

The Raft of Roxi (2008)

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INT-School Hallway-Day

A bell is rung. Teenagers are shown walking down the hallway talking, playing, and making noise. It is time for them to go home for the day and a girl is shown walking down the hallway in the middle of two girls.

Girl #1: Brenda I so cannot believe that just happened.

Brenda: I know right. I'm still in complete shock.

Both girls scream and jump up and down.

Girl #2: You are so lucky.

Brenda: (smiles) See you guys tomorrow.

Girl # 1&2: Bye.

BRENDA, 15, is seen walking out the front doors to the building.

INT-Brenda's House-Day

Brenda walks in her house wearing a pleated blue skirt and a button up collared white shirt. She seems exhausted as she opens her front door, walks up the staircase & then enters her room. She sets her books on her desk and lays down on her bed.

Brenda: Wow, today was great.

Brenda smiles as she thinks about all the great things that happened at school and It becomes obvious that she enjoys her school. She then gets up and goes over to her vanity mirror where she sits and brushes her hair. Just then she hears her front door open and she grabs a test with an "A+" written on it.

Mom: (V.O.)Brenda come help me with the groceries.

Brenda gets up from her mirror holding the test in her hands. She goes down the stairs to help her mother.

INT-Living Room -Day

Brenda sees her mother struggling and takes the big brown bags from her mother's hands while still trying to show her the test.

Brenda: Look mom an A+ on my advanced physics test.

Mom: Thats nice honey.

Brenda's mom barely looks at the paper making Brenda feel a little bit of sadness. She takes the bags and sets them on the counter.

Brenda: Where's Ashlee?

Mom: She's asleep in the car.

Brenda: Oh, I'll go get her out.

Mom: Thanks Brenda, you are such a big help around here.

Brenda hurries out to the car to see her little sister.

EXT-Outside Driveway-Day

Brenda arrives at her mother's BMW X5 and sees Ashlee sleeping peacefully. She strokes her hair and begins to take her out of her carseat. Just then Ashlee begins to open her eyes and then she smiles.

Brenda: Hi Ashlee, are you tired?

Ashlee nods her head and then Brenda lifts her sister out of her carseat.

INT-Brenda's House-Day

She carries her into the house and sees her mother preparing dinner. She takes her sister upstairs to her room and lays her down in her princess castle bed. She then goes to the kitchen to see what her mother is making.

INT-Kitchen-Evening

Brenda: What's for dinner, mom?

Mom: Pasta with shrimp and garlic bread.

Her mom looks sad and Brenda shows concern towards her mother.

Brenda: What's Wrong?

Brenda's mom hesitates.

Brenda:(worried voice) Mom?

Mom: Your father did not get the promotion that he was hoping for. With all the bills we have its hard to keep you in private school.

Brenda: Oh, come on mom you can't be serious. I have to leave my school?

Brenda is obviously upset by the news she receives.

Mom: Brenda we simply cannot afford it anymore.

Brenda: So I'm supposed to just start over?

Mom: That's exactly what you're supposed to do. Don't worry it won't be as bad as you think.

Brenda tries to hide her feelings but she cannot help it as she runs up to her room, throws herself on her bed and begins to cry.

INT-Brenda's Room-Evening

Brenda calls up the girls she was seen walking with in the hallways and tells them the bad news. The screen is divided up in three as we see their reaction.

Girl #1: Oh my gosh, Brenda I cannot you will not be at our school anymore.

Brenda: I know I'm so sad. Like I just can't understand why this is happening to me.

Girl #2: And it just happens to be the same day Josh asks you out.

Brenda: Don't even remind me.

Girl #1: You had been waiting months for that.

Brenda: Yeah, I know.

The conversation with the girls is not going well and Brenda just wants to get off the phone with them. She becomes annoyed and decides to go.

Brenda: Well, I'll keep you guys updated.

Girl #1: Please do.

Brenda: Bye.

Girl # 1 & 2: Bye.

Brenda cries herself to sleep.

INT-Brenda's Room-Day

Brenda is seen dressed in jeans and a polo shirt. She sits at her vanity mirror and brushes her hair.

