



SO...

DOES HE KNOW WHAT?

YOU KNOW WHAT I'M ASKING.

YES.

DOES HE KNOW?





HE KNOWS I  
WAS TOMMY.

WHEN  
DID YOU  
TELL  
HIM?

THE  
MORNING  
AFTER  
OUR...

OUR FIRST TIME  
TOGETHER.



THIS FEELS  
LIKE IT SHOULD  
BE A PRIVATE  
CONVERSATION.

SO,  
MAYBE I  
SHOULD  
LEAVE?

NO. YOU  
STAY.

YOU'RE A  
PART OF THIS  
NOW.



OH, MY  
GOD! I'M  
SO SORRY,  
JESS!

I DIDN'T  
MEAN FOR ANY  
OF THIS TO  
HAPPEN!

WE WERE  
DRUNK AND  
FEELING SO  
ALONE!

ONE  
THING LED TO  
ANOTHER,  
AND-



AND NOW  
YOU'RE ONE OF THE  
MOST POPULAR  
MODELS ON  
*LONELYHANDS*.

OR  
SHOULD I  
SAY,  
*I AM?*

YOU...  
YOU KNOW  
ABOUT  
THAT?

I'VE  
KNOWN FOR  
WEEKS.



WEEKS?  
THAT'S...  
THAT'S NOT  
POSSIBLE.

I CALLED  
THE HOSPITAL  
YESTERDAY  
AND-

AND  
THEY WERE  
DIRECTED BY  
THE FACILITY TO  
SAY I WAS  
STILL IN A  
COMA.

FACILITY?




WHEN YOU  
BLEW UP  
ONLINE...

...PEOPLE  
STARTED ASKING  
QUESTIONS.


HOW COULD  
JESS VERCETTI  
BE MAKING  
HEADLINES...

...AND BE  
IN A COMA AT  
THE SAME  
TIME?



OH, MY  
GOD! \*SNIFF\*  
I'M SO  
DUMB!

YOU...  
YOU MADE  
THE RIGHT  
CHOICE,  
TAMMY.



BUT  
YOU JUST  
SAID-

IT WAS BETTER  
THAT THERE WERE  
TWO JESS!...

...INSTEAD OF  
ONE, TAMMY.

WHY?



WE  
TALKED  
ABOUT  
THIS.

"TAMMY"  
DOESN'T HAVE A  
SOCIAL SECURITY  
NUMBER.

THERE'S NO  
WAY YOU'D HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO MAKE  
ANY MONEY...

...LET ALONE  
KEEP THIS  
APARTMENT.

PRESLEY'S  
RIGHT.


BUT  
WHAT DID  
THAT MEAN  
FOR YOU,  
JESS?



MISTY'S  
BOYFRIEND  
FIGURED OUT WHAT  
HAPPENED...

...AND THEY  
MOVED ME TO A  
PRIVATE FACILITY  
ON BAINBRIDGE  
ISLAND.

A PRIVATE  
FACILITY?



THE HOSPITAL  
STAFF WERE  
DIRECTED TO REPORT  
THAT JESS WAS  
RELEASED AND  
HEALTHY...

...WHILE  
DOCTOR  
MANGOLD WAS  
DIRECTED TO  
TELL YOU I  
WAS STILL  
THERE.

SHE...  
LIED TO ME  
ALL THIS  
TIME?

IT WAS  
FOR THE  
BEST.

HOW  
LONG HAVE  
YOU-

THREE  
WEEKS.





**THREE  
WEEKS!?**

**YOU'VE  
BEEN AWAKE  
FOR THREE  
WEEKS AND  
DIDN'T TELL  
ME!?**

**WHY!?! WHY  
DIDN'T-**



...BUT THAT SHE  
WAS **STREAMING**  
**VIDEOS** OF HER  
**FUCKING** HIM WHILE  
**PREGNANT** WITH HIS  
**BABY!!!**

BECAUSE I  
WOKE UP TO FIND  
OUT THAT NOT ONLY  
WAS MY **HUSBAND**  
HAVING AN  
**AFFAIR...**



YOU HAVE  
EVERY RIGHT  
TO BE **ANGRY**,  
BUT THERE'S  
NO REASON  
TO **YELL**.

