## The Black

"You were so looking at that guy!" Ben shouts as we enter my room.

"Ben! How can you be so blind?! I was not looking at him!" I shout right back at him.

"You love to fuck guys! Why wouldn't I be worried about you looking?!" Ben backs me up against a wall.

I gasp, "...are you calling me a slut?" tears cover my eyes, pushing him away from me.

Ben realizes what he had said and walks back up to me, I can't move since my back is to the wall.

"No Roni I didn't mean-"

"Fuck you Ben! I only have eyes for you, why can't you put the past me where she belongs?! In the fucking past!" tears fall.

"Roni.. I'm so stupid," Ben pushes himself o the wall, walking away from me.

He covers his face as he sits on the edge of my bed.

I walk over to him, wiping my tears. I sit next to him and remove his hands from his face, making him look at me.

"Look, we've gotta have trust in this relationship, okay Ben? I only have eyes for you no one else, I wouldn't dream of looking at another guy the way I look at you," I coo to him.

He stares into my eyes and hugs me, bringing me onto his lap.

"I'm sorry, I trust you, I'm just afraid of losing you, you are not a slut, i'm sorry if my words made it seem like I was calling you that," Ben speaks into my neck.

I pull away from his hug and stare into his eyes.

"You won't lose me Ben," I speak so ly.

He presses his lips to mine and wraps his arms around my waist.

I get o him and strip down, I lay in my bed and move over so Ben can lay with me. He strips down and climbs in next to me, I turn to my side and allow Ben to rest an arm around me, holding my hand. I close my eyes and get comfy.

"I love you" I hear Ben mumble.

My eyes open and I just stare into the darkness of my room.

He said those three words. I don't even know if I love him though, I kind of think it's too early to be saying that.

"Roni?" I feel Ben move.

I just lay there, hoping that he will just let it go.

"Veronica," Ben says a bit more stern.

I sigh and sit up, I reach over to my lamp and turn it on.

I don't face him, but I can feel him staring at me.

"Did you hear me?" Ben asks so ly.

"I—yes Ben, I heard you," I look down.

"W-well?" Ben stares at me.

"I just think that it's too early to say that, Ben I don't even know if I love you, I really, really like you, but I-I just don't know if I have that strong of feelings just yet," I explain, hoping he'll understand.

"I bet it was that guy you were fucking looking at, you know what, whatever, just forget I said that," I feel Ben get out of my bed.

I watch him as he puts his clothes on.

"Ben, where are you going?" I ask him. "Home,"

"Why?" I get annoyed.

He just stares at me, I could see pain in his expression. "Goodnight," Is all he says, and he climbs out my window.

I sit there in shock, I told him how I feel and he just gets up and

I was honest about my feelings and he just reverts back to the guy I

was supposedly looking at today?

Nice Ben, nice. I sigh and turn o my lamp, and try to fall asleep.

I wake up to my alarm going o . I groan, it feels like I got no sleep.

storms out? I'm sorry if I don't love him yet.

I was up all night thinking about what Ben said. I can't believe he told

me he loves me so soon. I get up and get ready for school. I climb out my window and down

the tree. I see Ben walking down the road, I run up to him.

"I was listening to the song you love, or like, I don't really know which

one you feel," Ben mutters, staring right ahead. I just stare at him in shock that he said that to me. Why is he so mad?

It's not fair for him to be mad at me for something that I have yet to feel. "Whatever Ben," I walk away from him.

I get to school and see Cindy.

"Cindy!" I call.

Cindy smiles at me and I run up to her.

"Hey Roni, how's it going?" Cindy asks as we walk to first class. "Ugh Ben's mad at me," I tell her.

"Awh, why?"

"Ben said I love you to me, and I didn't say it back to him," "What? He said those three words to you?? And you didn't say it

back??" Cindy asks, clearly confused.

really like him," I tell her. "Makes sense, hopefully he'll respect how you're feeling and stop

"Well yeah! I'm not gonna lie about how I feel for him, I just, really,

being mad at you,"

"Yeah, hopefully,"

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