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A Fragile Teacup

By Lila Elkins, Barrack Hebrew Academy

Content Warning: Features a character who references her struggle with an eating disorder and a toxic work environment.

CONTENT EXCERPT #1

"It wasn't only that I was hurting others, we were hurting others, but I was hurting me, they were hurting me. My scale became my drug. Food, my poison. A treadmill, my home."

CONTENT EXCERPT #2

"It was sickening to think of the things they taught us, but I was prey to their lessons because it was also sickening to fathom eating more than 1300 calories a day. Hailey didn't know that the night before I had succumbed to the terrors of modelhood."

CONTENT EXCERPT #3

"I still have bulimia. It doesn't just fade like a bad memory, it wasn't a one time craze like a juice fast or that keto diet I tried in 2014. It wasn't a simple "no dairy for a month," or intermittent fasting. It was blood in vomit and hospital bills, crippling depression and tooth decay, scars on my hands and a doctor telling me I could never have children."

Girl Talk

By Ibbby Lazarus, Harriton High School

Content Warning: This play is a dark comedy which includes a sudden death and periodic references to sex.

CONTENT EXCERPT #1

RAYA

Oh my God...what the hell happened?

(RAYA kneels beside him and checks his pulse.)

There's no pulse. I think Rob is actually high key dead.

SAMANTHA

(hysterical)

The sex was so good it stopped his heart.



RAYA

Do you think that's possible? I think we should tell someone.

SAMANTHA

No, no, we cannot do that. I just Googled it, and death by sex is possible. I'm applying to colleges soon, what would the board of admissions think if they found out I was a literal murderer?

(RAYA grabs SAMANTHA's phone.)

RAYA

Sam, the top news article says, "35-Year-Old Man Dies of Excessive Orgasm".

CONTENT EXCERPT #2

SAMANTHA

Yeah but like, I don't really feel like going to prison, and I look really bad in orange. Plus, I hate jumpsuits.

(TITO enters from stage right as SAMANTHA is talking, eventually positioning himself in the middle of the two girls.)

SAMANTHA

They're so out of style and you have to get fully naked just to pee.

TITO

I just got here and you guys are already talking about getting naked and pissing? Damn, you guys really know how to party.

CONTENT EXCERPT #3

TITO

Nah, I told you, he'll be fine. He's probably already awake and calling somebody to pick him up as we speak.

RAYA

No, T, Rob is like actually deceased. Samantha killed him because she was too good at sex.

TITO

(still laughing) I don't know, man, I guess I'm just too pumped up on adrenaline after my performance to care. Did you say Samantha killed him because she was too good at sex?

SAMANTHA



It's not funny. How do you think I feel? I'm so hot that someone died because of me! (*getting emotional*) My existence is just like, detrimental to everyone's health.

RAYA

It's okay, Samantha. It's not your fault that you were born this way. The open-mic place is on the way to the gas station so we can pick you up some cigarettes if you want.

SAMANTHA

(*in tears*) I don't even smoke cigarettes, I just have them so that I can light them and look hot and offer them to boys. But what's even the point if I can't have sex without killing them?