**EVERYTHING**  
TAMMY HAS  
DONE HAS BEEN  
FOR YOU.

SHE  
**DEBASES**  
HERSELF ON  
CAMERA EVEN  
THOUGH SHE'S  
REALLY A MAN  
WHO-



BUT  
YOU-

PLEASE,  
PRESLEY.

SHE HAS  
EVERY REASON  
TO YELL AT ME  
AFTER ALL I'VE  
DONE.



GO  
AHEAD,  
JESS.

I HOPED  
THIS DAY  
WOULD  
COME...

...EVEN  
THOUGH I KNEW  
HOW HARD IT  
WOULD BE.

LET ME  
HAVE IT...  
DON'T HOLD  
BACK.

TAMMY...



I'M \*SOB\*  
SO SORRY!

WAIT...  
WHAT?

I'M SO  
SORRY!



YOU'RE...  
SORRY?

WHY-

THIS IS  
ALL MY  
FAULT!  
\*SOB\*

I DIDN'T  
COME SOONER  
BECAUSE SEEING  
YOU WITH HIM  
HURT SO  
BAD...

...BUT I  
NEEDED TO  
MOVE PAST  
THAT.

I AM... I AM  
SO HAPPY YOU  
HAD SOMEONE  
DURING ALL THIS,  
TAMMY.





YOU'RE...  
HAPPY?

YOU  
DON'T  
LOOK  
IT.

BECAUSE  
I'M REALLY,  
REALLY SAD.  
\*SOB\*



BABY,  
I'M SO  
SORRY YOU  
HAD TO SEE  
ALL-

I'M NOT  
SAD ABOUT  
THAT.

THEN-



BECAUSE  
I'M LOSING  
YOU!

LOSING  
ME?





YOU'RE NOT  
LOSING HER... I  
MEAN, HIM!

ZZZ,  
ZZZ!



WE ENTERED  
THIS ARRANGEMENT  
WITH *EYES OPEN*,  
JESS.

I HOPED  
YOU'D COME  
BACK ONE  
DAY...

