

## Episode 11: March 13-19, 2000

(INTRO MUSIC)

### Scene 11.1

OLIVIA

Hello there, this is Olivia and the Y2K podcast. I'm back at the student radio station again - Tammi's convinced them to let me record here for at least the rest of the semester. And I've convinced Tammi to come back and do the podcast with me sometimes. It's good to have company every now and then! *(beat)* We had a very exciting field trip today, lots of fresh air and sunshine. And rocks of course! So now I'm tired in that happy way, you know? *(stretches)* I'm going to record this and then write a paper and then curl up and sleep! *(beat)* So last week Jess admitted to being attracted to Rachel, but decided to do nothing about it, and Johnno gave Kat his ex's dress and also defended his horrible friend. Quite a week. Let's see what we find out today. Welcome - to the year 2000!

### Scene 11.2

(Modem dial-up tone) (click)

KAT

Hi Jess. Had to re-listen to your last message as I wasn't very focused the first time around... *(slight laugh)* Of course I already knew you were attracted to Rachel. Wicked obvious. *(laughs)* But I get why you're not acting on it. And I get that what you need is time with Bri to establish some kind of... normal again I guess. And of course you can write about me, and about our friendship! And I'd love to read it - but I'll probably cry! *(laughs, gets serious)* Though I'm trying to stop this whole bursting into tears all the time-stuff. It's pretty childish, really, to cry all the time. Also I'm trying to give up smoking, but it's hard. Very hard. In fact- (opens window, weekday evening traffic noise, lights cigarette, inhales, blows out smoke) Aahhh... *(contented sigh)* Only third one today. I'll get there. But *(inhales-exhales)* it's just so \*good\*... *(sighs again)* Johnno was very unhappy that I left his party Saturday. And I was really upset at how his friend Simon treated Emma. Johnno says he didn't see any of that, he just heard Shirin and Emma yelling at Simon and one of his fancy design glasses breaking. He says of course he defended his friend against two people yelling and throwing glasses around. And I get that. I would defend \*you\* against any attack no matter what you'd done. *(slight laugh)* But I would also ask you about it, and try to figure out what happened. And if I thought you'd done something wrong, I'd try to talk to you about it. *(inhales-exhales)* That's the bit that Johnno's... not doing. And not intending to do either. He says

blokes don't talk about that kind of stuff. And... OK, fine, that's his experience, but- I know plenty of men that \*do\* talk about all sorts of things to each other. So yeah, some of them are gay, and some of them are Swedish, and some of them are gay and Swedish, but... but the point is it shouldn't matter. (*puts out cigarette, closes window*) Brr! Cold! It's supposed to be spring but today's been freezing. Well not actually freezing, but cold like- never mind. You get the point. So... Johnno and I argued over the whole party thing. He was disappointed I left, and said he felt that I chose Emma and Shirin over him. And... I did. Because they're my friends, and one of them had just been treated appallingly. But that hurts him because he feels rejected. (*sigh*) He wants us to be everything to each other, and that's lovely. I told him we've only just gotten together, we can't be everything to each other yet. I have a history with my friends, with my family - well my mother, anyway, of love and support and stuff we've shared that makes them - you! - my.. rock. Rocks? (*beat*) Foundation. He can't be that for me after... a month! And I can't be that for him! I think he got it but I'm not sure. It's all jumbled in my head now. We made up of course. (*sighs*) But I don't think I'll get Shirin and Emma to join me at one of Johnno's parties anytime soon. I-

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KAT

It's my mother, um, I'll call her back.

(KAT silences ringtone)

KAT

She's worried about me. About this whole no-proper-job-thing. And she's got the wrong idea about Johnno. I called her when I was upset about something, and now she can't see the big picture. I know, it's her job to worry about me. (*laughs*) I just wish she'd let me vent a little without it becoming this huge thing, you know? Anyway. Let me know what's up with you! Love you!