Brenda: Maybe today won't be so bad after all.

Mom:(V.O.) Brenda, come on. You don't want to be late for your first day.

Brenda gets her backpack together and then goes down the stairs.

EXT-Outside Driveway-Day

Brenda gets in her mothers car and does not say a word.

Mom: I know you're still upset....

Brenda turns her head and looks out the car window not saying a word.

Mom: But sometimes things happen in life and you just have to deal with the new change.

Brenda still remains silent and her mother decides to stop talking.

EXT-Front of New School-Day

Brenda and her mother pull up in front of her new school and Brenda sits there not in a hurry to get out.

Mom: I'm sure it won't be too bad.

Brenda looks at her mother without saying a word and gets out the car.

INT-School Hallway-Day

Brenda searches for her next class and is apparently lost. A bell rings and the hallway is clear of all students. She is looking at the room numbers on the door trying to find her next class. Then a girl wearing a mini skirt, fishnet stockings, and a tube top approaches her by the name of ROXI, 15.

Roxi: Looking for room two-twenty five?

Roxi has pink fingernails and red lip gloss on. She clicks her tongue ring against her teeth waiting for Brenda's response.

Roxi: Hello?

Brenda is startled.

Brenda: Oh yes, I am.

Roxi: You have Mr. Washington. I'm going there now. That class is so boring and he is such a prick.

Brenda is surprised that someone is actually talking to her. Roxi starts walking to the class and Brenda follows behind her. They walk into class and see it has already started.

Mr. Washington: Girls You're late.

Roxi: So?

The class begins to laugh.

Mr. Washington: Just have a seat.

Roxi sits down and Brenda sits in the only seat left in the class which happens to be on the right side of Roxi.

Roxi: Why are you here? Whats your name?

Roxi side eyes Brenda

Brenda: Uhh, this is my class and my name is Brenda.

Roxi: I know that sherlock. But why are you at this school? We don't have cook cutter girls like you here.

Brenda: (nervously) Family issues.

Roxi: We all have that. That's nothing new around here. My name is Roxi.

Roxi looks at Brenda who looks sad.

Roxi: Well, you should come over after school. We can walk to my house from here. You look like you could use some help fitting in.

Brenda is trying to hide her excitement.

Brenda: Oh wow, that would be great.

The bell rings and Brenda goes to her next class. A female teacher is writing notes on the board and Brenda glances up at the clock waiting to get out of school. The clock is ticking and the bell finally rings.

Brenda walks out the hallway and in front of the school when Roxi spots her.

EXT-Front of School-Day

Roxi: You ready?

Brenda turns around to see and Roxi waiting for her.

Brenda: (happily) Sure.

Brenda turns in looks in the direction of her house. The girls start to walk to Roxi house.

EXT-Neighborhood-Day

Roxi: So do you do anything cool?

Brenda thinks about this question for a second and then says

Brenda: No. Not really.

Roxi rolls her eyes and the girls walk down a street of run down houses and Roxi's house is at the end of the block. They get to her house and she opens the door with her key.

INT-Roxi's House-Day

Roxi: This place is a mess.

Roxi throws her stuff down on the couch and Brenda notices her house is some what of a pigsty. There are dirty dishes in the sink and laundry laying all over the living room area. Liquor bottles cover the coffee table and some are even on the floor.

Roxi: Come on, my room is down the hall.

Brenda follows behind Roxi quietly not saying a word.

INT-Roxi's Room-Day

Roxi opens her bedroom door and it only contains a twin sized bed, a dresser, and a closet. Brenda stands awkwardly waiting for somewhere to sit.

Roxi: You can sit on my bed. So you say you don't do anything cool huh?

Brenda walks over to Roxi's bed and takes a seat.

Brenda: No, I don't.

Roxi: Well we have to change that.

Roxi lifts up her shirt revealing her bellyring.

Roxi: I did this when I was fourteen years old.

Brenda looks at the shiny object hanging from Roxi's stomach.

Roxi: I could totally do it for you if you want me to.

Brenda looks around unsure of what she should say.

