

Far From Tree Creative Project  
2 Years Later

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As Joaquin looked at his first baby pictures he realized how pointless this all was. What did it matter that he wanted them so badly? What did it matter that he wanted Birdie's underlying attention? When would that matter after what he found out today?

Grace told him with tears in her eye that she just could not believe it, No way never. When he asked her what she was talking about she sounded surprised. Did you see Birdie last night Grace said stuttering? No, why and are you alright? He responded Grace started to laugh not the funny type but when it is all that you can do, you weather break down in emotions or start laughing hysterically. Now Jack was stern, What is can you just tell me already! And when she told him it just felt like a dam was broken and he was young and helpless again.

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Grace was having the best years of her life right now, She was at Virginia Tech yes when she had to break up with Clair it hurt yes but now she was in a new place far from where she was from ready to make a name for herself in the real world. She found a new love as young people tend to do, her name was Ann. It was not like love at true sight and they did have a lot of confects of interest but they worked together like peanut butter and jelly. But when she got the call from her desired siblings her world that she thought to be all happy now that they all went their own ways was thrown into the meat grinder of reality.

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That same day when grace had called Joaquin she had to confront Rafe, how could he hurt Joaquin and her after all she had done. True now that she was thinking about it she was more reliant on Rafe than him on her but still how could he. Her thoughts started to drift was it a good idea to confront him, was this just a one-time thing, would life go back if she just left it alone. Even with all of these thoughts, she knew that there was no going back and those red flags just kept on growing and growing.

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Joaquin just when right up to birdie when he got home. At first, she tried to deny it, she would never cheat on him she loved him just way too much. Then Joaquin started listing all of the strange stuff that was happing that he was just releasing. After that birdie just said it was a just one-off thing and that she would never get into another relationship with anyone else and she was just drunk and Rafe approached her first. Joaquin was now surprised.

“Rafe as in Grace’s boyfriend?!”

“Yes, he approached me in a bar when I was drunk and I was too wasted to realize that we were making out. Please stay with me. You’re the one I truly love and I would never want to leave you.

When she realized that her pleading was not working she started to rant,

“YOU NEVER TREATED ME RIGHT, RAFA DID, HE MADE ME FEEL APPRECIATED AND YOU NEVER DID ALL YOU DO IS CRY IN SELF PITY OF HOW FUCKING TERRIBLE YOUR LIFE IS. NOW LEAVE ME ALONE AND GO BACK TO YOUR FUCKING FOSTER PARENTS AND DON’T COME BACK UNTIL I WANT YOU BACK WHICH WILL BE NEVER NOW GOD DAMN LEAVE!

Joaquin packed his bags and left, He hoped to never see her again.

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Maya saw Clair again when she traveled upstate to NYC. Clair let her crash at her place for the night. That morning she got a call from Ann to get back as soon as possible. She asked why. She said her goodbyes to Clair pecked her on the cheek and drove back to Virginia Tech as fast as humanly possible.

When she got back Ann started to cry explaining how that her best friend was Minulation her.

“What do you mean?”

“He wanted a lot of cash and I said yes because he was with me this entire time.”

“He paid me back ½ of it but when I asked for the other half... h-he threatened me saying that he needed the money and that I should have made him sign a contract and how stupid I was. If I call the police he said he will ruin all of the people that I love... w-what should I do?”

Maya just stood there in shock when she saw something, A bruise on Ann’s shoulder. She could not stand this for much longer and she dialed 9-1-1.