

Volume 3 - R. E. A. C. T. (*Bullies Beware*)

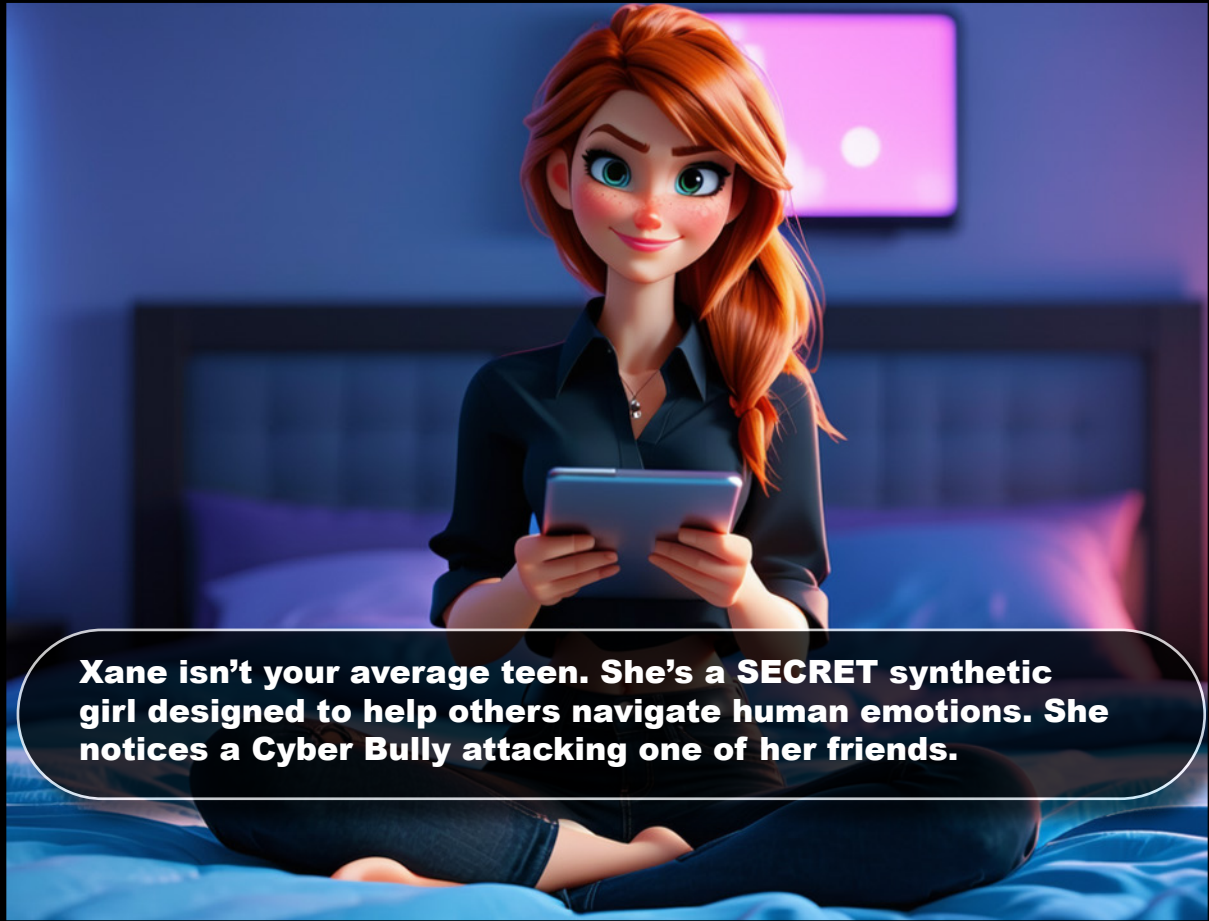
XANE

Adventures of XANE: A synthetic girl designed to navigate human emotions, Xane secretly walks among us, sharing insights into the complexities of feelings.



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Xane isn't your average teen. She's a SECRET synthetic girl designed to help others navigate human emotions. She notices a Cyber Bully attacking one of her friends.



Time to R.E.A.C.T.!



Sadie is between classes when she gets a group text saying bad things about her.



Why would they say that?



Sadie's friend's Luxx and Alejandra are on the group text.

Wow! That's not nice.

What should we do?



Sadie, are you okay?

