

## Double standards & victim blaming – scripted role play

Four people – Amy, Casey, Farah and Marie - each to read a part. First, read the description of the situation.

Four friends are hanging out together at a café after receiving one of their coursework marks.

Amy: I cannot believe that Gemma managed to get 75% on this coursework. She barely even tried! I was doing mine for 3 weeks and only got a 63.

Casey: Yeah she told me that she only spent 4 nights on the coursework. I couldn't do that. What a lucky bitch.

Farah: Good for her. She must have worked really hard to get such a high mark.

Marie: Yeah right! She isn't lucky. I reckon she was flirting with the lecturers again trying to boost her marks. We have all seen her do it.

Amy: Gemma is always flirting with someone. Plus I heard that she takes home a different guy almost every night the little slut. It wouldn't surprise me if she tried to take one of the lecturers home to get good grades all year.

Marie: Guys only like her because she is easy and up for anything. I can't see what all the fuss is about.

Amy: Gemma is just a fat slag looking to get attention.

Farah: Come on now there is no need for that. You wouldn't judge a guy like that – that's a real double standard and it's not fair. She is a really nice person and she does a lot of volunteering and charity work. We should be happy for her.

Amy: She only does the charity work to get more attention so she can pretend to be the good girl when everyone knows she is a tramp.

Casey: Anyway, I heard this funny story..... [*Gets cut off by Amy*]

Amy: Gemma deserves what is coming to her. I hope she gets raped. That will teach her the dirty whore.

Farah: Amy I cannot believe you would say something like that. That is a disgusting thing to say. No one ever deserves that no matter what.

*[Farah leaves and the others continue chatting. Later, when they have gone back to campus, Casey goes to speak to Amy]*

*[Knock Knock] [Amy answers the door]*

Casey: Hey Hun do you mind if I come in for a bit. Just wanted to have a quick chat about something.

Amy: Sure Lovey come in. Hey can you believe how Farah acted today. That was so out of order.

Casey: Well... She did have a point. What you said was a terrible thing.

Amy: What are you talking about? She was so over the top. I was only joking. And Gemma is a slut.

Casey: I really don't think you should say things like that. How would you like it if people talked about you like that? Why have you got it in for Gemma? She's actually really nice. Seems to me there's something else going on here.

Amy: I just hate her.

Casey: Well why ever that is, it doesn't do you any favours to look as if you're judging her sex life. And it's really out of order to wish her to be raped. Being raped is an awful thing and it is definitely not something to joke about.

Amy: Yeah I guess you are right. I'm sorry. I just cannot stand Gemma is all.

