

INT. EVE'S DORM - NIGHT

The hurricane of a college dorm party. Some GUESTS sit on the floor and on couches, some stand, some try to push through it all.

For EVE (20) and GARY (20), the goal is simple: find their own form of shelter in the storm.

The two of them appear to have found it. They're holding cups and standing next to a table where all of the food and drinks are.

GARY

So what time should I kick everyone out?

EVE

What?

GARY

I figured I should start telling people to leave in about an hour so you and Rubin can have some alone time. My birthday present to you.

EVE

Is that coming before or after you give me my actual present?

Gary sips his drink.

GARY

Your present may or may not be drying in my room.

EVE

Gary.

GARY

I'm pretty sure not wanting to get wet paint in your dorm makes me thoughtful. Maybe attentive.

(beat)

Do you have any idea what Rubin's going to give you?

EVE

Not anything that would warrant "alone time."

GARY

I'm not following.

EVE

I don't need you to kick everyone out early so Rubin and I can have "alone time" because even if we did have "alone time," we probably wouldn't be doing anything.

GARY

How long has it been?

Eve looks around cautiously.

EVE

A month.

GARY

I'm sorry for your loss.

EVE

He doesn't want to.

GARY

Is the problem that he doesn't want to or that he's scared?

Wait.

EVE

Did he say something to you?

GARY

I never said that.

EVE

Why would he say something to you and not to me?

GARY

I really can't say that either.

EVE

Gary.

GARY

Talk to him.

EVE

Where is he?

GARY

Still behind me.

Eve looks over. We see RUBIN (18) standing next to NANCY (19) and a few others. Eve turns her attention back to Gary.

EVE
Thoughtful. Dare I say attentive.

GARY
Thanks.

Eve starts towards him until-

NANCY
I just feel like there's this new
version of Eve now that she's with
you. A less slutty and more
respectable version.

The group laughs. A nervous Rubin looks like he's about to
say something back.

But he sips his drink instead.

Eve goes back to Gary who opens his arms. Eve buries herself
in Gary's chest.

Rubin goes over to the two of them.

GARY
He's coming.

Eve lets go. Rubin kisses her.

RUBIN
Happy birthday.

Eve leaves.

RUBIN (CONT'D)
What happened?

GARY
You happened.

Gary leaves. Shelter destroyed.