Brenda: I mean I don't know, won't it get infected? Plus I really don't want to get in trouble. My mom would flip.

Roxi: Chill out you worry way too much.

Roxi opens one of the drawers on her dresser and pulls out a small blue box containing a large needle.

Roxi: It'll be quick, you won't even feel it.

Brenda looks worried.

Roxi: Now lay back on the bed.

Brenda does what she is told. She is nervous and doing alot of heavy breathing.

Roxi: Don't make this harder than what it is. Just relax.

Brenda calms down and see Roxi get on her bed with the needle preparing to pierce her.

Roxi: Now you have to be very still.

Brenda lays still and Roxi takes the needle to Brenda's stomach and begins to count.

Roxi: 1,2

The needle goes through Brenda's flesh and Brenda looks like she's in pain. Roxi gets up from the bed.

Roxi: Oh come on it wasn't even that bad.

Brenda opens her eyes to see the needle sticking through her skin. She looks up at Roxi who has now gotten up from the bed and is walking back to the blue box that is on her dresser. In it she puts something in her hand and walks back to Brenda.

Roxi: I'll put the ring in now.

Roxi takes the needle out of Brenda's stomach and puts the silver barbell in.

Roxi: You wanna see it?

Brenda nods her head and lifts up just enough to see the new edition to her body.

Brenda: That's so cool.

Roxi: I told you. Now we have to do something about those clothes.

Brenda: Like what?

Roxi: Well that polo has to go.

Brenda: If I don't go back to my house wearing the clothes I left home in....

Roxi: I know, I know, your mom would flip. She's really going to make this hard for you.

Brenda gets a sense that Roxi has an attitude and decides to get quiet.

Roxi: How far do you live from here?

Brenda: Not too far.

Roxi: Ok, I will take you home and I can do some more work on you tomorrow.

Brenda gathers her things and they both leave out the front door. Roxi walks to a red 1995 Ford Mustang.

EXT-Roxi's Driveway-Day

Brenda: Is this your?

Roxi: (laughs) Not at all. I don't even have a license. Get in.

Brenda gets in the car in they proceede to go to her house.

Roxi: This your house?

Brenda: Yup.

Roxi: See, you tomorrow and remember what I said.

Brenda: Ok.

Brenda walks in her house and sees her mother sitting on the couch.

INT-Brenda's House-Day

Mom: (angrily) Where have you been?!

Brenda: I got invited to go to a friends house.

Mom: Brenda, I don't mind you hanging out with new friends. I think its great. But I need you to let me know where you are.

Brenda nods her head and starts to walk upstairs to her room. Where she gets ready for bed. She is doing her homework when she hears a knock on the door.

INT-Brenda's Room-Night

Mom: Can I come in?

Brenda: Sure.

Brenda's mom walks in the room quietly not saying a word. She sits on Brenda's bed and looks at her.

Mom: I'm really sorry about yelling at you today. Its just that I was worried and I need to make sure you're ok.

Brenda: I know mom.

Brenda does not look up from her work and continues to write. Brenda's mom sees that her daughter is not really interested but continues anyway.

Mom: So, tell me about this new friend you have.

Brenda: Her name is Roxi and she was the only person that spoke to me all day besides the teachers.

Mom: Well, remember what I said. A change like this takes time.

Brenda: I know.

Mom: Well okay then. I will let you continue your work.

Brenda's mom gets up and walks out Brenda's room closing the door behind her.

INT-School Hallway-Day

Brenda goes to her locker and sees Roxi standing there.

Roxi: What did I tell you about those polo's?

Brenda: Uhhh....

Roxi: Lucky for you I had something I could bring you.

Roxi pulls out a bag and hands it to Brenda.

Roxi: Go put this on and then let me see.

Brenda: Right here?

Roxi: (laughs) In the middle of the hallway?! No. Go to the bathroom and change.

Brenda goes in the bathroom and comes out wearing some booty shorts and a mid-drift top.

Roxi: Damn. Now thats how you need to be dressing.

Brenda: I don't know about this.

Roxi: Girl you look hot. You are difinitely my protege.