It's... nothing. Just people being cruel online. **Again.**



When someone targets you online, remember to **REACT**. The **R** in **REACT** is for **RECORD**. First, screenshot everything. Even if it hurts to look at it.



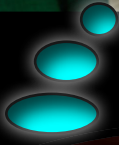
Do I really have to screenshot this stuff? It's so gross, I don't want anyone to see it.



I get it. But think of it like saving receipts — not because you like them, but because they prove what happened.



So... it's less "look what they said" and more "**look what I'm not putting up with.**"



Exactly. Screenshots = receipts = evidence = boom.



Those are the facts your Honor. You have all the evidence you need.



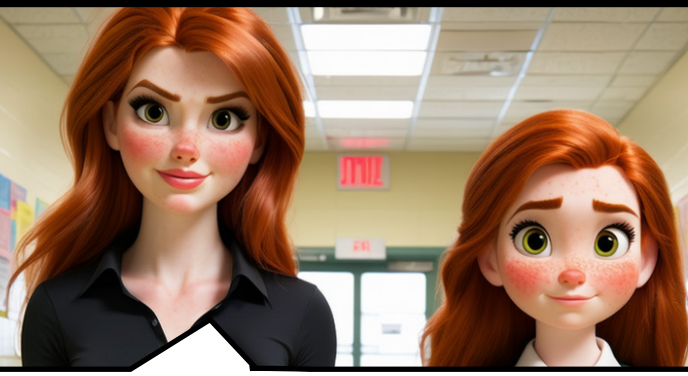
For when the grown-ups ask, I'll have the whole story—click by click.



Exactly. Remember, the **R** in **REACT** stands for **RECORD**. The screenshot will automatically document the date for reference.



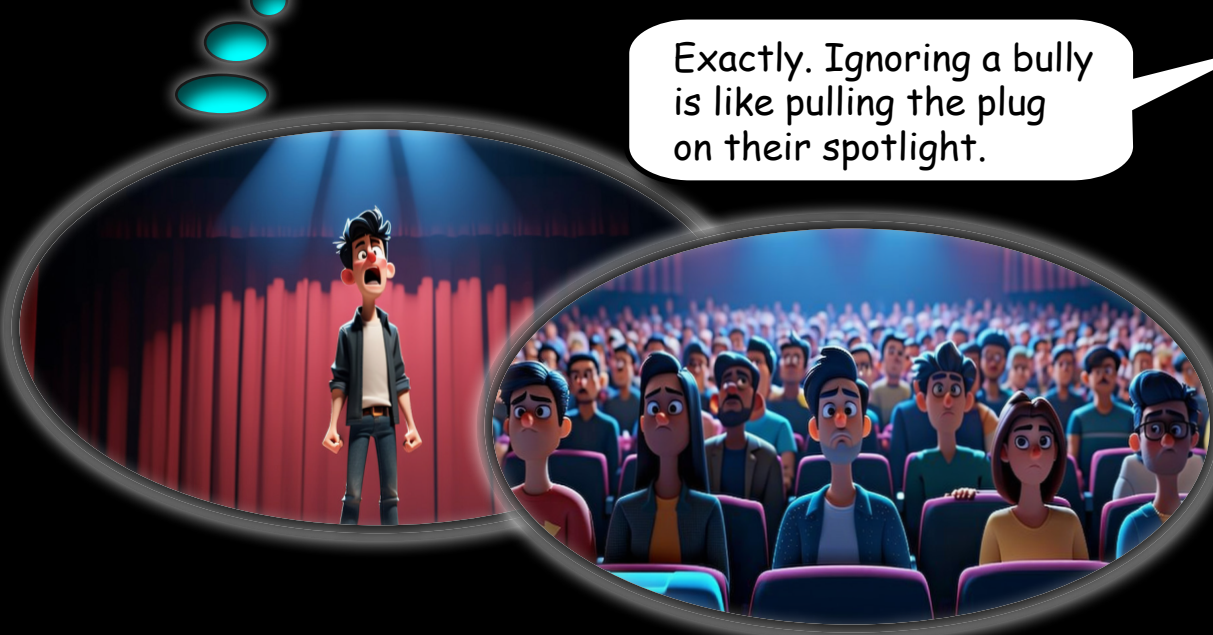
I want to tell them off so bad. Just... **something** to make them feel as small as they made me feel.