(clicks)

### Scene 11.3

(Modem dial-up tone) (click)

JESS

Hey Kat. Wow. Lot's happening at your end. So... (*sighs*) I'm kind of in your Mom's corner here. (*gently*) I'm concerned about you with Johnno. Giving you his ex's dress is... weird. Not telling you about it is even weirder. The money thing is also troubling... (*sighs*) He seems to be... I don't know, trying to... control everything? Maybe he's insecure and needs reassurance from you? Oh, I don't know. Every relationship has its ups and downs, but it seems you two have

had more downs lately... And for such a new relationship that's... concerning. Also, if his friend is being an asshole, he needs to acknowledge that. There must have been more people in the room who can corroborate Emma's story, right? So it's \*not\* a "he said-she said" type of thing. *(sighs)* I really wish I was there. I wish we could have this conversation in person. I'm not trying to rain on your parade my dear, I know Johnno means so much to you. I want to make sure he is kind to you. All right? So... my news... *(laughs)* Ballroom dancing was actually surprisingly fun - I think Kiwis are generally a pretty relaxed bunch, and the dance people were so nice and welcoming, and it didn't feel so... stiff, you know? Watching Come Dancing on TV it looks like they have rods up their butts, you know? And these people weren't anything like that! Turns out there are like a gazillion styles of ballroom, we started with the rumba and as expected Bri was incredible and I barely got by. But we had fun, and - believe it or not! - we're going again next week! Who knows, maybe when we meet next I will be a fully fledged ballroom dancer in sequins and ruffles and glitter, oh my! *(laughs)* Or... maybe not. Also, they offered Bri a part-time job manning their front desk a few nights a week, which is wonderful. Manning? Ugh! All these silly gendered words. Wo-manning? *(beat)* Next week is Bri's birthday, so I'm going to try and organize a dinner for her, we don't really know enough people for a party but that's all right *(laughs)* And I got her this beautiful scarf that I'm sure she will love. Hey! I just realized we won't spend \*our\* birthday together this year, that sucks! Maybe we can do a phone call or something... If we can deal with the cost. And the time difference. Let's pencil it in "August 27, birthday phone call with Kat and Jess". All right? And hey, I'll be 26 and you'll be 24, so together we'll be 50! Yikes! If we were both in London we'd have a huge party, right? Or maybe not... *(laughs)* Anyways. Take care of yourself, my dear. You're the only Kat I've got, you know. And you are definitely one of my very favourite rocks. *(smiles)* Oceans of hugs!

(clicks)

#### **Scene 11.4**

OLIVIA

I agree. *(hesitates)* Johnno is doing some really odd things. Doesn't seem like Kat is realizing quite \*how\* odd. It's worrying - though of course it's already happened. Yeah. It is funny they have the same birthday. I remember- *(stops herself)* Right. Also as a Geology student it's funny to me how they seem to think rocks are universally hard and solid. Ever heard of sedimentary rocks? Like limestone? *(laughs)* I'm going to go write my Geology paper *(yawns)* and then sleeeeeeeeeeep. Hard - like an igneous rock! *(laughs)* Until next week brilliant listeners, good night...

OLIVIA

If you knew either Kat or Jess or any of their friends twenty years ago, I would like to hear from you. Please e-mail me at [y2kpod@gmail.com](mailto:y2kpod@gmail.com), find me on Twitter or Instagram @y2kpod, that's the number two. Also check out our webpage, at [y2kpod.com](http://y2kpod.com), where you can find more info, and, of course, listen to all the episodes. The show is also on Apple Podcasts - what used to be iTunes - on Google Podcasts, Spotify and wherever you get your podcasts. If you like Y2K, please tell your friends to listen too! And if you have a minute, it would mean so much if you would rate and review the show on Apple Podcasts. It can help others find the show. And a lso, it makes me very happy! If you want to support the show further - thank you so much - you can do that by going to [patreon.com\[/y2kpod\]](https://patreon.com/y2kpod) and pledging a monthly amount - from 1 US dollar you get all our episodes early! So if you were a patron, you could check out next week's episode in just a few days! Our fantastic music is created and recorded by Jake Haws, check out his podcast "Making Music with Jake Haws" to hear more. I'm Olivia, thank you for listening, and welcome back next week when we return to the year 2000.

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