Breaking the pink ceiling

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I just hate her! She doesn’t know how to teach the class! That’s why so many people have failed her exams. She is the worst math teacher ever!

Hellooooo Ananya?? Are you listening to me?

Hmmm mm...

Honestly, no. You always complain about our math teacher! What’s new?

I know, I know! But, still! She is the worst.
Is there something wrong with you? You didn't listen to a word I said.

I'm sorry but, I've been thinking about something for a while. I think I like someone.

I don't understand. You like Saanvi?

I don't know what's wrong with me! I should like guys right? But, I like Saanvi a lot. I think she is so pretty.

Who is it? Is it that cute guy in our class?

It's Saanvi.

So, what are you telling me?

I think I like only girls but, I don't know. I am confused. But, this is not right, right? If anyone finds out that I'm attracted to girls, I don't know what I would do.
Hey, this kind of feels strange, na? ! May be your watching too “odd” many films like Fire or reading books like Lolita! It’s just a passing phase! Chill! You’ll be fine!

In a way I wish you’re right! I mean the passing phase stuff! But I know its not!

They both reach Diya’s house

Ananya, this is your life and you can like whoever you want. Don't let other people tell you what is right.

If only it were as simple as that! You make it sound as easy as ABC! It’s hard, you know? I’m so confused. I hope noth- ing’s wrong with me.

Bye bye
It is the next day. Diya and Ananya are eating lunch. They are talking about their classes. Diya is again complaining about their math teacher. Again, Ananya is not listening to Diya because she is still thinking about Saanvi. Suddenly, Ananya turns to Diya

I am going to tell Saanvi, I like her.

Blah Blah Blah  
Blah Blah Blah  
Blah Blah ........

Are you crazy? Are you sure? We can’t just tell the person that easily. Especially if it’s to do with same sex attractions.
I don’t know! I just want to tell her...

if you want to tell her. Tell her. I am here for you if anything happens.

Thank you.
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