

Mind Games

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INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

MIA (19) and JAYDEN (19) just finished watching a horror movie. They are sitting on the floor on a carpet, and MIA has a blanket covering her face. She's still squealing and fidgeting while the credits are rolling. Jayden smiles.

JAYDEN

BOO!!

MIA

OH MY GOD!

Mia jumps, falling over onto one side. Jayden laughs.

JAYDEN

Jesus christ Mia, it's over! That wasn't too bad, was it?

Mia groans, as she is curled up into a ball on the floor.

MIA

I can't believe you convinced me to watch that. I actually hate you.

Jayden hugs Mia. The two of them giggle as Mia sits back up. Jayden yawns and checks her phone for the time.

JAYDEN

God, it's so late already. I'm gonna go brush my teeth, be right back.

She gets up, gathering her bathroom essentials from her side of the room. Mia gets up off the floor as well.

MIA

I'm coming with you.

JAYDEN

Mia, I'm literally gonna be down the hall, you'll be fine.

MIA

No, Jayden, I-

Just as Mia is about to put on her slippers to follow Jayden, Jayden closes the door and leaves. Mia groans and sits back down on the

carpet. She starts to get fidgety, and looks anxious. It's too quiet for her. She gets up on her bed and scoots herself back into the corner so that her back is touching the wall. She double checks to make sure there isn't anything behind her, and pulls her legs up to her chest.

She eventually can't take it anymore, she's too paranoid. Mia jumps down from the bed and quickly walks towards the bathroom, opening the door.

INT. BATHROOM - NIGHT

The first bathroom door looks closed so she figured Jayden is in there. Mia rinses her face with water in the sink.

MIA

Jayden, I don't think you understand how paranoid I get after these movies. We gotta stop watching these at night because I swear to god one day I'm gonna have a heart attack.

There is no response.

MIA (CONT'D)

Jayden? Hello?

She pushes the door of the bathroom stall. It swings open, revealing no one in there. Mia goes around checking all of the stalls and they are all open. Mia starts off confused, then the paranoia starts to seep in again.

MIA (CONT'D)

(whispering to herself)

Oh god.

Mia pushes the door open and walks back out into the hallway, back to their room.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Mia opens the door and peers into their room, hoping Jayden had returned and that Mia had just missed her. Their room is empty. Mia starts to spiral. The paranoia takes over her. She can't handle this right now. She frantically looks for her phone. She finds it, opens it, and calls Jayden. After a couple of rings, Jayden picks up.

MIA

Jayden, what the fuck, stop pulling shit on me. Where did you go?

The line on the other end is silent. Mia pulls the phone away from her ear, making sure she is still connected to Jayden.

MIA (CONT'D)

Jayden? Hello?

There is more silence. Mia looks super confused. After a couple of beats, Jayden responds.

JAYDEN

(happy)

Hey! What's up?

Mia is startled to hear her voice.

MIA

Jayden what the fuck?

JAYDEN

What?

Mia is visibly confused.

MIA

Jayden, whatever this is, stop it. I'm being serious, this isn't funny. Just come back.

JAYDEN

Mia, are you good? What's going on.

MIA

Where did you even go, the bathroom was empty.

JAYDEN

What are you talking about? I'm out right now, I've been out all day
- I told you I would be busy for our movie night.

Mia is stunned. She has no idea what to say.

MIA

What-?

The bedroom door opens.

JAYDEN

Heyy I'm back!

FADE TO BLACK.