



Romeo and Juliet

Characters: Winnie, Yoko, Daisy, Anita, Miss Perkins, Dennis, Ted

Scene 1 Reprise

Daisy: Look at Yoko and Winnie. (giggles)
Anita: They're always together.
Daisy: Look, Winnie has got her arm around Yoko. (giggles)
Anita: Like girlfriend and boyfriend.
Daisy: Which one is the boy? (giggles)
Anita: Winnie. (both giggle)
Daisy: Come on, let's go and tell everyone.
Anita: Yes, let's spread it around.
Daisy: Winnie and Yoko....
Anita: ...are lovers (both giggle)
Daisy: That will shut them up.
Anita: Little Miss Goody-two-shoes Winnie.
Daisy: And Miss stuck-up Yoko.
Anita: Teachers pets.
Daisy: Never talk to anyone but each other.
Anita: Let's really get them this time.
Daisy: Spread the story around.
Anita: Yoko and Winnie....
Daisy: Are girlfriend and boyfriend (both giggle and titter maliciously)

Music

(Gossip fragments to show that Daisy and Anita are spreading the dirt)

Daisy: Hi Jane... have you heard about Winnie and Yoko. (fade)
Anita: Hi Gladys.... guess what?!.... Winnie and Yoko are going out together! (fade)
Daisy: Jennifer.... hi!... I like your new hair style....By the way.... have

you heard about Winnie and Yoko?..... (fade)

Anita: Teresa, Maggie, hi... have you heard the news?.... well.... it seems that, well you know how Winnie and Yoko are always hanging out together?.... well now we know why.... they're... you know..... going out together. (fade)

Daisy: Linda, hi! Heard the news? Winnie and Yoko are dating each other, (fade)

Anita: Oh, and Lucy... one more thing... you'll never believe it but... I shouldn't really be saying this... I haven't told a soul... but, well, it seems that Winnie and Yoko are... having an affair... but please... don't tell anyone... I'd hate this to get out. (fade)

Yoko: (Echo effect) I'm sorry Ted... I can't go out with you anymore... I like you... but I guess I can't understand why you won't report Ricky to anyone... I think you're (strong echo) scared... scared... scared... scared.....

Anita: (Echo) Hey Ted... have you heard?.... (fade)

Daisy: (Echo) Hey Ted... look at Winnie and Yoko.

Anita: (Echo) Have you heard about them Ted?

Daisy: (Echo) Have you heard?

Anita: (Echo) About Winnie and Yoko?

Daisy: (Echo) I think you should know.

Anita: (Echo) You'll never believe it but.... (fade)

Daisy: (Echo) Anita, guess what!

Anita: (Echo) What Daisy? Tell me... tell me.

Daisy: (Echo effect... giggling... Anita joins in) Yoko's dumped Ted.

Anita: (Echo) Really?! (echo giggling) Wonderful....wonderful!

Daisy: (Echo giggling) Now everyone will believe us.

Anita: (Echo) Everyone.

A & D: (Echo giggling.... fade)

Scene 2

Dennis: Hey Ted, what's the matter?.... you look a bit down.

Ted: I've split up with Yoko.

Dennis: What?! Why?!

Ted: Dennis... who knows? I don't.

Dennis: Didn't you ask her why?

Ted: What's the point?... even if I knew why it'd still be the same.