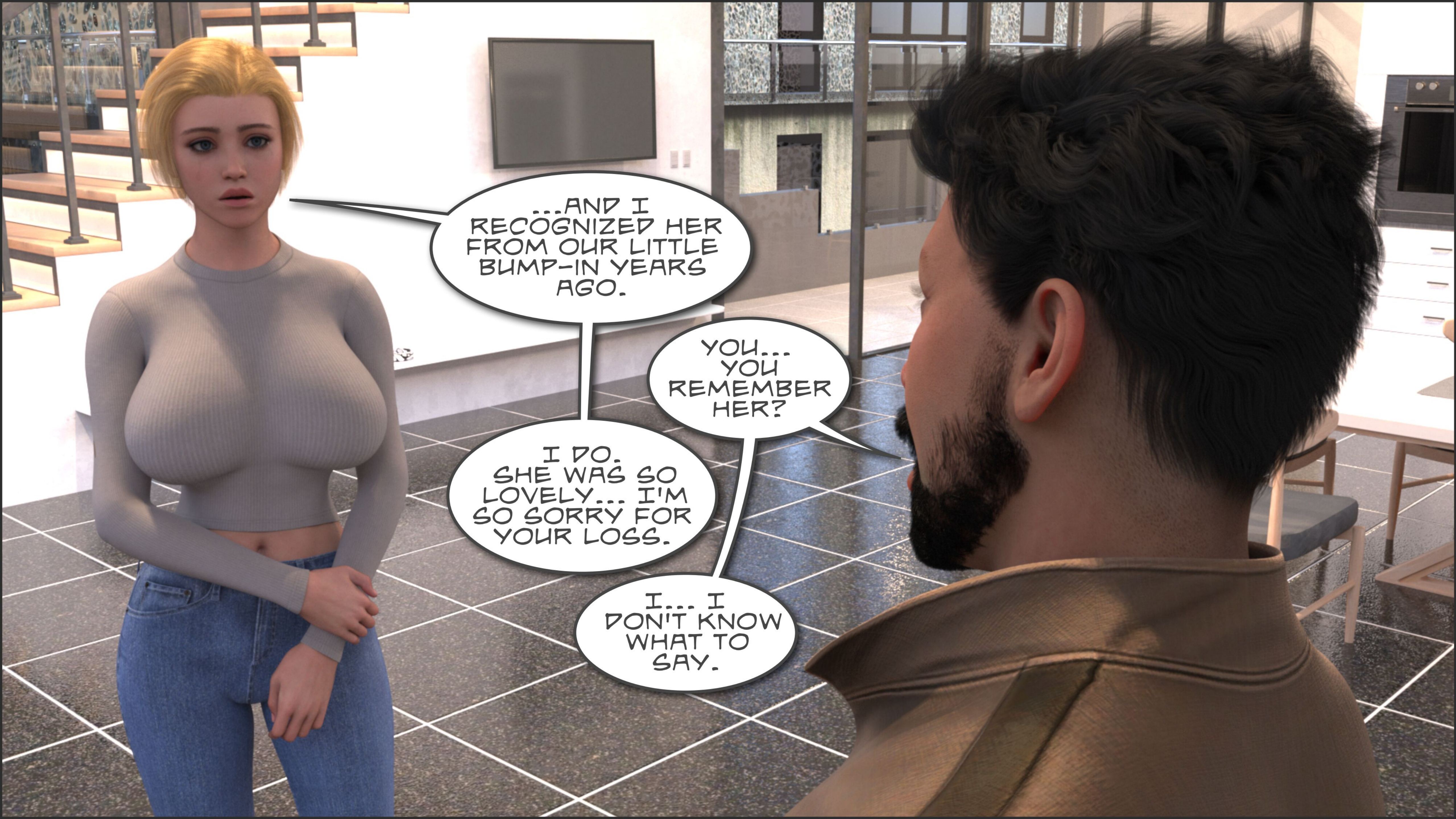
...AND I KNEW  
I'D STEP ASIDE  
WHEN THAT DAY  
CAME.

YOU HOPED...  
BECAUSE OF  
GRETCHEN?



I'VE HAD  
THREE WEEKS  
TO LOOK INTO  
YOU...

HOW...  
HOW DO YOU  
KNOW ABOUT  
HER?



...AND I  
RECOGNIZED HER  
FROM OUR LITTLE  
BUMP-IN YEARS  
AGO.

YOU...  
YOU  
REMEMBER  
HER?

I DO.  
SHE WAS SO  
LOVELY... I'M  
SO SORRY FOR  
YOUR LOSS.

I... I  
DON'T KNOW  
WHAT TO  
SAY.

O-O-KAY,  
JESS.

YEAH.

...LISTEN  
TO ME.

THEN  
PLEASE,  
BOTH OF  
YOU...





I MEANT  
WHAT I SAID  
EARLIER...

I'M HAPPY  
YOU TWO HAD  
EACH OTHER  
DURING THE  
PANDEMIC.

I REMEMBER  
HOW ISOLATED AND  
DISCONNECTED FROM  
THE WORLD WE FELT  
TOGETHER,  
TOMMY...



...SO  
I CAN'T  
IMAGINE HOW  
YOU FELT  
TRULY  
ALONE.

IT... IT  
WASN'T  
EASY.



**NOTHING  
ABOUT WHAT  
YOU DID WAS  
EASY.**

**I WOULDN'T  
HAVE BLAMED YOU  
IF YOU TOOK THE  
SERUM AND MOVED,  
TOMMY.**


**GOD KNOWS  
THAT WOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
EASIER...**

**...BUT YOU  
STAYED.**



FOR ME...  
FOR *US*.