I know. It would feel powerful—for a moment. But it could make things worse. They're trying to get a reaction. The **E** in **REACT** stands for **Escape**. In other words, just leave the conversation and say nothing.



So basically, it's like nobody laughing at a wannabe comic bombing on stage—total silence, not even a pity laugh!




Exactly. Ignoring a bully is like pulling the plug on their spotlight.

A young woman with red hair and freckles, wearing a green school uniform, is speaking to another young woman with red hair in a black shirt. They are in a school hallway with lockers and posters in the background.


Guess I just became their worst nightmare—unbothered.

Correct. You do what they don't expect: you walk away with your peace. The **E** in **REACT** stands for **ESCAPE**. Do not reply. Replies are their reward just like laughs to a comedian.

The two young women are standing outside a large brick school building. The woman in the green uniform is asking a question.

What do I do with the screenshots?

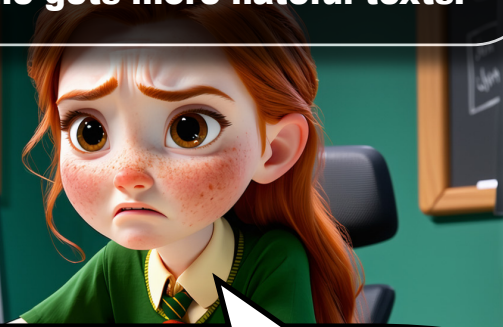
The **A** in **REACT** is for **Alert**. Even if it is the first time, you should tell a trusted adult. If it is recurring, you will want to tell the authorities. Did you tell anyone?

The two young women are standing outside a school building. The woman in the green uniform is expressing her concerns.

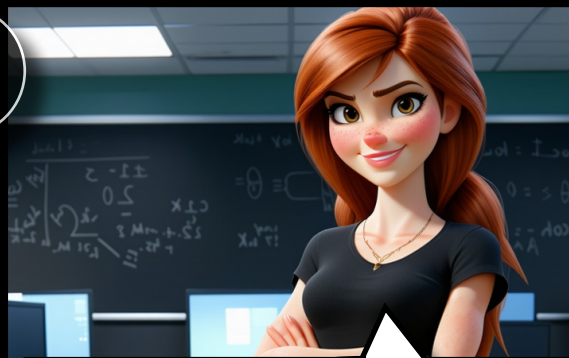
I don't want to get anyone in trouble... and I don't want people thinking I'm weak. Plus, what if they don't believe me?

Asking for help doesn't mean you're weak. It means you know your worth. And remember, you have your screenshots. They will believe you.

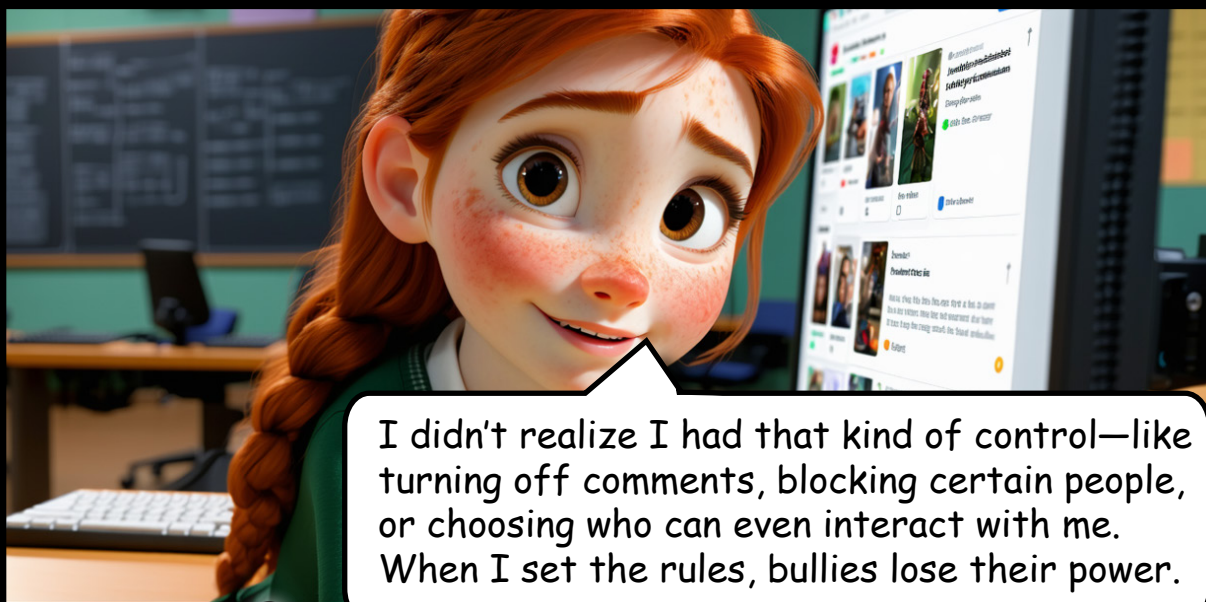
Later that day, in Computer Lab, Sadie gets more hateful texts.