Dennis: But you HAVE to know why.
Ted: I guess..... it had something to do with Winnie.
Dennis: With Winnie?! How?
Ted: I dunno... they're really close you know.
Dennis: I know... but what's that to do with you and Yoko?
Ted: Well, maybe... Yoko prefers Winnie's company to mine.
Dennis: It's different Ted... Winnie's a girl... they can talk about girly things together... but you're a boy.
Ted: Yeah, maybe that's the problem.
Dennis: Hey Ted... you don't mean to tell me you believe all those rumours that are flying around?
Ted: Well... at first I thought it was just Daisy and Anita being nasty.... but now... well, to tell you the truth I'm not sure.
Dennis: Come on Ted.... I don't believe this!
Ted: Well why else would she dump me?
Dennis: Hey Ted... no one's perfect.
Ted: I don't know... I just don't know Dennis.
Dennis: Winnie and Yoko are friends, that's all.... who told you those other stories?
Ted: Everyone's talking about them.
Dennis: Yes, but who started it all?
Ted: I dunno.... Daisy and Anita were the first to mention it but....
Dennis: (Quickly interrupting) Daisy and Anita!.... say no more!... they HATE Winnie and Yoko don't you see... they'd do anything to hurt them!
Ted: Yeah, yeah I guess so... but have you noticed how.....
Dennis: How what?
Ted: Like hoe sometimes Winnie... well, she can be all over Yoko.
Dennis: Stop it Ted.... okay so you're mad at Yoko for dumping you.... but don't join in with all that cheap gossip.
Ted: Yeah, well... I feel bad Dennis... like I've just been picked up and dropped from a great height.
Dennis: Hey, what you doing tonight?
Ted: I dunno... throwing myself in the harbour probably.
Dennis: No you're not, you're coming out with me... I'm going to take you to my favourite noodle shop and I'm even going to pay.
Ted: Hey Dennis... thanks... but I don't feel very hungry right now.
Dennis: You will when you see these noodles... all steaming hot and with

big hunks of barbecue pork in them.

- Ted: Well... maybe I can have a nibble. Hey Dennis.
Dennis: What Ted?
Ted: You.... you, er, don't think Yoko dumped me because I'm.... too short do you?
Dennis: No way... you got such a big personality no one thinks of you as short... I don't.
Ted: Yeah, that's right... BIG personality.
Dennis: But Ted... you should ask Yoko WHY she dumped you... you HAVE to know.
Ted: I think I already do.
Dennis: But you should find out for sure.
Ted: Maybe....
Dennis: And don't believe all that rubbish that Daisy and Anita are whispering all over the place.

Scene 3

- Winnie: How are you feeling to-day Yoko?
Yoko: A bit better thanks.
Winnie: You still look a bit pale.
Yoko: Do I?
Winnie: Are you sure your temperature has gone down?
Yoko: I think so.
Winnie: Here...let me feel your forehead...mmmmm....you do still feel a bit hot
Dennis: Oh er.....hi Winnie...Yoko
Winnie: Hi Dennis.
Yoko: Hi.
Dennis: Um, I'm not interrupting anything here am I?
Winnie: No, I'm just feeling Yoko's forehead to see if she's still got a temperature.
Dennis: Not feeling well Yoko?
Yoko: I'm okay... just a touch of fever I suppose.
Dennis: Um, Yoko, I know it's none of my business but....
Yoko: (Interrupting) You're going to ask me about Ted aren't you Dennis.
Dennis: Um, well, yes, I was.... I'm not being nosey... it's just that....

Yoko: Just that what Dennis?
Dennis: Just that.... he's really cut up about it... and, well, he doesn't know WHY.
Yoko: Of course he does... I told him.
Dennis: Did you?!
Yoko: Yes.... you don't think I'd break up with someone and not tell them why do you?
Dennis: I wouldn't have thought so.... but.... well... maybe you didn't explain clearly enough.
Yoko: I was clear... I was very clear... I told him I was really disappointed he hadn't reported Ricky Chiu.... I mean, for heaven's sakes, Ricky knifed him and Ted let him get away with it... and now Ricky thinks he's the god of the playground.... he's even worse than he was before... his gang have even been bullying Winnie again.
Winnie: They stole my book and made me buy it back from them again.
Yoko: If Ted had reported them Ricky would have got expelled and we would all have been a lot happier and safer.
Dennis: You told that to Ted.
Yoko: Yes.
Winnie: She did Dennis... I know she did... I mean I wasn't there when she said it but she told me that's what she was going to say and I believe she did.
Yoko: Of course I did... why else would I want to split up with him... I tried to put up with it.... but in the end... well I think Ted is frightened, that's why he's keeping quiet... and I've lost my respect for him... I don't care about boys being strong and muscular and all that.... but I do want them to be MORALLY strong... you know... stick up for the truth... ..I don't want to date a moral pygmy.
Dennis: Oh, I see... so you left Ted because he wouldn't report Ricky Chiu.
Yoko: Yes... Yes.
Dennis: Maybe I'd better tell him.
Yoko: Tell him?! ... he knows already!
Dennis: But he told me he didn't.
Yoko: Well he's either deaf... or he's lying... because I DID tell him.
Winnie: She DID Dennis... she really did.

