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Script

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1 EXT. UNIVERSITY CAMPUS - MORNING

1

EMMA walks through campus, headphone on with fake Smile by Ariana Grande playing, she moves with the music. She spots her boyfriend, GABRIEL (21), holding an iced coffee.

GABRIEL

For you!

EMMA

I only drink it with milk...

GABRIEL

But today, iced coffee is perfect.

Emma hesitates, then takes a cup, forcing a smile she takes a sip.

EMMA

Hmm... I like it.

Gabriel kisses her on the cheek.

GABRIEL

Happy anniversary.

Emma watches him walk away, her smile fading. She stares at the coffee before heading to class.

2 INT. CLASSROOM - MORNING

2

Emma enters the classroom. Her friends are already sitting at a table, talking and laughing. She greets them with a smile and sets the iced coffee down on the table. CLARA (22), (she have the same clothing style of Emma and same makeup, hair in a pony tail) looks at Emma's coffee.

CLARA

I thought we were going to get coffee after this class?

EMMA

Here for you.

Emma hands of the coffee and Clara smiles.

CAMILA

What about us?

EMMA

We can have it after at my place.

They start talking about the project, and Emma looks down at her coffee in Clara hands, her mind elsewhere.

3 INT. EMMA'S BEDROOM - AFTERNOON

3

Sophie and Camila are sitting on Camila's bed, looking comfortable. Clara is at the desk, scrolling through the computer as music starts playing. Emma steps out of the bathroom and stands in front of the girls on the bed.

EMMA

What do you guys think?

Emma does a spin, showing off her outfit.

SOPHIE & CLARA

(simultaneously)

I love it!

Clara stays silent, not actually saying anything. "Fake smile" by Ariana grande starts playing on the computer. Clara quickly turns around, rushing to change the music.

CLARA

Who even likes this song?

Emma hesitates, uncomfortable and forces a fake smile.

EMMA

You can put your playlist if you want.

Clara start typing on the computer.

CLARA

So...Where are you guys going?

EMMA

I don't know, he wants to do a surprise.

CLARA

It will probably be a pizzeria.

Emma looks at her with a suspicious face.

EMMA

How do you know that?

Camila and Emma glances at Clara, who shifts uneasily, clearly nervous.

CLARA
You told me.

DING-DONG. The door bell rings.

Clara exhales in relief as Emma excitedly leaves the room to open the door for Gabriel.

Gabriel stands by the door smiling at Emma, she leaves the door open and go back to the room. Gabriel follows her.

CLARA (CONT'D)
Hey.

Clara voice is too casual. Gabriel meets her gaze, his smile lingering.

CAMILA
Where are you two going?

GABRIEL
Pizzeria.

Emma looks at Clara, then shakes her head as if trying to push the thought away. Sofie Frowns and look at Emma

SOFIE
You don't even like pizza.

CLARA
(soft laugh)
That's insane. Who doesn't like pizza?

Gabriel laugh quietly, eyes fixed on Clara. Emma watches as Clara doesn't stop smiling at Gabriel. The three girls grab their things, muttering quick goodbyes as they head out. Gabriel watches Clara all the time.

EMMA
(quietly)
What was that?

Gabriel barely glances at her.

GABRIEL
What?

Emma stares at him, waiting. He reaches for her hand trying to leave the room. She hesitates for a second, then lets him and grabs her bag by the bed.

4 INT. ITALIAN RESTAURANT - NIGHT 4

Gabriel talks animatedly. Emma barely touches her food, staring at the pizza, mind elsewhere.

5 EXT. CAMPUS - NEXT MORNING 5

She walks toward the university. The morning feels eerily familiar. She stops in front of Gabriel. Same clothes. Same iced coffee. Same words.

GABRIEL

Here, for you.

EMMA

Again?

She forces a smile as she picks up the cup, placing at the coffee with a furrowed brow.

GABRIEL

Happy anniversary.

