

The Room

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INT. HOTEL ROOM - BALCONY - NIGHT

JACOB, 20s, button up shirt, blue jeans, 5 o'clock shadow beard, hears a knock on the door as he sets the table on the balcony. He cleans himself off as if he had spilled something on himself.

INT. HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Jacob walks to the door and looks through the peep hole and sees something of interest. He backs off and breathes in and out. He reaches for the door knob and opens it. Jacob looks to see JESS, 20s, blond short hair, purple button up shirt, black uniform work pants.

JACOB
Jess! Your here!

JESS
Of course, How are you Jacob?

Both exchange a meaningful hug and Jacob leads Jess to the balcony.

INT. HOTEL ROOM - BALCONY- NIGHT

Jacob and Jess sits at a table that has two cups sitting on either end and a bottle of wine in a bucket of ice sitting in the middle of the table. Jacob sat looking out in the distance off of the balcony and into the city. Jess watches him with a smile.

JESS
You always loved the view of the city.

JACOB
I could never forget it, even after I left for so long. Climbing your house to go to the rooftop and watching the city.

Jess and Jacob laugh as the they reminisce into the past. Jess took out the wine and started to pour them into the cups.

JESS
So how have you been Jacob?

JACOB

I have been fine, since I have went to go live my aunt and uncle I have been better, ever since that day when my parents died in the accident.

FLASHBACK - CAR ACCIDENT

A young Jacob and his parents are in a overturned car. The siren of emergency vehicles can be heard off in the distance. Jacob is upside down as his mother lays dead and his father, who is bleeding out, tries to make sure Jacob stays calm.

FATHER

(weak)
Jacob? Son, its okay. Look at me.
Its okay me and your mother are alright and we will be.

Jacob in tears, watches the street as sirens get closer and closer.

BACK TO PRESENT DAY.

JESS

You were so young when that happened to you I can only imagine what went through your head at that time. Not to mention you left the city right afterwards.

JACOB

Its not like I had a choice, After getting to the hospital my aunt and uncle from my moms side came and took me away.

FLASHBACK - HOSPITAL - WAITING ROOM

Jacob lays in a hospital bed, wrapped in bandages. He watches the window on the door and can see Jess' dad outside talking to a nurse. Jess' dad turns his head and moves out of the way as Jacob's AUNT and UNCLE walks through the door.

AUNT

Oh my God! Little Jacob! Are you feeling better sweetie?

UNCLE

He's a fighter just like his father, but at least he is in a better shape than his father.

Jacob's aunt and uncle stays by his side a nurse walks up to his and talks with his them.

NURSE

I am sorry to say but Mr. Jameson has passed away during his surgery.

AUNT

Oh no. That's terrible.

Jacob's aunt clench to her husband.

BACK TO PRESENT.

Jacob stares out into the city light, captured by the past.

JESS

Jacob? Earth to Jacob?

Jacob snaps back to reality as he looks at Jess. Jess has a smile on her face, a smile that beats the city's brightness and beauty.

JACOB

Sorry, I got lost in my own mind for a bit.

JESS

What is it?

JACOB

I was remembering the time that I left. My aunt and uncle.... after hearing my dad died just took me without my consent. Course not much I could say as a 10 year old.

JESS

True. So tell me something.

Jess took a sip from her glass of wine and looked at Jacob.

JESS (CONT'D)

Why did you come back? Just to reminisce in memories?

JACOB

No. Well yes and no, I wanted to see this city again, and I wanted to see you. So, when did you decide to become a police officer?

JESS
When my dad died.

Jess has a slight smile on her face as she looks out into the city.

JACOB
I am sorry, He was a good man.

JESS
He was, He was. So.. Anyone one special recently?

JACOB
No, I could never get over that special girl.

With that, there is a moment of silent as Jacob with a big smile on his face looks at his glass of wine, and Jess starts to think.

JESS
Did you mean Alexis? That one girl, she was a airhead anyway.

JACOB
Nope.

JESS
Then how about Abigail? She was pretty, you two got along pretty well.

JACOB
Second strike.

JESS
Then who?

Jacob starts to chuckle and points to Jess. Jess' face starts to glow a light red.

JESS (CONT'D)
Me? Why never say anything then!?

JACOB
You think I had a choice? I left before I could even realize it. Plus I was only a child, I didn't know at the time.

Jacob laughs as Jess fights off the embarrassment.

JESS
I wish I knew, When did you
realize?

JACOB
After texting back and forth a few
times while I was gone. I mean we
stayed in touch and it just grew
more and more. I wanted to say
something but with both of us busy
and trying to start new lives, I
knew the possibility of either of
us moving was almost none.

Jess just grew a small smile.

JESS
The only problem is I already have
someone else, I wish you had said
something, anything.

Jacob gave a weak chuckle.

JACOB
I know, its okay.

JESS
I loved this visit but I gotta go.

INT. HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Jacob and Jess walk to the room's door. Jacob opens the door
as Jess walks through.

JESS
Tonight was fun Jacob. It was nice
to catch up.

Jess reaches out and kisses Jacob on the cheek and starts to
walk away.

JESS (CONT'D)
Good night Jacob

JACOB
Night... Jess.