

LOATHING KILLS

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Jealousy and madness drive Ellie, an obsessive college student, to win back her friend from their boyfriend before she is left behind.

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FADE IN:

INT. COLLEGE LIBRARY - DAY (1:00 P.M.)

ELLIE, an ordinary yet unsettling 18-year-old college student, sits upright at a desk, intensely staring at her phone. Her eyes are obsessive and predatory about this one-sided text string between her and someone named KIRIE. Ellie has spammed Kirie multiple times and has gotten no response back.

She slams her phone with a hard SMACK, startling some people in the library. She stares out in silent rage, looking at a pink bow before her.

INT. COLLEGE LIBRARY - DAY (2:00 P.M.)

Nothing disrupts Ellie's staring contest with the bow until KIRIE (18), Ellie's best and only friend, snaps her back into reality with a lilted but shaky voice.

KIRIE

Hi, Ellie.

Ellie turns to Kirie and sees the approachable young freshman who presents herself in a way that proves to her peers that she is beyond her years, but Kirie can't handle anything as complex as communication.

Ellie's eyes gleam, welcoming her best friend, until she spots a MAN indiscreetly hiding behind Kirie.

The MAN is THEO, a 20-year-old college student and Kirie's new, old, and douchey-looking boyfriend.

Ellie cowers back as Kirie and Theo sit at the table.

This conversation is spoken in a whisper.

ELLIE

What's *he* doing here?

KIRIE

A "hello" would be nice.

ELLIE

You ghosted me for weeks.

KIRIE

Sorry. I got distracted. I've been busy. This is Theo.

THEO

Hi.

Ellie analyzes Theo, looking him up and down.

ELLIE

Hm.

THEO

(to Kirie)

Wow, babe. You were not wrong about her!

ELLIE

"Babe?"

(pause)

Are you guys dating? Kirie, we're only a month into school! What happened to giving yourself a break from these guys?

Theo winces at Ellie and exchanges a questionable look with Kirie.

THEO

(to Ellie)

Kirie can do whatever she wants.

KIRIE

Theo...

THEO

Well, I just think a good friend wouldn't be chaining you to her life.

An awkward silence. Ellie and Theo glare at each other. Kirie fidgets with her hands nervously.

KIRIE

(to Theo)

Let's go.

Theo and Kirie stand up to leave.

ELLIE

Wait, no, Kirie. Please-

KIRIE

Can we...just...talk about it in my dorm later?

Ellie stops herself before she says the wrong thing.

ELLIE

Sure.

The couple leaves Ellie alone at the library.

INT. KIRIE'S ROOM - DAY

Ellie and Kirie sit underneath Kirie's lofted bed.

KIRIE

So, let's talk like adults.

Ellie pauses. Her attitude and posture are similar to that of a child who was yelled at by her parent.

ELLIE

I thought that you abandoned me.

KIRIE

Really, Ellie?

Kirie turns away, trying to hold back a laugh.

KIRIE (CONT'D)

(laughing)

I'm sorry. Sorry.

(stops)

Ellie. We're in college. I've known you for how long? Ten years? I have to branch out at some point.

Honestly, I'm surprised I didn't leave the cage earlier.

Ellie looks down and stays silent for a moment.

ELLIE

Do you think I chain you?

Another beat. Kirie fidgets with her shoelaces.

KIRIE

Uh, well. You gotta let me go. There are other people in my life.

ELLIE

But what about me? What makes some random guy like Theo more important than our friendship?

KIRIE

Ellie, this is exactly what I'm talking about.

(MORE)

KIRIE (CONT'D)

God, you just don't get it. You've never been in a relationship before.

ELLIE

I don't need to be! Relationships are fucking stupid! At least I can see how idiotic Theo is!

KIRIE

Seriously, what is your deal with my love life?

ELLIE

I just don't want to be left behind again! You're supposed to stay by my side!

KIRIE

Again, Ellie, I'm not leaving you. I'm meeting new people. You should be doing the same!