EMMA

Happy anniversary week?

Gabriel laughs and Emma looks at him confused as she watches him walk away just like yesterday.

6 INT. CLASSROOM - MORNING 6

The classroom is just like yesterday. Emma steps in, going through the same motions, but the time, both she and Clara have the same ponytail. She hands the coffee right away to Clara who smiles.

CLARA

I love iced coffee. How did you know?

Emma looks at Clara as if connecting the dots, but she shakes her head, pushing the thoughts away.

CAMILA

What about us?

The words hit Emma strangely. She stops, staring at Camila for a moment too long.

EMMA

We can have it...after...at my place.

She sits in her chair, startled, checks the date on her phone, and becomes even more nervous.

7 INT. EMMA'S BEDROOM - AFTERNOON

7

The same scene. But this time no music. Emma looks out of place in her on house, she uses a clothes that look like Clara's.

CLARA

So... where are you going with Gabriel tonight?

Emma pauses, confused.

EMMA

What? I mean...Pizzeria.

She observes Clara more closely now, waiting for what she is going to say.

CLARA

Oh, he loves pizza.

EMMA

(fast, little too desperate)
How do you know?

The doorbell rings. Unlike last time, Emma doesn't react with excitement. She just looks at Clara before leave the room.

Her boyfriend is standing there, smiling. This time, Emma looks at her room. Slowly she turns to Gabriel.

EMMA (CONT'D)

Wait here.

She grabs her bag, says a quick goodbye to Camila and Sofie, and walks out, leaving the girls confused and silent.

8 INT. ITALIAN RESTAURANT - NIGHT

8

In the restaurant, Gabriel is happily eating his pizza, chatting nonstop. Emma barely touches her food. Gabriel notices her silence.

GABRIEL

I like your ponytail.

Emma finally relaxes, feeling less uncomfortable as something finally seems different. She smiles at him, admiring him as

if he were her savior.

9 INT. BEDROOM - NEXT MORNING

9

Emma's phone shows the same time and date again. Her breath catches as she checks it, panic rising. She looks around her room, unsure if she is losing her mind.

10 EXT. CAMPUS - MORNING

10

Emma rushes to the university building, disoriented, and spots her boyfriend in the same spot as usual. Same clothes. Same coffee. Without saying a word, she grabs his iced coffee, drinks it desperately, and goes away leaving him confused. She tosses the empty cup into the trash and walks off.

GABRIEL

(screams)

Are you okay?

11 INT. CLASSROOM - MORNING

11

Emma enters the classroom, tense. She doesn't respond to her friends greetings like usual.

SOPHIE

Are we still going to your place
later?

Emma snaps back to reality as yet another change occurs, but the tension remains. She doesn't relax, still feeling lost and uneasy. She looks at Sophie and nods.

12 INT. EMMA'S BEDROOM - AFTERNOON

12

Emma stands completely lost, now dressed even more like Clara, standing beside her. Everyone else remains in the same positions as in previous scenes. She keeps glancing at her phone, then at the bedroom door. When she hears the doorbell, she grabs her bag and leaves without saying a word.

13 INT. ITALIAN RESTAURANT - NIGHT

13

Emma eats the pizza quickly, almost mechanically, her discomfort is obvious. Gabriel watches her, surprised by how fast she's eating.

GABRIEL

I knew you were gonna like it.

Emma barely acknowledged him, then looks up, voice shaky.

EMMA

Do you like me better like this?

Gabriel stops eating and look at Clara.

GABRIEL

I **love** you like this!

Emma feels disgusted, stops eating and looks at Gabriel.

14 INT. BEDROOM - NEXT MORNING

14

Emma wakes up to the same date again. Panicked, she throws her phone on the bed and hides under the blanket, trying to escape the overwhelming repetition. The day passes as she watches TV, eats, and ignores messages and class. Eventually, she falls asleep.

