HOWARD

(angry)

Get in the car before i change my mind!

Everything leaves Chris surprised, Merry sold her daughter, Howard is a very dangerous man, and that's why Klaus acts like he owns the town.

Chris gets his phone from his bag, and dial some numbers.

CHRIS

Can we meet for a quick bite at the Cafe Shop? Sure, I'll be there in twenty minutes.

INT. SCHOOL HALL - DAY

Inside the school hall, there's a group of people who have gathered looking like it's a dialog. In those people, there's Olly and a woman standing up between them.

MAM RADEBE

Good afternoon everyone. Thanks for meeting again for our sessions. We have few new members that have joined us today. Let's all introduce ourselves.

JANE

Hi everyone. My name is Jane, i am an addict.

DINEO

Hello everyone. My name is Dineo, i am suffering from depression and anxiety.

OLITY

Good afternoon fellows. My name is Olly, I have four months attending this group. I am an addict to a couple of drugs.

MAM RADEBE

Our sessions are very personal and private, we gather and share our struggles. Is there anyone who wants to share their progress?

Dineo stands up and volunteer to be the first to share her progress.

DINEO

Since i have joined this group, i haven't cut myself or do any harm nor think of committing suicide.

OLLY

I haven't used drugs or drink alcohol in three months, i have been taking anxiety and depression medication.

Mam Radebe looking at Olly smiling at him very proud.

A Moment Later, the session is out. Mam Radebe walking in hurry to approach Olly.

MAM RADEBE

Olly...

Olly turns around and sees her coming. He waits for her.

OLLY

Hello Mam.

MAM RADEBE

It's good to hear about your progress. I can see it in your face. Keep going son. That would be amazing for Rebeca. She's really worried about u.

OLLY

Thanks mam. See you to the next session.

Olly leaves Mam Radebe standing there and so happy for him.

INT. KLAUS HOUSE - DAY

Klaus playing some music at his place that his father bought for him. His father's car pulls outside by the gate. He gets in and find Klaus sitting at the couch.

KLAUS

Hey. What's up dad?

HOWARD

Is that how you greet your old man now?

KLAUS

Where are you coming from?

HOWARD

I was at the river side dealing with some errands. Have you went to see your mother lately?

KLAUS

Not yet, why?

HOWARD

You should. She's your mother and she's recovering well now. Let's go tomorrow together. You need to start thinking about joining a family business. It's your legacy.

KLAUS

Yeah, I'll start showing up to the factory after school.

HOWARD

Yes, I'd be very impressed with that.

Klaus revisit his memory and remember what his father said about his whereabouts earlier.

KLAUS

You said you were at the river side right?

HOWARD

Yes, what's wrong?

KLAUS

Be careful to what you do or say there on Friday's. Daniel son, Chris is always there doing whatever on Friday's.

HOWARD

What? Is he like CRAZY too like his dad?

KLAUS

Just be careful dad.

Howard smiles chuckling to know that his son is looking our for him.

INT. KAT HOUSE - DAY

Kat is in the shower, Rebeca is in her room looking around, at pictures and cute letters from Kat's parents. Kat's phone rings. It's her mother. Rebeca thinks of answering first, but hesitate.

REBECA

(loud)

Kat...Your phone is ringing.

KAT(V'O)

Answer it.

REBECA

It's your mother.

Kat comes out of the shower wearing a towel. She gets to the phone in time.

MOTHER (V'O)

Hey baby. I thought you weren't taking it. How are you?

KAT

I am good. Just settling in.

MOTHER (V'O)

That's great. I spoke to Mrs Rosewell, she said you look down. What's wrong sweetheart? You know you can talk to me.

KAT

Nothing is wrong. I'm just missing my family, i've been alone for some time now. When are you and dad coming home?

MOTHER (V'O)

This summer, we're going to a holiday with you, okay look, make friends, have fun. I have an emergency call coming on. I love you.

Her mother hangs the phone before she can say something.

KAT

I love you too... She hanged up.

REBECA

She sounds sweet.

KAT

Very, but she's always away and i miss her. That's why i get to live in this big house alone alone now.

REBECA

She's a business woman love, trying to make a better life for you.

KAT

Yeah, i know, but sometimes what we just need is a hug, mostly during this swift transition in our lives. Lemme get dressing so we can go.

REBECA

Sure.

Rebeca can see that there's something eating Kat, but she doesn't wanna spit it because it may be huge.

INT. CAFE SHOP - DUSK

Inside the Cafe Shop later that day. There's Chris and David having lunch and talking. Susan is looking at them from the till.

DAVID

Is it just me or Kat is having a problem with Klaus?

Chris gazes at David smiling at him not taking him serious.

CHRIS

Is it just me or this is the moment where you say "My heart is ever at your service Kat."?

DAVID

Dude come on. I am serious. I would really like to know what happened to Molly and it could be what is happening to Kat.

David is very concerned and caring.

CHRIS

You really like her my friend. It's time to move on from Molly. I am very excited for you.

We see Princess walking to them after eavesdropping their conversation.

**PRINCESS** 

Who is he into now if not me?

Chris and David looking at each other.

CHRIS

Are we going to the bomb fire Sweet P?

Chris is diverting the situation.

PRINCESS

Yes. I am coming with y'all. is everything well with the new girl?