Brenda smiles seeing how happy Roxi is about her new look.

Roxi: And that bellyring add a nice touch.

The bellrings and it is the end of the day. Roxi and Brenda meet up in the hall.

Roxi: So, how did your new look go?

Brenda: It did draw some attention to me.

Roxi: See, I know whats best.

Brenda: (smiles) Yeah and Aaron invited me to some rave party tonight.

Roxi: He throws those every other friday. We should go. Plenty of hot guys will be there and we get to celebrate your new look.

Brenda: That would be great.

Roxi and Brenda walk to Roxi's house in order to get ready for the party. Brenda calls her mom to let her know she will be in late.

Brenda: Alright now thats out the way we can have some fun.

Roxi: Finally.

Hours later the girls arrive at the rave together. The music is loud and the place is packed full of wild and partying teens. Roxi and Brenda are wearing high heels, tight jeans, and see through tops. Brenda spots Aaron and whats to show him that she came.

INT-Rave Party-Night

Brenda: There's Aaron over there. I'm going to go and say hi to him.

Roxi: Go head girl.

Brenda walks over to AARON, 17, and taps him on the shoulder.

Brenda: (smiles) Hey Aaron.

Aaron: Brenda, I'm glad you could make it.

Brenda and Aaron talk for a while and he then asks to show her an upstairs bedroom. Brenda agrees after glancing over to see Roxi dancing on a guy.

INT-Upstairs Bedroom-Night

Aaron: I'm glad you agreed to come.

Brenda: Well, I'm glad you invited me.

The two continue to flirt and Aaron and Brenda share a passionate kiss. He continues to kiss her as they move toward the bed and the two have sex.

INT-School-Day

Roxi: So, you and Aaron disappeared last night.

Brenda blushes

Brenda: Yeah, we had fun. He's a good guy.

Roxi: You guys didn't... Did you?

Brenda: Well.....

Roxi: Wow, I cannot believe that.

Brenda: I know but it was great.

Both girls scream and jump around at the surprising news.

INT-Brenda's Room-Day

Weeks later Brenda checks her calender and is seen counting the days.

Brenda: This can't be right.

Brenda checks the calender again and is in shock.

She's late.

INT-Brenda's Room-Day

Brenda is in complete shock and decides to call up Roxi to let her know what is going on.

Roxi: Maybe your just stressed or something.

Brenda: No Roxi, I really think I'm pregnant what am I going to do?

Roxi: I cannot even believe Aaron would be the father of your baby.

Brenda: Oh gosh. Should I tell him?

Roxi: I think you wait till you're sure.

Brenda and Roxi gets off the phone and Brenda is stuck thinking about what she is going to do.

INT-School Hallway-Day

Brenda: Im going to wait a few more weeks. Im trying not to worry about it.

Roxi: There you go. I swear you think to much into stuff.

Brenda closes her locker door and they walk to class.

Weeks later Brenda finds out she's not pregnant and decides to stop by Roxi's house to tell her.

EXT-Roxi's House-Day

Brenda stands in front of Roxi's house and knocks on the door. She notices there's a car in the drive way and she becomes suspicious. she sees the door is open she she decides to just walk in.

Brenda: (Calls) Roxi? Roxi are you in?

Brenda gets to Roxi's room and opens the door. She finds Roxi in bed with Aaron. Brenda is upset and runs out of the room. She walks back to the school and ends up having her mother pick her up.

INT-Brenda's Room-Day

Brenda crys on her bed.

Brenda: Why would Roxi do that to me? But I really should've seen its all along. The way she tried to change who i am and didn't even take time out to get to know me. She had me dressing like a complete slut and I just went along with it.

Brenda falls asleep still crying.

Months go by and Brenda does not speak to Roxi. She is alone once again. Then one day she sees Roxi at her locker.

INT-Brenda's Locker-Day

Roxi: All I want is for us to be friends again.

Brenda: You were never really my friend.

Roxi: Yes, I was.

Brenda: No, you didn't want a friend. You wanted a protege.

Brenda slams her locker and is seen walking down the hall.