



### 31. Paranoia

Evelyn groaned as the rays of sun fell on her face. Slowly she opened her eyes and lazily sat up.

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She looked down at herself, she was wearing same gown from last night.

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Evelyn went towards the washroom, she removed the gown and threw it away.

She cried her eyes out, she was engaged to three men, this thought almost made her throw up.

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Evelyn

I wrapped a towel around and came out of the shower. I sat on my bed with a sigh "e-everything is over, there i-is no way i can escape from them" i whispered to myself.

I covered my eyes with my hands and sobbed. I hate them, i hate all of th- my thoughts were cut o when my eyes fell on my finger. I clenched my jaw when i saw that ring. I took it o and threw it on the floor.

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Suddenly there was a knock at my door "evie" it was dad's voice. I started to panic, i was a complete mess. I couldn't let him see me in that way.

"D-Dad I'm getting ready right now, I'll meet you downstairs" i said and hoped that he didn't noticed my cracked voice. "Oh okay, I'm waiting for you" he replied.

I shivered when cold air hit my body, i realized i was still in my towel.

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Evelyn was about to open her closet when her phone went o , she saw the caller ID, it was elijah.

She breathed heavily, her palms started to sweat.

She picked the call "babygirl" the trio said in unison.

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They didn't got any reply, "evelyn" elijah growled "y-yeah" came evelyn's weak voice. "Good morning angel" said ace, "good morning" evelyn replied, her voice hoarse "little one, what happened" noah asked in concern "i-i'm fine" she replied.

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The brothers looked at each other, they knew she was crying and they knew it was because of the engagement.

Did they felt bad for her?

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Did they regret it?

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"Little one just accept this fact, you're going to be ours" growled noah.

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Evelyn shuddered in fear "i-i need to go" she said "ok and one more thing, you will never take the ring o and its a fucking warning evelyn" elijah sneered, evelyn's gaze went towards the ring that she threw on the floor.

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"B-But in school, my f-friends will ask me-" she got cut o "if someone say anything just tell them its a promise ring" grumbled noah.

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No one is going to believe you, if you'll tell them its a promise ring, who gives a diamond ring?her subconscious said and evelyn agreed with it.

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"But-" "no ifs and no buts little one, we're really in a good mood don't make us mad unless you want us to pay you and your precious father a small visit" noah said "no no, I'll be good" evelyn said hurriedly.

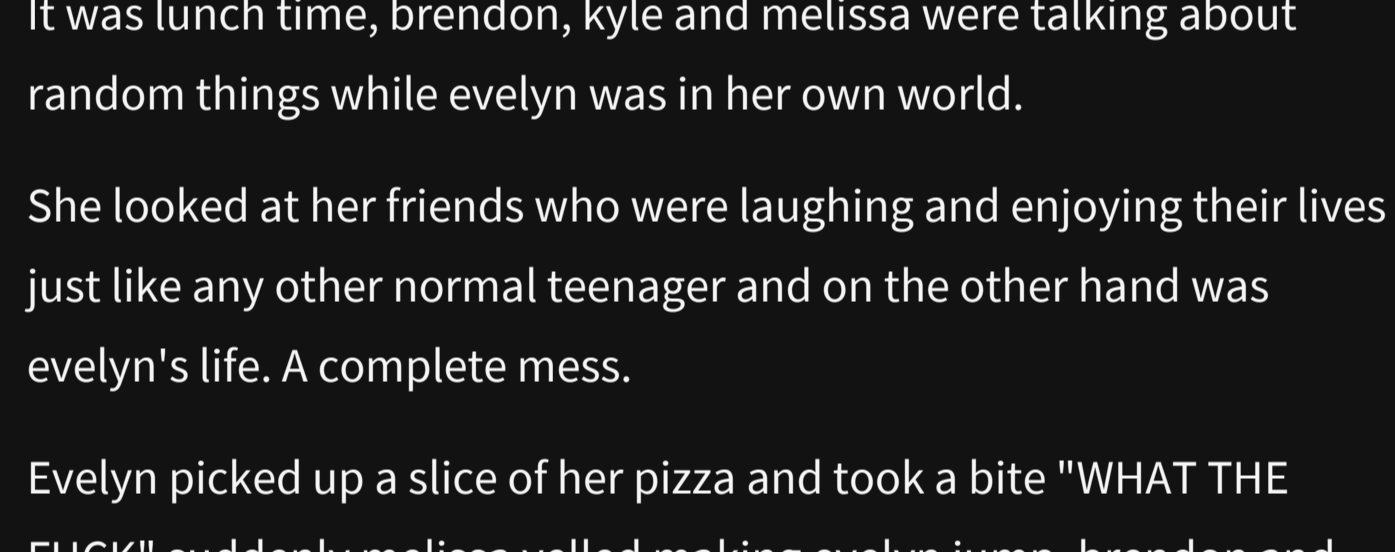
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"Good girl" they said in unison. "We'll call you later, bye sweetheart" they said "bye" evelyn replied.

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Evelyn sighed and started to get ready for school, she just needed some distraction from this drama. She wore her clothes and brushed her hair.

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Evelyn was packing her bag when she suddenly realized what those storms said.

She frantically started to look around at the floor, her eyes landed on a certain diamond ring which also happened to be her engagement ring. She picked it up and wore it.

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She walked downstairs. "Good morning princess" henry greeted her "good morning dad" she replied. Both father and daughter were in grim mood and the reason was same.

Their breakfast was served and they started eating it silently.

