

What are you waiting for?

Just before her alarm went off, Ava woke up due to a loud noise at her window. She rubbed her eyes and decided to have a look. As soon as she opened her window, her eyes popped open as she noticed her best friend Jack standing in front of the window.

“Was that you?” she asked, looking up at him. In 13 years of knowing him, he had never surprised her like he just did.

“Maybe? What if it was?” He responded, then asked, “So how’s life going? Last time I saw you, you had problems with your mother.”

“Nothing has changed. She wants to take me to her new boyfriend. That’d mean I’d have to leave our school”

When Jack heard this, he responded, “No way! I won’t allow you to leave! I’ll wait here. Get ready and come outside through your window.”

She nodded, and quickly put on an oversized hoodie, a pair of leggings and her sneakers. She also packed a bag of clothes, just in case she’d stay at Jack’s house for the night. Much better than with her mother.

10 minutes later she got outside saying, “Here I am!” Jack grabbed her hand, then asked, “You trust me, right?” She nodded, wondering what his plan was. “Then come with me. You don’t have to come back here again.”

She gulped after hearing his idea but the more she thought about it, the more she liked it. Not having to return to the woman who wanted to take her away from here was exactly what she wanted. She gave Jack her warmest smile, letting him lead her. “Oh, and we’re skipping school today. Just so she can’t pick you up from school.” She was truly surprised how much of a genius he was. After 15 minutes they arrived at Jack’s house and his mother welcomed Ava.

Jack’s mother had never liked Ava’s mother in the first place so she was completely okay with Ava now living at her house. She liked Ava and always felt sorry for having such a mother.

“Want anything to drink?” Jack asked, when they were in his room. “Nah, I’m good,” she responded, then said, “Can I just thank you for doing this?”

“For offering u drinks?”

“No, for getting me away from her. I think without you I wouldn’t have ever left her, even if it was the only option.”

He nodded, admiring her for opening her heart to him. “Shh, it’s all okay now.” Jack hugged Ava tightly, once again showing how much of a real friend he was.

“I guess, this is your departure into a new life,” he whispered into her ear.

Departure... how often had she been thinking about this. It was so surreal to her to actually live away from her mother.

She lay down on his bed, looking at the pictures he had hung up on his wall.

“Is that your Dad?” she asked, pointing at a picture.

“You mean the douchebag next to me? Mhm.”

After hearing this, she wanted to know more about their relation to each other.

“When I was just 3 years years old, he left us for another woman and stopped caring about us. That’s why I decided to get you away from your mother. I didn’t want you to experience the same amount of pain. A beauty like you shouldn’t be hurt.”