Healthy Me

Gregg and Lottie's story - Ages 9-10 - Piece 2

Gregg and Lottie are both 16. They have recently started going out with each other as boyfriend and girlfriend. Gregg is very popular at school. He is the captain of several of the school's sports teams, and he is very good at basketball. He has a try-out for the national basketball team in a month, and is very excited about the possibility of representing his country at the next Olympics.

Lottie isn't as popular and doesn't have as many friends as Gregg, but Gregg likes her. Some of the other girls in school have started to be unkind to Lottie because they don't understand why Gregg has chosen to go out with her. Lottie has had a few rude text messages about it from another girl called Jax. Gregg knows about it and has told Lottie to ignore it. Jax used to go out with Gregg.

One day Gregg's best friend, Davy, says he is having a party. Davy's parents will be away and he asks Gregg to bring some alcohol. Davy says that everyone is bringing something, so Gregg has to as well.

On the evening of the party, Gregg takes some beers from the fridge before he leaves hoping that his Dad won't notice. He picks up Lottie and they walk to Davy's house. By the time they get to the party a few of the other teenagers are already drunk. Gregg opens a can of beer and joins in, everyone else is drinking, so why shouldn't he? Lottie says she wants to have soft-drinks, and chooses not to have any alcohol.

The party is good, and there is lots of chatting and dancing to the latest music. Lottie and Gregg have a good time, and because he isn't taking too much notice about the amount he is drinking, Gregg finishes all the beers he brought. He feels a little dizzy and doesn't feel in control any more.

Jax arrives at the party with her new boyfriend. They have been drinking alcohol on the way to the party, and are drunk. Jax storms up to Lottie and pushes her backwards into someone else starting an argument.

Gregg defends Lottie, and Jax's boyfriend argues back. A fight starts between the two boys. Lottie tries to pull Gregg away, but the boys won't stop. They are both getting hurt and Davy's house is getting damaged.

Lottie calls the police because it is an emergency. She is the only person who is sober enough at the party to see that the situation is dangerous. The police arrive and stop the fight.

Both boys are arrested for being drunk, causing the fight, and behaving anti-socially. They are taken to the police station. Lottie has to walk home on her own.

Both boys have to appear in court and Davy's parents want them to pay for all the damage caused to their house.

In court, both boys are found guilty and are given fines to pay and a criminal record.

Lottie has to break up with Gregg because her parents have said she is not allowed out with a boy like him.

Gregg loses his chance to try-out for the national basketball team because of his behaviour and criminal record.

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