Yoko: I don't believe it Winnie.... he's saying I DIDN'T tell him... that's not fair, not fair at all.

Winnie: No it's not.... I hope YOU believe us Dennis.

Dennis: Well.... um.....

Winnie: You DO don't you.

Dennis: You both sound very convincing.

Winnie: Dennis!... Yoko is telling the truth... she always does... she CAN'T tell a lie... it's not in her nature.

Yoko: Oh I don't care... let Ted believe whatever he wants to.... he's embarrassed... that's why he doesn't want to say.... he knows he should have reported Ricky and he feels bad about it.

Dennis: Anyway... I think I'll be getting along now.

Winnie: Go and tell him.

Dennis: Um... right.... nice talking to you both.... bye... (fades as he moves away from microphone)

Yoko: Hmmm! That Ted! I've a good mind to....

Winnie: Leave it Yoko.... you're too weak to go getting yourself upset about things.... here let me help you to the classroom... put your arm over my shoulder.... we've got English and you know how mad Miss Perkins gets if we're late.

Yoko: Okay... thanks Winnie.

Scene 4 The Classroom

Daisy: Look... Winnie and Yoko have just come in.

Anita: Winnie with her hand around Yoko's waist.

Daisy: And Yoko with her arm around Winnie, (both giggle maliciously)

Anita: Everybody's looking.

Daisy: Everybody knows.

Miss P: Now stop talking everybody and listen.

Anita: (Giggling) Look at the way Winnie's looking at Yoko!... she ADORES her....

Miss P: Anita! I said NO talking.

Anita: Sorry Miss (under her breath she says something insulting about Miss P in Cantonese which makes Daisy giggle)

Miss P: And what are YOU giggling about Daisy Chiu?

Daisy: Nothing Miss.

Miss P: You're giggling about nothing?.... only mad people giggle about

nothing Daisy, and you're not mad... at least I HOPE you're not.
Daisy: (Says bad words about Miss P in Cantonese under her breath which makes Anita giggle)
Miss P: Now you're giggling Anita.... and why are YOU giggling?
Anita: I was thinking about a TV show I saw last night... it made me laugh.
Miss P: Forget those silly TV shows.... put them OUT of your mind.... because to-day... we are going ton look at an extract from a play by the worlds greatest playwright and poet.... And who do you think that is Anita?
Anita: Ugh?
Miss P: You have NO idea do you? Perhaps Daisy can help you.... Daisy, who is the world's greatest poet and playwright?
Daisy: You tell us Miss... YOU'RE the teacher.
Miss P: I'll give you a clue... he's dead.
Daisy: (Under her breath) I wish YOU were.
Miss P: And he wrote the great play, Romeo and Juliet.... which is full of some of the greatest poetry ever written.
Winnie: (Holding up her hand, eagerly) Miss! Miss!... I know.
Miss P: You've got NO idea have you Daisy.... nor you Anita. Well Winnie... who is it?
Winnie: William Shakespeare Miss Perkins.
Miss P: Well done Winnie.... nice to know that SOMEBODY knows some basic cultural facts. And where was William Shakespeare born?
Winnie: (Eagerly holding up her hand) Miss Miss... I know.
Miss P: Mmm.... let's try Dennis.... Dennis.... where was William Shakespeare born?
Dennis: Um... Canada Miss?
Y & W: (Burst out laughing)
Anita: (Under her breath) Listen to Miss Know it all and Miss Stuck Up laughing their heads off.
Miss P: Anita... did you say something?
Anita: No.
Miss P: ... Miss Perkins.
Anita: No.... Miss Perkins.
Miss P: Well Anita... yell us... where was Shakespears born... Dennis thinks it was Canada.... what do YOU think?
Anita: Japan.

