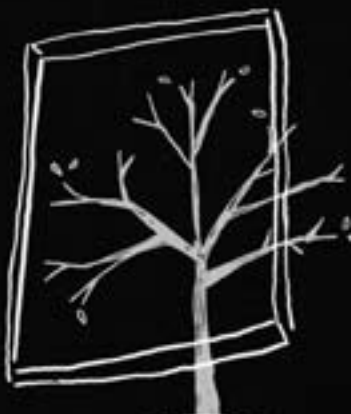


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1.



Coops told Kelli Luong who told Meg Piper who told Desi Walczak who told me—Eric Callahan was going out with Angelique Mendez.

Definition of a rumour: when someone tells someone who tells someone else who tells someone else something that you may or may not want to hear; something that may or not be true.

2.



If I were talking to Leonard, which I'm not, I would ask him a question.

'Leonard,' I would say, 'what sort of person makes up a rumour for the sheer pleasure of making someone else unhappy?'

Then Leonard would look at me and clear his throat and do that tapping thing with his foot and I would get so annoyed that I wouldn't stay around for his answer.

That's the trouble with Leonard. He's just so damn annoying.

3.

It is true.

My trusted source, Desi, has confirmed that Eric Callahan is going out with Angelique Mendez.

And why wouldn't he?

See, there are two kinds of girls in this world. There are the in girls and there are the rest of us.

Angelique Mendez is an in girl. She has long black hair that could star in its own shampoo commercial.

Angelique Mendez has the body of a model, the voice of a rock star (she's always the lead in the school play) and the brains of a surgeon.

Angelique Mendez is the girl voted most likely to do whatever the hell she wants to before her 21st birthday.

Angelique's dad is a journalist and word is that Angelique is hoping to follow in his footsteps. No one doubts she will get there.

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It had only been a matter of time before Eric and Angelique collided like two shiny comets in a galaxy of drab dead planets. I'm just surprised it took them so long.

It is Angelique and Eric.

Eric and Angelique.

I always hoped it would be Eric and El.