Ellie cringes.

KIRIE (CONT'D)

Give Theo a chance. He's really a good guy. Start over and study with us tonight. Yeah?

Ellie nods her head yes. She embraces Kirie tightly, not wanting to let go. Kirie only pats Ellie on the back.

ELLIE

Thank you, Kirie.

KIRIE

O-of course.

INT. COLLEGE LIBRARY (STUDY ROOM) - NIGHT

Ellie, Kirie, and Theo study together. Their room is on the third floor. It's dead silent until Kirie gets up.

KIRIE

I'm gonna use the restroom real quick.

She leaves the room. Theo scans Ellie.

THEO

I've heard some stories about you.

Ellie keeps her composure with a blank expression.

ELLIE

Oh yeah? What kind of stories?

THEO

Kirie told me you tried to kill her ex.

Ellie's eyes widen.

THEO (CONT'D)

Yeah. She told me you stalked them on their date. Kirie and her ex caught you holding a knife.

ELLIE

He was an asshole.

THEO

You're fucking sick. I bet he's a decent guy. Is that what you do? Huh? Try to kill nice guys?

ELLIE

He was manipulating her.

THEO

Manipulating her, or was Kirie spending more time with him trying to escape you?

ELLIE

That's not true.

THEO

It is. Kirie told me so. On our first date, she mentioned you. Did you know that? She said, "Ellie's a control freak. I can't do jack shit when I'm with her."

ELLIE

Shut up.

THEO

"She's holding me down from meeting new people. She thinks we'll be friends forever, but that's not happening..."

ELLIE

Shut up.

THEO
 "...because she's so fucking psycho
 and secretly loathes my life."

ELLIE
 SHUT UP!!!

THEO POV - ON ELLIE

Ellie lunges towards him, pushing him off his chair. We hear a THUMP as the two fall onto the ground, Ellie on top of Theo. Ellie grips Theo's neck, and we hear choking sounds as Theo flails his arms around, trying to escape.

Theo's arms drop dead, and a grin forms on Ellie's lips.

Ellie stands up, shaking from the adrenaline like someone with buck fever.

Kirie walks into the room. She stands by the door for a moment, horrified by the scene.

KIRIE
 Oh my God.

She goes to Theo's side to check his pulse. She looks up at Ellie.

KIRIE (CONT'D)
 What happened?

Ellie stares intensely at the corpse, similar to how she looked at the bow. She rummages in her pants pocket and pulls it out.

ELLIE
 I forgot to give this to you
 earlier.

KIRIE
 ELLIE, WHAT THE FUCK DID YOU DO?

ELLIE
 You left it in my dorm three weeks
 ago

Kirie sobs hysterically. She runs out of the study room.

INT. COLLEGE LIBRARY - NIGHT (CON'T)

KIRIE
 Help! Somebody help me!

The library is empty. Kirie looks behind her and sees Ellie chasing after her.

ELLIE

Kirie!

Kirie sprints and hides behind a bookshelf. She dials 911 on her phone.

RING RING. RING RING.

ELLIE (CONT'D)

Kirie? Kirie, he was never good for you!

Kirie quietly inches to the other side of the bookshelf. Ahead of her is a staircase...

ELLIE (CONT'D)

I had to...

RI-

911 DISPATCHER (O.C.)

Hello, this is 911-

Ellie darts her head toward the call and goes after Kirie. Kirie runs for the stairs, and as she begins to descend, Ellie pushes her down.

We hear Kirie's body TUMBLE. At first, Ellie's expression is wrathful, but then, her face softens into a deep sadness. She sheds a few tears.

Kirie lays at the bottom of the stairs, motionless.

Ellie walks down and gingerly clips Kirie's pink bow in her hair. She kisses Kirie's forehead and leaves the scene.

911 DISPATCHER (O.C.)(CON'T) (CONT'D)

Hello? Hello? Is anyone there?

FADE OUT.