

xv. the fool

(note: some of the dialogue may be inaccurate. the audio wasn't the best so I wasn't able to make out some of the words)

When they pushed her out she fell down to the floor. "Ugh," she groaned underneath her breath. "Would it kill them to push me out lighter? My face could've gotten damaged." She got up and walked over to the ladder. The ladder lead to the wing of the place, she went to it and got on it, peeking to see what was happening. Merritt wasn't there anymore so he got pushed out, and they were now pushing Lula out. Merritt came up behind her and both of them shared a fist-bumped.

"Did you say it?" she asked him.

"Down to the exclamation point. That was a compelling struggle."

"Why thank you, yelling out 'no' and 'stop' seems to be a common occurrence women have to go through."

"I acknowledge the sexism, but leave your feminist rants for another time. God forbid, I've heard enough to treat all women with respect," Merritt sighed out.

"Hey, guys!" Lula greeted them. "Good stu back their Merritt. I shed a tear, I really did."

Evelynn laughed at Lula's exaggeration. "Hey, Evelynn. You might be expecting something pretty cool at midnight."

"Cool?" she chuckled out. "I gotta tell you, I hate surprises so you should tell me right now."

Lula merely shook her head, smiling, and looked into the window.

"Okay, I'm mildly concerned now."

The others went up and joined them on the wing. Evelynn smiled at them and looked back inside the plane. All of them already put on their microphones and earpieces.

Everything in the plane started turning o and Evelynn saw Arthur and Walter look around, very confused. The Horsemen then started to pop their heads in front of the windows waving at them. Mocking them would be a better phrase. Evelynn laughed at their dumbfounded expressions.

"Come on out," they all told Arthur and Walter. The frame walls dropped and, then showed the Thames and a huge audience. They all went into a group hug. Evelynn looked around amazed at the amount of people who showed up. She also saw a huge screen recording them and laughed in delight that they pulled it o .

They all got o of the wing and saw Walter stick his head out.

"Yeah man, you can feel pretty good about yourself. Yeah, you predicted it correctly," Daniel told him. "The Thames, at the stroke of midnight, New Year's Eve. Happy New Year."

That's why it's so crowded Evelynn thought. New Years"Hey, Merritt," she called out to him with her microphone covered so only he would hear her. "Fi y bucks, you kiss Daniel when they countdown."

He also covered his mic. "Nothing you can do can bribe me into putting my mouth on that man."

"Damn it Merritt," she joked. "What use are you for then?"

"Thank you very much! Lovely, I would like to just acknowledge our old friend Arthur Tressler and his young and very brilliant son, Walter Mabry. Who has performed one of the greatest feats of all time, that even we have ever seen, he has amazingly brought himself back from the dead!" Evelynn announced to everyone holding a hand in their direction.

"But before we do that, we'll reveal someone who we think it's the only right to give him a proper introduction," Merritt told the people of London.

"He is our friend and he is our leader, Dylan Shrike!" Daniel announced. The Horsemen clapped for him, Evelynn even cheered.

"Normally, only the magician, his assistant, and few a few trusted stage hands know the secret of a trick. But tonight, however, in this e ect all of you people around the Thames here and since we're streaming live, everyone around the world, already knows everything. Only, these fellows there, are le in the dark. So, let's see how closely you were watching our show."

"Remember when we were playing find the lady?" Jack asked. "I said that we used the barrier trap, a plastic switch, and a few duplicates. Well, that's how we switched the driver of the truck. Which took us to a duplicate hangar where we used your need to rush and your fear of being seen, lets you do the work for us."

"So, we got on the airplane. How did we get it to fly?" Lula finger-quoted fly.

"Well, we used fans, orb lights, and craning machines," Daniel informed them.

"Obviously, all this was reliant in us getting caught. But we needed to make sure that you would you do exactly what we needed you to do once you did catch us." Jack told them.

"My brother Chase, who was a technical advisor on the losing team, he told us that it was all about blind spots and surprise." Merritt walked up to Jack pointing to him as he spoke. "All of this is kind of confusing to you. I can probably catch up to you later, in what? Probably three or five?"

"Basically, we showed them everything," Evelynn told them. "How you kidnapped us to steal the very thing that is in your pocket, right now."

Walter went to get the chip but it seems like he couldn't find it.

"Whoops," Evelynn said sarcastically. Daniel pulled out the actual chip and showed it to Walter.

"Yeah!" Merritt said walking by Daniel. "This thing here which you said could adjust markets, manipulate governments, and spy on whoever you choose."

"Also, as you said, control the public from outside the grid," said Lula.

"These men destroy people's lives. Spying on the world, robbing you your right of privacy and they do that by hiding in the dark. So, in the Horsemen tradition, we're here to expose them. Tonight they and you all at home, are finally stepping into the light."

"Thank you, everybody!" Daniel yelled. "We are the Horsemen! Good night!"

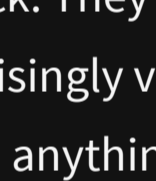
They all hugged each other once again. Joy filled up Evelynn's heart as she was hugged by her friends. Jack was still hugging her from behind but she didn't understand why it made her heart raced. She was on too much of a high by what just happened she couldn't process anything.