Y & W: (Burst out laughing)
Anita: (Angry) What are you two laughing at?!
Miss P: No Anita... not Japan. Ted... do you know?
Ted: America?
Miss P: No Ted.... not America. Winnie?
Winnie: Stratford-upon-Avon Miss Perkins.
Miss P: Excellent Winnie.
Anita: (Under her breath, makes a vomiting noise) Urghhhh... that Winnie makes me sick.
Daisy: (Whispering) Me too.
Miss P: And of course Stratford-upon-Avon is in....?
Winnie: Warwickshire Miss.
Miss P: Which is in?
Winnie: England Miss.
Miss P: Excellent. Now we are going to read short extract from Romeo and Juliet. Romeo and Juliet were teenagers... they were in love... but their families were at war... that is Romeo's family hated Juliet's family and vice versa, (handing out papers) Now here are some famous extracts from the play.... we're going to read them in class.
Anita: (Under breath) What's this?.... I can't understand this!
Daisy: Boring.
Miss P: Now in this scene Romeo and Juliet have just made love. Yes Dennis?
Dennis: Together Miss?
All: (Laugh)
Miss P: Dennis! Are you trying to be funny?
Dennis: No Miss.
Miss P: Of course together.
Dennis: (Excited) Really Miss?!
Miss P: Yes, but they were married.
Dennis: (Disappointed) Oh.
Miss P: They got married secretly... if their families had found out Romeo would have been killed.
Dennis: Why Miss?
Miss P: Because HER family hated HIS.
Dennis: Why Miss?
Miss P: I don't know... the play doesn't say... they just did... they were

Italian.... and you know Italians, always quarrelling.... now then... where was I?

Dennis: Romeo and Juliet had just made love Miss.

Miss P: Thank you Dennis.

Dennis: But they were married.

Miss P: Yes Dennis. It was their first night together... she, at any rate, was a.... virgin

Dennis: What's that Miss? (girls titter)

Miss P: Um....a.... a(says the word quickly) virgin.?..... um, someone who has not had physical knowledge of someone else.

Dennis: I don't get it Miss, (all laugh)

Ted: (Half to himself) Yeah... that's why YOU'RE a virgin Dennis, (giggles from some students)

Miss P: Never mind Dennis, it's not important. Now then... we're going to read some of the play aloud ... to HEAR the poetry.... don't worry if you can't understand every word... just FEEL the music.... the melody... the cadences.

Anita: (Whispering to Daisy) I bet she's a virgin.

Daisy: (Giggles)

Miss P: The exquisite tones of a profoundly poetic mind

Anita: What IS she on about?

Daisy: No idea.

Miss P: Now then.... volunteers.... who wants to read Juliet.

Winnie: (Half whispering) Yoko... you read Juliet.

Yoko: No, I don't feel well enough... I feel faint.

Winnie: But you're perfect for Juliet.

Miss P: No? No volunteers... oh dear... do I have to SELECT someone... I'd rather someone volunteered.

Winnie: Yoko Miss.

Yoko: (Annoyed) Winnie!

Miss P: What a good idea Winnie.... very well... Yoko be Juliet.....

Yoko: (Whispering) Thanks Winnie.... thanks a lot.

Winnie: (Half whispering) You'll be great

Miss P: And Romeo.... who wants to be Romeo?.

Anita: Pst.... Daisy.... suggest Winnie.

Daisy: (Giggles) Okay.... Urn.... Winnie Miss.

Miss P: Winnie? But Daisy, there are plenty of boys in the class... Romeo was a boy, Juliet a girl.... how about you Ted... would you like to

play Romeo to Yoko's Juliet? Ted: No thanks Miss, I've already tried that... it didn't work.

Anita: (Whisper) Say Winnie again.

Daisy: Winnie Miss... make Winnie do it.

Miss P: But I told you Daisy... Romeo is a boy. Dennis... how about you?

Dennis: Can't Miss.

Miss P: Can't? Can't? There's no such word as 'can't'

Dennis: Isn't there Miss... but lots of people use that word.

Miss P: Dennis be Romeo.

Dennis: But Miss... I've forgotten my glasses.

Miss P: You don't wear glasses Dennis.

Dennis: I do Miss.... I just keep forgetting to bring them to school.

