If Those I loved Were Lost

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1 INT. JENNY'S BEDROOM NIGHT

JENNY, 20, seated at a dresser, absentmindedly brushes through her hair while staring at her reflection. Her attention is drawn towards a photograph of two guys and herself.

Leaving the dresser, she climbs in to bed and tucks herself in, she falls asleep.

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2 INT. JENNY'S LIVING ROOM DAY

MIKE, 20, sits reading a book, Jenny's legs resting over his, her hands placed on her stomach.

MIKE (looks up from his book and smiles) I can't wait for our princess to arrive.

JENNY (Smiles) How can you be sure shes a girl?

MIKE Ever since I fell in love with you, I've always pictured having a baby girl as beautiful as you.

JENNY (Her smile drops in to a look of deep thought) Yeah...

MIKE What's wrong?

JENNY

Nothing

Jenny get's up and walks to the window, staring out at the street, rubbing her stomach. Mike perches on the edge of his seat.

MIKE Jenny, tell me what's wrong...

JENNY It's just... I can't... tell you...

MIKE I love you Jenny, you can tell me anything, I love you. 2

JENNY (Still staring out of the window speaks quietly) Shes not yours...

MIKE What did you say?

JENNY (Turns to face Mike) Shes not yours.

Jenny begins to cry and Mike stands up.

MIKE

How is she not mine? who else's can she be? Don't lie to me!

JENNY Have you never realised the dates don't match up. They match with when we were on a break.

MIKE (Fuming) Then who?

JENNY

Alex..

MIKE My best friend Alex, my best friend!

JENNY (As Mike walks away) Mike, I love you!

Mike, enraged, slams the door behind him, Jenny watches Mike from the window. Mike climbs in to his car and drives up the road.

Tears streaming down Jenny's face, she moves shocked to the sofa and curls up in to a ball, she cries herself to sleep.

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3 INT. JENNY'S LIVING ROOM EVENING

Jenny awakes, confused with what the time is. She glances at her phone to see a number of missed calls and a text from Mikes parents which reads: "Jenny, Mikes been in a serious

car accident call us ASAP!"

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JENNY (Calling Mikes Parents) Hello... Hello... Whats's happened is Mike okay?

A voice informs Jenny of Mike's Death. Jenny drops the phone.

JENNY (Heavy breathing) It's all my fault, I shouldn't have been so stupid. If only I hadn't done it. Or even told him, why did I tell him. He's dead.... because of... me!

Jenny falls to the floor, clutching her stomach, distraught.

4 INT. JENNY'S BEDROOM NIGHT

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Jenny, hair a mess, wakes up in a cold sweat, jolting forward she sits, struggling to catch her breath.

Realising the events of her nightmare have not occurred, her breathing slows, she gets up and moves to the dresser.

Her now gaunt face reflected in the mirror, she stares at the photograph while brushing her hair.

JENNY (Looking at her stomach) I won't tell him.

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