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LEARNING TO LIVE AGAIN

Episode #1 - Pilot

COLD OPEN

INT. TEACHER'S LOUNGE - CLAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL - MORNING

VINCENT CHENZIO, 28, dashing handsome with broad shoulders, muscular build, dark hair and green eyes, stands at the coffee pot waiting for his cup to fill as he ponders over what he will teach in class today. He did not create lesson plans for the week and it is Monday; looks like it may be a story from the textbook, or notes.

MARTHA STENCHWALLER, 47, social butterfly, thinking she is still thirty with dyed hair and long painted nails, walks into the lounge to put her lunch in the refrigerator. She opens the door, tosses it in, slams the door, then heads to leave the lounge.

MARTHA  
(grumpily)  
Good morning!

Martha lets the door slam behind her.

Vincent turns away from the coffee pot in mid thought, looking around after hearing the door slam. He shrugs his shoulders, picks up his coffee, and heads for the door.

VINCENT  
It's going to be one of those days.

END OF COLD OPEN

## ACT ONE

INT. CLAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL - HALLWAY - MORNING

Vincent is standing outside his classroom talking with the social studies, SCOTT, as the students walk in for first hour.

VINCENT (CONT'D)

So the ex had the nerve to tell me  
that she has started dating again.

SCOTT SENSITIVE, 31, married but casually flirtatious mediocre looking man, the closest person Vincent has to a best friend.

SCOTT

What the hell made her feel like  
she needed to tell you that? If I  
were you I would have let her know  
that I was back in the dating game  
as well and things were going  
great.

The bell rings to signal first hour and Vincent and Scott walk into their rooms.

INT. CLAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL - VINCENT'S CLASSROOM

While Vincent takes attendance he tells students to open to "Ethan Frome" the first story in the textbook he opens to.

VINCENT

Read through page 20 and then I  
will stop you and we will discuss.

Some time passes.

ROGER, 12, tall and skinny with long, stringy oily hair, speaks with a crackling voice.

ROGER

Why does he even want to be with  
this woman?

VERONICA, 13, cheerleader cute with long brown hair shakes her head in disgust.

VERONICA

She's a slut! I don't get it.

Vincent looks at the text and realizes the storyline of 'Ethan Frome'. It is about a man whose wife is cheating on him after he was in a sledding accident. He shakes his head and mumbles to himself loud enough for the students to hear.

VINCENT  
How fitting!

VERONICA  
What's wrong Mr. Chenzio?

VINCENT  
Nothing

The bell rings and students begin to leave. Roger stops at Mr. Chenzio's desk.

ROGER  
It's okay Mr. Chenzio. What ever it is will work itself out.

VINCENT  
Thanks Roger.

INT. CLAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL - TEACHER'S LOUNGE - LUNCH TIME

Vincent sits at the table with Martha and Scott with his microwave lunch. Martha and Scott are sharing a bag of chips and a bag of cookies.

MARTHA  
So I hear the tramp is dating already? (she shoves an entire cookie in her mouth and stares at Vincent)

VINCENT  
(after death-staring Scott) I could care less what she is doing, I'm just ready to move on.

SCOTT  
Speaking of moving on, have you talked with Janice yet today? She's in rare form. And by the way, why on Earth would you read 'Ethan Frome'?

VINCENT  
Glutton for punishment I guess.

The bell rings for lunch to be over. Vincent tosses his lunch in the trash and heads to class.

MARTHA  
What's wrong with him?

SCOTT  
I don't know, he chose the story.

ACT TWO

INT. CLAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL - VINCENT'S CLASSROOM

Vincent sits at his desk. It is his prep time and he is thumbing through the story the kids were reading. He picks up the picture of him and his ex that has been sitting on his desk.

VINCENT  
(V.O.)  
Maybe I did something wrong. Is it  
my fault? Did I chase her away?

The phone rings and pulls Vincent out of his thoughts.

VINCENT (CONT'D)  
Mr. Chenzio

JANICE CRUMB, 27, boisterous and overbearing with a knack for knowing everyone's business. She is physically fit and has the hormones of the middle school students in the building.

JANICE  
Hey Vince! Wanted to let you know  
there is some mail in your box and  
I'm done with your copies. I can  
sneak away and bring them down...

VINCENT  
I'll come down and get them.

JANICE  
Okay. See you...

Vincent hung up while Janice was still talking.

INT. CLAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL - OFFICE

Vincent's mail is already sitting on the corner of Janice's desk. As she stands up to hand it to him she 'drops' it and has to bend over to pick it all up, making a big show about the amount of cleavage she shows.

JANICE

Sorry Vince. I dropped it. Here you go. (She never makes eye contact while this is going on because she is starring at his body.

VINCENT

It's a Monday, it happens. (As he says this he is gravitating uncomfortably towards the door while Janice's eyes follow him all the way)

JANICE

Great! Remember, if you need anything come back down and I'll help you out. (She strains her neck following him as she pops a giant bubble with her gum).

ACT THREE

INT. CLAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY

Vincent is at his door once again as students leave for the day. Scott is standing with him. Vincent looks extremely exhausted and beat down.

VINCENT

(V.O.)  
I'm done. I don't think I can do this anymore.

SCOTT

Sorry I said something to Martha about your ex.

VINCENT

(shrugs)

SCOTT

Martha wants us all to go to dinner and have a couple drinks.

Just then, Martha walks up.

MARTHA

Let's get it started stud puppies!  
Beefcakes gonna party!

Leftover students turn their heads in confusion.

Janice turns the hall at the right moment to overhear the plans.

JANICE

Where is this party starting? I'll come. (She eyes up Vincent)

VINCENT

Thanks for the invite guys, but I'll have to pass. I already have plans.

Scott and Martha look at each other as Vincent walks away.

SCOTT AND MARTHA

(simultaneously laughing and making noises)  
He's got a date!

TAG

INT. LOCAL BOOK STORE - BOOK CLUB NIGHT

Vincent sits among strangers at a book club eating cheap snacks that were provided. This is the most comfortable and calm he has looked all day.

MONICA, 42, bright eyes, hair up in a ponytail, librarian style clothing.

MONICA

So what did everyone think of Ethan Frome.

Vincent's head drops.

MONICA (CONT'D)

What a wonderful story about finding hope and love in a tough situation. It shows how we need to pick ourselves up after hard falls so that we can push on and learn how to live after tough breaks.

VINCENT

(laughs out loud shaking his head)

MONICA

Welcome to book club Vincent. Did you have something that you wanted to add?

VINCENT

(lifting his head we see him smile  
for the first time) I was just  
thinking, whatever it is always has  
a way of sorting itself out!