

TRUTH OR DARE

26 truths and consequences. The girls in the new youth film talk about... stupid things... bullshit... guys and sex... appearances.

Mascara, beer and cozy evenings by the fire with your boyfriend – not more than a year younger of course. Important things for those going into the eighth grade.

Two days before the Sweden premiere of the youth film “Truth or Dare”, three girls sit in a café in Stockholm babbling needlessly to each other. They are Alexandra, Tove and Emelina.

In the film, “Truth or Dare” they are twelve and going into the sixth grade. The film is about what it’s like to be a young girl becoming a woman. The trend terrorists, the gangs and friendships.

STUPID THINGS

Emelina: Almost all the girls in eighth and ninth grade in our school smoke.

Alex: I’m so darn proud that I don’t smoke. I haven’t even tried smoking.

Emelina: But if you don’t start smoking in eighth grade, you’re nerdy!

Alex: No, it begins in fourth grade, fifth grade. In eighth grade, you’re telling all the seasoned smokers that they should stop. Then it’s drinking. Mostly beer. So that cliché about teens sitting in the park and drinking beer – it’s true!

Tove: There are a few places we won’t go to so it’s mostly that you go the movies, go to the park or arrange private parties.

Alex: But you can’t start inviting people too early, because then it spreads by word of mouth. Best is to quietly invite people the night before.

BULLSHIT

Emelina: I think it’s very typical for girls our age. Everyone talks shit about everyone. There’s not much else to do.

Tove: You think it’s really stupid, but everyone does it.

Alex: It irritates me. I know a girl who messed around with a lot of guys at our school. She is very kind and shy, but everyone calls her a whore.

Emelina: It’s easy to become an outcast. That’s why it is important to have lots of friends.

Alex: For example, if I only have two friends and then one day they are both sick. Then I have no one to hang out with and I might have to sit alone in the hallway during breaks. Isn’t that what everyone is afraid of?

GUYS AND SEX

Alex: Oh God, that topic. Who is a virgin, who is not? In our school EVERYTHING gets noticed and is a hassle.

Emelina: Everyone thinks it's awesome to brag about how many guys they've been with. Some people in our school would do it just to get it over with.

Tove: My first time, I want to be with someone who I'm dating and really love. Most people in my school are virgins.

Alex (rebellious): I want a boyfriend! I hate you! (Staring theatrically at Emelina who curls up in her armchair) I have had two semi-serious relationships, but I was not in love. It was just: "I have a boyfriend."

Emelina: He's in my class. We've been together almost a year now. He is at my house to eat with us quite often...

Alex: I get so damn mad at guys. It's just sex, sex, sex. The talk begins in the seventh grade, but by eighth grade they are completely fixated. Older guys are better, they are more mature.

Emelina & Tove (in one voice): That's not true!

(Heated discussion ensues about what is best – peers, older or younger guys. Ending with their agreeing to a year younger and up is okay)

APPEARANCE

Emelina: I wear makeup every day.

Alex: Me too, but it's very natural – concealer and mascara.

Tove: I made myself up this morning – but it has probably faded away by now.

(General whining about how easily makeup disappears)

Alex: Some girls have the worst routine. Some girls cake it on so much that when you kiss them on the cheek it leaves the worst mark.

Tove: I don't care at all about what I weigh. I want to be heavier, so when I eat candy I feel good.

Emelina: Nah! When I eat salad I feel good. I try not to eat sweets anyway.

Alex: In fifth grade, sixth grade, I felt fat and tried to eat less. But it was a pain so now I don't care. I'll check if my clothes fit and eat until I'm full. But there are many girls in my school who are trying to lose weight. Some of them talk about anorexia as if it's a cold.

Emelina: Not my friends, we push the food and chips when we get together in the evenings.

The fourth girl in "Truth or Dare" is Anna Gabrielsson who plays Karin, class victim.

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Name: Emelina Lindberg-Filippopoulou

Age: 14

Lives: In the South of Stockholm

Playing: Sabina – BFF to the trend terrorist Fanny.

Speaks: English, Greek, Swedish, German and Spanish. Emelina could conceivably work as an interpreter or at the UN.

"When I eat candy I feel good"

Name: Tove Edfeldt

Age: 14 in about a month.

Lives: Outside Nyköping

Playing: Nora – wants to be friends with the girls Fanny and Sabina.

Hope: In a career as an actress and musical performer. According to her co-stars her singing is "damn good."

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Name: Alexandra Dahlström

Age: 13 years

Lives: In Alvik in Stockholm.

Playing: Trend terrorist Fanny.

Hair colour: First blonde, then she swam in a friend's pool... "When I woke up in the morning my hair had gone green. Mamma and I had to go directly to Åhlens [the store] to buy henna color, so now I'm brunette.

Them? Stars? Not really. But Tove Edfeldt, Alexandra Dahlström and Emelina Lindberg-Filippopoulou from "Truth or Dare" think that there's some fun in being recognized. Except maybe Tove, who thinks the shower scene in the film is embarrassing.

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