Anita: Winnie will read it Miss... she'd LOVE to be Romeo.... especially if Yoko is playing Juliet, (the class make rising intonation 'ohhhh' sounds)

Daisy: Yes Miss.... Winnie as Romeo and Yoko as Juliet.... they'd like that. (class titter maliciously)

Miss P: Um... it seems strange to have a girl playing Juliet when we have so many boys.

Anita: Never mind Miss... it will be easy for them. (class respond)

Miss P: Um.... Winnie.... would you?

Winnie: Sure Miss, I'd love to. (class all 'ooooh')

Miss P: Right, remember, you have just had your first night of love together... you are in bed (class 'ooooohh').... don't be childish!.. .this is great art, not smut!!.... as I was saying.... you have passed the night together and day is breaking... you are in Juliet's house... if the family discover that Romeo is there they will kill him..... Begin.

Yoko: Wilt thou be gone, It is not yet near day, It was the evening nightingale you heard and not the morning lark... believe me love it was the nightingale.

Winnie: Look love (class 'oooooh') it was the lark... no nightingale

Yoko: But if they catch you you will die.

Winnie: So, farewell, farewell! One kiss (class 'oooooh')

Miss P: Be quiet!!! This is poetry!!!

Winnie: One kiss and I'll be gone.

Yoko: Oh Romeo my love.... but in a while we shall again our bodies entwine. (class,' ooooh') Anita: (laughing)

Daisy: (Giggling)
Miss P: Silence! (girls carry on) Daisy! Anita! I said SILENCE!
Anita: (Laughing) I can't help it Miss.
Daisy: It was just like real life.
Yoko: (Whispering) What are those two frog faces laughing at
Winnie: Ignore them.
Yoko: They're up to something.
Winnie: Who cares... they're dumb... they can't help it... we should feel sorry for them.

Ted: (Half whisper) See Dennis..... I told you!
Dennis: (Lowered voice) Told me what?
Ted: (Lowered voice) About Yoko and Winnie.
Dennis: Ted... they were reading from a play... that's all.
Miss P: Silence! I WILL....HAVE..... SILENCE!!!
Anita: Let's call them Romeo and Juliet.
Daisy: Yes, and Winnie IS the man....
Anita: Romeo you mean.
Daisy: Winnie Romeo.
Anita: And Juliet Yoko. (both giggle and titter and laugh)
Yoko: Those two frogs are laughing at us Winnie.
Winnie: Ignore them.
Yoko: (Loud voice) Hey... FROG FACE.... what are you laughing at?
Anita: Your boyfriend Juliet.... he looks like a girl (class giggle unpleasantly)

Miss P: How dare you! Yoko! Anita!..... stop it at once before I out you BOTH in detention!

Winnie: Cool it Yoko.
Daisy: Look.... Romeo is afraid, (calling) Hey Romeo..... why don't you kiss Juliet!

(All titter)

Winnie: I bet you didn't understand ONE word did you Daisy.... putting Shakespeare in front of you is like casting pearls before swine.
Anita: (Lowered voice) You know what swine is Daisy.... pigs.... she's calling you a Pig.
Daisy: Huh!!! At least I'm natural.
Winnie: Yes, a natural idiot.

Yoko: Winnie, careful.
Anita: At least Daisy's a lady pig.
Yoko: LADY pig or LAZY pig?
Miss P: Right! I've had enough! Yoko, Daisy, Anita.... you're in detention.
Anita: That's not fair!!! What about Winnie?!!! She called Daisy a pig.
Miss P: And, er... yes, and Winnie.
Winnie: But Miss! They were laughing at us!
Miss P: I will NOT have my classroom turned into a fish market.
Anita: They're the fish! Two smelly fish.
Yoko: And you know what else you get in fish markets? Cockroaches!
And I can see two sitting over there.... ughh!... cockroaches.
Miss P: If this goes on any longer I'm calling the discipline teacher!
Dennis: Miss. Miss.
Miss P: YES Dennis! What is it now!
Dennis: Can I be excused?
Miss P: Oh for goodness sakes!.... No!.. Now settle down everybody....
just settle down!

The End