TO PROTECT  
THE HOME WE  
BUILT  
TOGETHER.



I... I NEVER  
GAVE UP HOPE  
THAT YOU'D  
COME BACK.

I SWORE  
YOU'D HAVE A  
HOME TO COME  
BACK TO...


...EVEN IF  
YOU DIDN'T  
WANT ME TO BE  
A PART OF IT  
ANYMORE.

OH,  
TOMMY...





YOU WILL  
ALWAYS BE  
PART OF MY  
LIFE.



THEN... WHY  
DID YOU SAY  
YOU'RE LOSING  
ME?

I'M NOT  
LOSING YOU...  
I'M LOSING  
TOMMY.



I KNOW YOU SAID TO LISTEN, BUT I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

AS SOON AS I GIVE BIRTH, I'LL TAKE THE SERUM AND-

YOU'RE SERIOUSLY GOING TO STAND THERE TRYING TO MAKE ME BELIEVE...

...YOU DON'T WANT TO BE THIS BABY'S MOTHER?



BUT... OUR LIVES?

YOU'RE BACK... AND WE...

TELL ME. TELL ME YOU *DON'T* WANT TO BE A MOTHER.



I... I  
CAN'T...

I'M NOT  
SAYING IT  
WOULD HAVE  
BEEN  
EASY...

...BUT YOU  
DIDN'T HAVE  
TO KEEP THE  
BABY.

YOU'RE A  
MAN IN A  
WOMAN'S BODY...  
NO ONE WOULD  
HAVE JUDGED  
YOU.

BUT I LIKE  
TO THINK YOU  
KEPT IT...

...BECAUSE  
YOU COULDN'T  
KNOW FOR SURE  
I WAS COMING  
OUT OF THAT  
COMA.

HOWEVER  
STRANGE IT IS...  
THAT'S A LITTLE  
PIECE OF ME IN  
YOU.

YOU'RE  
RIGHT.






WE  
TALKED  
ABOUT  
IT...

...AND I  
TOLD HER IT  
WAS HER  
CHOICE.

AND I  
COULDN'T  
DO IT.

THIS IS  
YOUR BABY AS  
MUCH AS IT IS  
MINE, JESS,  
AND...



AND  
YOU'RE  
GOING TO BE  
AN **AMAZING**  
MOTHER,  
TAMMY.

**\*SNIFF\***  
THANK YOU,  
JESS.

IT'LL BE  
LEARNING  
PROCESS FOR  
SURE...

...BUT  
YOU'LL  
FIGURE IT  
ALL OUT.

NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I NEED TO FRESHEN UP A LITTLE.

O-OF COURSE, JESS.



MY  
GOD.

THAT WAS THE  
MOST *INTENSE*  
CONVERSATION I'VE  
EVER BEEN PRIVY  
TO.

BUT I THINK IT  
WENT WELL... ALL THINGS  
CONSIDERED.



CONSIDERING SHE CAUGHT US WITH MY COCK IN YOUR ASS?

YES. CONSIDERING THAT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE STAYED TO TALK AFTER THAT.

YOU TWO...



WE'VE ALWAYS  
BEEN GOOD  
COMMUNICATORS.

WE TALK  
SHIT THROUGH  
MORE THAN ANY  
COUPLE I  
KNOW.

I'LL  
SAY.

THERE'S  
MORE TO TALK  
ABOUT FOR  
SURE, BUT THIS  
IS GOOD.



SURE, BUT  
SOMETHING DOESN'T  
ADD UP.

OH?

I MEAN,  
THIS IS  
BETWEEN  
YOU TWO,  
BUT...

WHAT?  
SAY IT.

SHE KNOWS  
THERE CAN ONLY  
BE *ONE JESS*, YET  
SHE SAID YOU  
COULD STAY-



**OH, MY  
GOD!**

**JESS!!!**