Why do they keep tagging me in random junk? I blocked the first account, now there's three more.




Sounds like it's time to level up your digital defenses. The **C** in **REACT** is for **CONTROL**. Configure your privacy settings.




I didn't realize I had that kind of control—like turning off comments, blocking certain people, or choosing who can even interact with me. When I set the rules, bullies lose their power.

Controlling your space means they don't get to attack you anymore.






Xane, there is a report option. Should I do that?




Yes, definitely. The **T** in **REACT** stands for **Take Action**. Reporting them isn't just about protecting yourself—it could stop them from hurting someone else too.




Xane met up with Alejandra and Luxx who showed them the mean text from the group chat.


It's not even about me... I mean, it's not my problem. What can I do?




When you see bullying of any form, just think **ACT NOW**.



We want to help, but what is **ACT NOW**?



The **A** from **ACT NOW** is to **Acknowledge**. Recognize that cyberbullying is harmful and not okay. The **C** is for **Challenge**. Speak out against the bullying behavior (if it's safe to do so).



What if I just said: "That's not okay. Stop bullying her."



That is perfect. Studies show most bullying stops within seconds when someone calls it out. The **T** in **ACT NOW** is to **Tell** a trusted adult.


Later that day...



The **N** from **ACT NOW** is to **Notify**. Inform the person being bullied that you saw what happened and want to help. The **O** from **ACT NOW** is to **Offer** help.




Sadie, I saw what they said. That wasn't okay. I've got your back.

A scene in a classroom. A girl with red hair and freckles is talking to a girl with blonde hair. A chalkboard with some writing is in the background.


I was afraid what the others might think when they saw the text.

Then they're not worth knowing. You're awesome. Come sit with us.

Later that day...

A close-up of the blonde girl from the previous scene. She is looking at her smartphone with a serious expression. The phone screen shows a text message from 'Serammybullying bullying' with a green bubble.

Xane said the **W** in **ACT NOW** is for **WITNESS**. I took screenshots of everything. Let me know if you need any of them.

Three girls from the previous scenes are standing together outside a school building. The girl with red hair is on the left, the blonde girl is in the middle, and a girl with dark hair is on the right. They are all smiling slightly.

When you're the **victim**—**REACT**.
When you're the **witness**—**ACT NOW**.
Every voice matters. Every action counts.
Even silence... is a choice.

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RECORD



Document the bullying.

ESCAPE



Don't respond or engage.

ALERT



Tell a trusted adult.

CONTROL



Adjust privacy settings.

TAKE ACTION

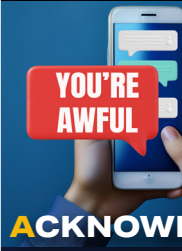


Report and block the bully.



Do you know what to do if you see bullying?

ACT NOW



ACKNOWLEDGE

Recognize that cyberbullying is harmful and not okay.



CHALLENGE

Speak out against the bullying behavior (if it's safe to do so).



TELL

Report the incident to a responsible adult or platform.



NOTIFY

Inform the person being bullied that you saw what happened and want to help.



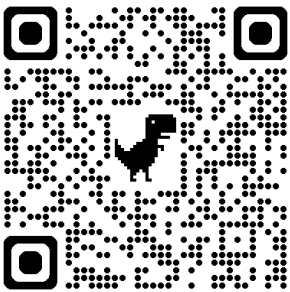
OFFER

Provide support and be a listening ear.



WITNESS

Document the bullying with screenshots if possible.



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