15 INT. BEDROOM - NEXT MORNING

15

Emma reaches out from under the blanket, gabs her phone, sees the same date and time. She stops, then quickly throws the blanket off and sits up, rubbing her eyes as if trying to wake from a dream. Nervous, she looks at the phone again, then stands abruptly, making the bed creak.

16 EXT. CAMPUS/CLASSROOM - MORNING

16

Emma walks fast across the campus. Gabriel stands in their usual spot. Same clothes. Same coffee. But this time, she stops, frustration twisting her face.

EMMA

(shouting)

I already told you! I don't drink
coffee without milk! I' m so tired of
you never listening!

Gabriel stares at her, shocked. He steps closer, lowering his voice.

GABRIEL

Hey, what's wrong with you?

Without answering, Emma turns and walks away quickly. Gabriel follows, confused, calling after her.

GABRIEL (CONT'D)

Come on, don't be like this. What's
(MORE)

GABRIEL (CONT'D)
going on?

She keeps walking, ignoring him as he trails behind. She reaches the classroom door, and as Gabriel tries to gently grab her arm, she pulls away.

EMMA
Leave me alone!

The room goes silent, her friends frozen, watching the scene unfold. Clara stands quickly and walks over to Gabriel, placing a hand on his arm.

CLARA
Hey, It's okay, let's just-

He pulls her arm away, his face turning serious as he looks at her

GABRIEL
Did you tell her something?

Emma blinks, confused, and looks between the two of them. Clara's eyes widen, and she shakes her head, silent.

EMMA
Tell me what?

The silence is thick, and Clara pales, her face twisting with Emma grabs the coffee, pours the milk into it without care as it spills over, then takes a sip.

EMMA (CONT'D)
TELL ME WHAT?

He steps closer, gently taking her hand, his grip firm but careful. His voice softens, almost pleading.

GABRIEL
It was just one night. It meant nothing. She doesn't even come close to you.

He tries to pull her along, but Emma doesn't move. She yanks her hand away, stepping back.

EMMA
I knew it!

GABRIEL

What?

EMMA

Oh my God, I wasn't crazy!

Emma leaves, walking fast. Her expression looks relieved.

17 INT.EMMA'S BEDROOM- AFTERNOON

17

Emma is lying on the bed, staring at the ceiling with a smile, her hair is down and Fake smile by Ariana Grande is playing. The doorbell rings. She stops the song, gets up and goes to open the door. As soon as she does, Sophie and Camila immediately hug her.

CAMILA

Are you okay?

EMMA

I feel...

She hesitates, looking at both of them.

EMMA (CONT'D)

I feel so relieved. He was too controlling, and she was annoying.

SOPHIE

She **is** annoying!

The three girls laugh.

CAMILA

Just so you know, we're spending the whole day here!

Sophie walks inside, heading straight to Emma's bedroom. The other girls follows her. Emma is clearly comfortable and we can see in her eyes she feels good.

SOPHIE

I missed sleeping here!

She throws her bag on the bed and sits down.

CAMILA

So, what are we doing now?

Emma smiles, a knowing look on her face, she has an idea.

18 **MONTAGE - GIRLS' DAY**

18

- *The three making café com leite in the kitchen.*
- *Laughing with popcorn while watching a movie.*
- *Doing skincare together, applying face masks.*

19 **INT. EMMA'S BEDROOM - NIGHT**

19

The girls are lying in bed, almost asleep. The room is quiet, except for the soft sounds of their breathing. Camila looks at Emma, a gentle smile on her face.

CAMILA

(whispering)

I missed you like this.

Emma turns her head toward Camila, confused.

EMMA

(slightly surprised)

What?

CAMILA

(smiling softly)

Happy... and yourself.

Camila closes her eyes and soon falls asleep. Emma, still awake, shifts her head back to the ceiling. She was looking at Camila, but now she is facing the ceiling, she stays like this a bit until she finally says.

EMMA

(softly, to herself)

I think I'm finding myself again.