Evelyn ate and hurriedly got up "dad i-i'm getting late. Bye love you" she said and walked towards the front door. She just wanted to see her friends, she wanted to distract herself from all this drama.

"Sup" said melissa to evelyn as she was putting her books in the locker, kyle and brendon were standing beside melissa.

Evelyn hurriedly hid her hand inside her pocket "hy guys, we should go, class is about to start" evelyn said trying to avoid showing her hand somehow. "Yeah we should go" said brendon and they nodded.

Evelyn thought about removing the ring and put it in her pocket but she couldn't deny the fact, that she was so scared of the storms that she felt as if they were watching her all the time.

This paranoia was killing her.

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It was lunch time, brendon, kyle and melissa were talking about random things while evelyn was in her own world.

She looked at her friends who were laughing and enjoying their lives just like any other normal teenager and on the other hand was evelyn's life. A complete mess.

Evelyn picked up a slice of her pizza and took a bite "WHAT THE FUCK" suddenly melissa yelled making evelyn jump, brendon and kyle flinched. All the students were looking at their table.

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Melissa realized what she did "sorry" she said looking at them. "Dude what was that" kyle asked "yeah babe, what happened" brendon asked in concern. Evelyn was also looking at her in confusion.

"Evelyn what the hell" melissa asked with a big smile "what" she asked "you got engaged" melissa said almost jumping on her seat.

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Kyle chocked on his drink while brendon's eyes widened in shock.

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"W-What a-are-" evelyn got cut o "bro this ring" melissa said grabbing evelyn's hand and looking at her ring in amazement. Evelyn mentally face palmed herself.

"When did this happened and you didn't even told us" melissa asked with a pout. Kyle was fuming with anger.

"N-No i'm not engaged, i-its a promise ring" evelyn said, her sub consious rolled its eyes at her reply.

"Promise ring. Is this real diamond" she asked in shock. "Um y-yeah" evelyn replied lowly. "Girl, your boyfriend is bill gates or what" melissa said in shock.

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"Um a-actually" think think

"Yeah, a-actually there is this guy. We like each other a lot, he is my dads friend's son. So we went out for my birthday dinner where he gi ed me this promise ring" evelyn said in one breathe, she knew it was a pathetic lie but she couldn't think of anything.

"Aw thats so cute but why you ne-" melissa got cut o when kyle slammed his hands on the table making all of them flinch and with that he stormed out.

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"What happened to him" melissa asked "i don't know" evelyn replied with confusion. "I'll go and talk to him" brendon said and le .

"Forget about them, tell me about your boyfriend. How does he look, do you have any pictures of him on your phone" melissa said excitedly.

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Evelyn gulped in fear. "Mel i really don't wanna talk about him" evelyn said politely "why what happened" she asked "you know I'm just um confused about my future with him" evelyn said.

Melissa smiled "come on dude, don't be so worried. We're just kids" she said and started eating her pizza. "Yeah" evelyn said with a sigh.

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"Oh by the way did you prepared everything for the prom" melissa said "yeah but I've no one with whom i can go" evelyn replied grimly, she was not in love for that anyways.

"You can go with kyle, he also doesn't have anyone to go with" melissa said finishing her pizza slice.

"Kyle has no one to go with" evelyn asked shocked. Kyle was what you call a popular guy. With light blue eyes and brown curly hair, he was surely a handsome guy.

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"Yeah, you can go with him" melissa said and evelyn nodded.

Now the problem for her was asking the storms for 'permission'. Evelyn hated this feeling like they own her but she couldn't risk kyle's life if she was going with him to the prom.

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She just wanted to make sure that the brothers don't cause any trouble. Evelyn abruptly stood up from the table "mel I'll be back" she said and hurriedly le .

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"WHAT KIND OF BULLSHIT IS THIS" roared ace, they were in the middle of a meeting. "You want us to invest in your project and you can't even perform this presentation property" noah sneered. The guy who was giving the presentation was scared to death a er seeing the storms and started stuttering in between the presentation.

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"You wasted our fucking time for this crap" elijah said gritting his teeth.

The guy started to tremble in fear "s-sir i-i'm s-sorry. G-Give me one l-last chanc-" "shut up" noah growled.

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Suddenly ace smiled sinisterly making the guy almost piss his pants. Ace slowly pulled out his gun, enjoying the fear on the guy's face.

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"P-Please s-sir" that guy was on the verge of having a panic attack. Noah and elijah looked at him with a bored expression. Ace was about to pull the trigger when noah's phone rang.

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Noah looked at the caller ID and smiled brightly. Ace lowered his gun making the guy sigh in relief.

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A er seeing noah's reaction ace and elijah knew very well it was evelyn.

The trio walked out of the conference hall, noah picked the call and put it on the speaker.

"Noah" came evelyn's so voice which made them smile even more. "Hello little one" said noah "h-hy, actually i-i wanted to talk to you guys" stuttered evelyn. "Of course what is it" asked elijah. Evelyn already they were on speaker.

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"A-Actually can we m-meet a er my school, if you all are free" evelyn replied biting her lip in nervousness. The trio chuckled "baby, for you we're always free" said ace with a smile "ok, thank you" she said "love you" said ace "love y-you too" evelyn said and cut the call.

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Evelyn knew facing the trio won't be easy but she wouldn't be able to bare it if the storms hurt someone because of her.

Storms smiled widely and entered inside the room, that guy was still standing in the same position.

Elijah looked at him and smirked "you're lucky, our fianc saved you" he said and with that the brothers walked out.

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