

INT. OLIVE'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Olive cries on her bed, clutching her teddy bear. Rosemary listens, as a good mother does.

OLIVE

So, now everyone who knows the truth is either gone or won't fess up. The Cross Your Legs Club is demanding my head. And the messed up thing is that I wouldn't put it past Gibbons to expel me.

ROSEMARY

I had a similar situation when I was your age.

OLIVE

(In disbelief)
Everyone called you a whore?

ROSEMARY

Yes. I had a horrible reputation and people said awful things about me. But it was true. I was a slut.

Olive gives her a suspicious look.

OLIVE

I'm waiting for you to say
(Imitating her mother)
'Just kidding!'

ROSEMARY

(Earnestly)
No, it's true. I slept with a whole bunch of people.

OLIVE

Mum!

ROSEMARY

Well! It was a different time.

OLIVE

Ewww!

ROSEMARY

I did. I got around. Before I met your father, I was a garden variety floozy.

OLIVE

Why are you telling me this?

ROSEMARY

Because I endured a similar lynching because of a certain dalliance.

OLIVE

I promise that it was no worse than Marianne Bryant's attack on me.

ROSEMARY

Wanna bet? It was her mother.

OLIVE

Wait, what?

ROSEMARY

Yep. Don Bryant and I got caught in a very compromising position in the locker room during a basketball game.

OLIVE

That's disgusting! *He's* disgusting!

ROSEMARY

He wasn't back then. He was actually pretty handsome. All I'm saying is that *MAYBE* the reason that Bryant girl is going after you is because her mother told her about me.

OLIVE

So, the sins of the mother are revisited on the daughter.

ROSEMARY

There's something else you should know. This is hard to say but -- Don Bryant is your father. Marianne is your sister.

Olive turns white.

ROSEMARY (CONT'D)

Kidding!! Well, about the sister thing, but not about the Don thing. That happened. Actually that happened a couple of times *before* we got caught.

Olive punches her mother on the arm, who's laughing hysterically.

OLIVE

I hate you so much right now.
Can't you see I'm a mess!

ROSEMARY

No, you're not, Olive. You're wonderful. And you're going to handle this the same way that I did. With an incontrovertible sense of humour.

They embrace and Olive gets an idea.

OLIVE

Thanks for the pep talk, Mom. Now get out. I need to make some phone calls.

Rosemary looks slightly concerned by the grin on Olive's face.