Evelynn heard the counting down of the audience, and as it struck one confetti was shooting out of the sky. "Wooo!" she cheered. She was walking away, about to tell Merritt something but someone grabbed her arm and pulled her into them.

All she knew was that something was pressing against her lips and her face was really hot. When she realized that Jack was kissing her, she tried to kiss him back. Their lips moved in sync, eyes shut, and confetti falling down on them. Just then she remembered what Lula told her. That sly dog she thought as they broke them up.

When they separated, Evelynn was the reddest red you that you could red. "Oh," she whispered to herself. "Wait, I thought you liked Jack!" she told Lula as she took o her mic.

"I did but he had no interest in me, we had a talk," Lula said winking. Evelynn groaned in embarrassment. "We have to go," Dylan told her. She nodded and they all fled the scene.



It was a few days a er New Years. The Horsemen were still in hiding but everyone was quite okay with it. They were all in a car, currently driving to a meet-up place for the Eye. Evelynn rested her head on Jack's shoulder and he played with her fingers, passing the time.

Since we're on the topic of Jack. They became a couple if it wasn't obvious. Evelynn was unsurprisingly very awkward about it. She was very shy about everything and anything, she also blushed so many times. Jack, however, thought it was very cute. Even though the other Horsemen joked about them being gross, their heart melted every time one of them gave the other heart eyes. Jack seemed happy so Evelynn thought that she must be doing something right. Anyways, they seemed to be going strong so far. It was the third day of their relationship so that was to be expected. Evelynn just hoped it'll stay the same.

When they arrived at the house, it wasn't a house. It looked like a mansion but it wasn't that big, Evelynn just wasn't used to big things. Jack took her hand and laced them together, smiling. She looked up at him and turned away to hide her smile and warming cheeks. They followed the other Horsemen inside.

"Hey, guys!" Li greeted them.

"Hey," they answered back.

"Good to see you all."

"Good to see you too, Li."

"Come on in."

He led them inside the house and there we saw Bu Bu. "Good morning. Welcome. I'm proud of you, all of you. I have a lot to show you, come." She led them to a big room with a lot of magic items.

They all spread out to look around. "Hey guys," Daniel called to them. "You might wanna come and take a look at this."

They all walked over. "What?" asked Merritt. Daniel showed them a picture of Dylan. When they saw what was around the area they were astonished. It was planned for their acts. There were small models and such around it. "This is so cool," Jack commented.

"So the Eye knew what was going on all along," Daniel told them.

Evelynn smiled at them. "This is all genius."

They were all huddled up, looking at the stage. Suddenly, Lula tapped Merritt making us look up to the man she was staring at. "No way," Evelynn whispered in awe. "I would've known."

"Now I know why you looked so familiar," he told them. "You're the Horsemen, aren't you? Oh, and Evelynn, I think we might be just the same, you and I. I'm just more experienced."

All of the Horsemen were mindblown. Some of them were speechless, even.

"Woah. He hid the fact he was a part of the Eye under science. Of course! It was so obvious," she scolded herself. "I should've known."

"Come on, babe. No one's blaming you." Jack put an arm over her shoulder.

"Get a room," Lula joked. "That's crazy, though, even Evelynn got fooled. You really never know who's in the eye."

"Let's go find Dylan. W have a lot to discuss."

When we all entered the room Dylan was in we saw Thaddeus Bradley with him. "Hi," Dylan greeted. "So, obviously, we have a few questions."

"By a few," Merritt interjected. "He means five million."

"Well, good luck to you all," Thaddeus said smiling at the Horsemen.

"Okay, well that's just not fair."

"You're gonna make me really mad," Lula warned.

He then turned to Evelynn. "Evelynn you can get what we discussed only if you can find it in this room." He headed out to the door and turned back once again, "Oh, and don't mind the curtain."

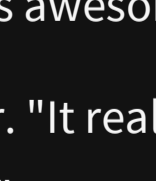
"You guys go into the secret door. I'm finding my reward."

They all le to the door leaving Evelynn to analyze the room. She first checked all the drawers and cupboards to see if Thaddeus was playing with her. When she saw that it was empty, she took in her surrounding. She saw an old fashion microscope and examined it. It seemed to work well. She moved along the walls to see if there was anything our o the norm, stopping every now and then. Evelynn then noticed an irregularity. The coat hanger seemed to have a small gap between the handle that the others didn't. Without thinking, she pulled on it and a plaque that held all of the hangers together opened up.

"Hell yeah!" she cheered. She saw the laptop inside, it was very much like her phone. She slides out the laptop and moved to sit down. Evelynn opened it up and saw that it was password free. She checked the files and saw that it contained the information she was looking for. Excitedly, she ran into the secret room calling for the other Horsemen. "Guys! This place is awesome!"

She could hear Lula's laughter. "It really is! Hurry up and come down here, you have got to see this."

Evelynn smiled as she ran down the stairs. This is going to be amazing Evelynn thought.



Screw it, you've never seen the "important message" thing. It's a mess. Well, NYSM 2 Jack Wilder fanfic is done, for now. 'Til the next edition. :D

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