

The next morning I tried to avoid my parents. I succeeded for the most part. Mom was really reserved and only acknowledged me when we were about to leave. she gave me a small hug and kissed my forehead. I felt bad for making her feel that way but I wouldn't back down from my statement. I told her goodbye and only glanced at my dad before leaving and grabbing my bike. I biked over to Emma's but she wasn't ready yet. Normally, I would've waited by the building for her but I had to tell her my plan. I walked in and took the elevator and went to the third floor. I had only met her parents once but they were super nice. I knocked on the door and her mom opened the door.

"Good morning Riley! How are you? Emma is almost ready. Oh- oh Ella! Back girl!" She says and I see Emma's Airedale-Terrier mix Ella trying to escape.

"Hey Ella!! Hi Ms. Cathy! I'm good! I say.

"Here come sit down, you can wait for Emma in here." She says and picks up Ella so I can come in.

"Thank you Ms. Cathy!" I tell her and sit down on their couch. Their condo was pretty nice, despite its location, and they were still a few boxes laying in the corner. Not done packing from the move. I think. I sit down on the couch and Ms. Cathy goes back to whatever she was doing. Ella laid down by my feet and fell asleep. I waited jitterly for Emma to come out so I could explain the plan to her. When she finally did, she was surprised to see me.

"Oh hi Riley! How's it going?" She asks and Ella runs up and starts jumping around her.

"Sorry to scare ya. I just had to tell you something. ready to go?" I ask her. She looks puzzled but nods and we wave goodbye to her mom and Ella and head out.

"So what did you want to tell me?" Emma asks me as we grab our bikes. I smile.

"That we're going to the party tonight." I tell her. She stops and looks at me.

"REALLY?! B-But I thought your parents said no." She says.

"They did, but there is no way I'm making you miss this party. Their never gonna find out, I've come up with the perfect plan." I tell her and explain the whole plan I had created the night before. She nods but looks hesitant.

"-And then we'll get back and my parents none the wiser!" I finish with flourish. She tried to smile but she mainly looked unconvinced.

"What?" I ask her.

"This just seems... I dont know... a bit rebellious? I mean thats not bad but what if we did get caught? Is it worth the risk?" She asks me. And now dear reader, you would think I would do the most logical thing here. But I think you know me well enough by now to know I always do the oppsite of the wisest thing.

"We don't have to do it. It's your choice." I tell her. She looks at the ground.

"If your sure we won't get caught, and that nothing bad will happen, I say lets do it." she says and smiles at me. I smile back and we both laugh and I try to focus on school. I saw Jason at his locker and went up to him.

"Oh hey Riley? Any word?" He asks with a smile. Was his smile always that pretty? WAIT STOP IT RILEY! HES EMMA'S! I tell myself. I try not to look at his smile.

"My mom and dad said yes. So me and Emma are still invited right?" I ask. His smile grows bigger.

"Yep! I'll send you my address. I'm glad you can come." He says.

"Me too." I say and I walk to my class. I sat down and thought over the conversation. ME TOO?! I really said that?! what was wrong with me?!?!?!? All threw the rest of the morning I was a jittery mess. My leg was bouncing up and down and I bit my nails down to nubs, which I'm not proud of, and still had half a day left. At lunch, me and Emma went over the plan again. I was halfway through explaining it again when Jake walked over.

"Hello ladies, how we doing today?" He asks and flashes us a smile.

"We're good, just talking about tonight." I tell him. He nods in understanding.

"Are y'all going to Jason's too? I hear its gonna be quite to party. Well, it will be once I'm there." He says and we all laugh.

"Yep! All thanks to Riley." Emma says. Jake gives me a questioning look. I shurg.

"Not really. He invited you too you know." I tell her. She nods.

"Yep. But because of your plan we can go." She says.

"What plan?" Jake asks me. I was a little mad at Emma for spilling the beans but it could've been worse.

"Oh not much. Just going from my house to the party then back." I say trying to sound calm. Jake didn't look convinced but nodded.

"Cool, well I'm gonna eat these corndogs before they get cold. See ya." He says and walks off. I looked at Emma. She looked back at me confused.

"What? Whats that look for?" She asks me.

"You almost told Jake the plan. If someone else finds out, we'll have to abort the plan." I explain. She lowers her head in shame.

"I'm sorry, I just thought we trusted Jake. And its great news hes coming to the party as well huh?" She says and smirks at me.

"It's ok. AND don't give me that look! You know the reason we're going is so you can hangout with Jason." I point out. She nods but doesn't stop smiling. We both sit in silence before both collapsing into laughs.

"So, you ready for tonight?" I ask her.

"You know it! You? How crazy is it that both of the guys we like will be at this same party?" She says and I get a little bit of an uneasy feeling.

"It's crazy." I chuckle but I couldn't shake that feeling. Why did I have this worried feeling in my stomach?