David sees that Princess is snooping.

DAVID

I was asking the same thing to this preak here!

PRINCESS

Now i know. Are you into her?

DAVID

I don't know. Lets go. It's getting a little bit dark out there.

(to Chris)

Go get Susan.

Chris going to the back store. As he approaches, he gets Susan changing.

CHRIS

Oh noo. I'm sorry. I didn't know that you were changing.

SUSAN

Stop. It's not like you haven't seen me naked. Come here.

Chris goes to Susan. She starts kissing him passionately. Chris gets a little distracted, they stop.

CHRIS

I'm sorry.

SUSAN

You seem to be distracted lately.

CHRIS

My father is framed for a crime he didn't commit.

SUSAN

So, what are you going to do about it?

CHRIS

I wanna get to the bottom of everything. It's Klaus dad who framed him.

SUSAN

Let's go. Don't worry, we'd figure something out.

INT. PRISON (VISITING ROOM) - NIGHT

Klaus Dad (Howard) is in the waiting room. Chris dad (Daniel) walks in hand-cuffed. He sits down and sees Howard.

DANIEL

What are you doing here Howard?

HOWARD

(soft speaking)

Just here to remind you.

DANIEL

I got the message okay. I won't appeal just to risk the lives of my boys.

HOWARD

You dare to appeal, i'll be cutting the throats of Olly and Chris. Tell them to stop sniffing around, before they discover some truths.

DANIEL

I'll deal with them.

HOWARD

I hope i don't get to visit this place again.

EXT. BEACH - NIGHT

At the beach. Klaus, Kenny, Manuel, Jessica and her friends around the fire, smoking weed and looking at Olly who's sitting alone around the fire with beers alone.

**JESSICA** 

Why is he sitting by himself?

KLAUS

He has been ghosted. That's what you get for rolling with the so called good guys.

KITY

I thought you and him were friends.

KLAUS

He sucks these days. He's lost it. No longer fun.

LAUREN

What's the deal though of coming to the bomb fire and sit separately?

KLAUS

Maybe we don't get along.

KENNY

What's the story about this stupid bomb fire thing anyway?

**JESSICA** 

Share secrets. Deep secrets.

KITY

Do you have any secrets Manuel?

MANUEL.

Nose.

He has just said i don't now in Spanish. It gets Jessica chuckling.

**JESSICA** 

What does that mean?

KLAUS

He doesn't know in Spanish.

Rebeca and Kat approaches where Olly is sitting by himself.

KAT

Hey Olly. Where's everyone?

OLLY

Here are they.

Olly points at Klaus and his friends as he laughs.

OLLY(CONT'D)

They're are coming. They were waiting for Susan and Chris to make out first.

REBECA

Gross.

OLLY

Want some beers?

Olly hands beers to Kat and Rebeca.

REBECA

What? Have you began drinking again?

OLLY

None alcoholic. Zero percent.

A moment later, everyone arrives and Chris is sitting with his Guitar next to Susan, Olly with Rebeca, David and Kat the hosting faces, Princess is just enjoying the bomb fire while Chris is singing a good song for them.

REBECA

Welcome to the Bomb fire everyone, the moment where we gets to tell the truths to our friends. The moment we all have been dreading has arrived, the moment of truth and a cry for help. I will start and share my deepest secret.

Rebeca is addressing and everyone is listening to her.

REBECA(CONT'D)

(sad)

My family is broken, my parents are getting divorced and there's nothing i can do to stop it.

DAVID

Princess is my step-sister, that's why my mom had to leave me and my dad.

David shocks Princess who actually had a crush on him.

SUSAN

Chris is struggling with depression since Olly began juicing Molly drugs.

PRINCESS

I am suffering from anxiety and depression. I once thought of committing suicide.

Princess scares everyone and get their sympathy look, while Chris rubs her shoulder.

CHRIS

Our dad is framed a murder by Klaus father. I heard him and Merry talking about it at the river side.

Olly begins looking at Klaus with an angry face.

OLLY

I haven't used, smoked or drank in three months. I have been attending a counseling session. Olly gets Chris and Rebeca so very happy for him, but there's one person who haven't shared their secrets.

KAT

I have been raped at my birthday few weeks ago.

Everyone looking at Kat wanting to know who could have raped her.

KAT (CONT'D)

It's Klaus who raped me.

Before she even concludes, Olly interferes..

OLLY

He also raped Molly. I saw everything.

Olly shocks David who freaks out.

DAVID

(angry)

And you kept quiet???

David snapping out of it. Jessica from the other group notices.

**JESSICA** 

What the hell is going on with David and Olly?

KLAUS

Why do you care?

JESSICA

They're looking at us now.

KITY

Not us. They're looking at Klaus. What did you do?

KLAUS

I don't know.

Back to David who's snapping out and trying to go to Klaus group and pick a fight, Kat stands up and stands in front of him.

KAT

(firm)

David! Look at me! David!!!

Kat holds David face trying to calm him down. David looking at her. Everyone is looking at them too.

KAT (CONT'D)

We have to make him pay but not like this okay?

ALL

Yesss.

KAT

We gonna get him. Sit here with me.

They all look at Klaus who can see that the secret is out now.

**JESSICA** 

Klaus. What did you do?

Klaus keeps quiet and look back at them without fear.

FADE OUT: