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FADE IN

INT. DORM ROOM - NIGHT

Group of THREE YOUNG COLLEGE GIRLS (18) lounge in a dim-lit dorm room. JADE (white, alternative, tom-boy) and LAUREN (basic looking sorority girl) sit on the bed while third girl HOLLY (Asian) stands with her shoulder leaning against the dorm door. They're all on their smartphones.

Jade and Lauren swipe through Tinder on Lauren's phone.

JADE

Fish pic. Swipe left.

LAUREN

He's kind of cute though.

JADE

If you're from Alabama.

LAUREN

Ugh, whatever. Holly. He's cute right?

Lauren extends her arms to show Holly her phone. Holly walks towards the bed and squints for a few moments as if making a decision.

HOLLY

I'm probably a little biased because that person's not Tyler. So no.

Lauren lets out an intense gasp in surprise.

LAUREN

BITCH. Tell us more. How's that going?

She eagerly puts down her phone with genuine intrigue. Jade stays glued to her phone, unbothered.

HOLLY

I don't wanna jinx anything, but if we end up getting married, this is my official invitation for you guys to be my bridesmaids.

Jade looks up from her phone for a brief moment.

JADE

You think you found your prince charming?

HOLLY

Well first of all, he like totally cares about what I have to say. Like last night he asked about all my hopes and dreams, my biggest fears, and my childhood trauma and insecurities and stuff. He really makes me feel--what's the saying? "Seen." And "heard."

JADE

Huh. So he's not just looking to smash and pass.

LAUREN

I'm turned on for you, girl.

HOLLY

That's not even all. Last night he bought me this necklace with his initials on it.

Lauren and Jade let out a light gasp.

HOLLY (CONT'D)

AND he sent me a playlist this morning of songs that remind him of me.

JADE

Dude's got all the love languages covered.

LAUREN

Isn't he like, a science nerd or something?

HOLLY

Computer engineering. He's doing research with Dr. Ben Cogan or whatever his name is. The dean of the department. No big deal.

LAUREN

So he has a brain!

JADE

How'd you guys meet again?

HOLLY

Tinder. But, before you guys judge, I think we can be one of their few success stories.

LAUREN

Grown up Holly has a boyfriend now.

JADE

Before the end of our first semester.
Impressive.

HOLLY

Not yet. But he wants to take me to
dinner tomorrow. So, I think he'll be
asking any day now.

INT. FRATERNITY HOUSE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Two COLLEGE FRAT BOYS (white, 22) sit on the couch and drunkenly throw ping pong balls into red solo cups dispersed on the living room table. They look exactly how you'd imagine frat boys to look like. Rap music plays on low volume from speakers. The room is trashed.

We hear footsteps on the staircase. Two people walk slowly down the steps. A skinny Asian girl, who looks no older than 20, wearing nothing but an unhooked bra and unbuttoned jeans with her hair in a messy bun. And a tall, brown-haired white boy, TYLER (22), shirtless in boxers.

ASIAN GIRL

I had a really great time tonight.

TYLER

Me too.

She smiles and affectionately gives Tyler a hug. This is not reciprocated. He apathetically puts his arms around her.

ASIAN GIRL

And thank you for the necklace.

She runs her fingers over the necklace she's wearing. It's the letter T.

TYLER

Text me when you get back. I'll pick
you up for lunch tomorrow.

She walks out through the front door and Tyler closes it behind her.

FRAT BOY #1

Another chink?

TYLER

Why not? They're easy.

FRAT BOY #1

Yeah it's like they want to be raped sometimes.

FRAT BOY #2

They're sexy in their school uniforms too.

FRAT BOY #1

People go crazy for that shit on the internet.

FRAT BOY #1

How's the other one you're smashing?

TYLER

Ah, Holly. Gave her a necklace yesterday.

FRAT BOY #1

And sent the Spotify playlist?

TYLER

Yup. Thanks for sending me that by the way. Works like a fucking charm.

Tyler sits down on the couch and takes out his phone. He starts swiping through Tinder. He's swiping right on every single person.

FRAT BOY #1

Say two words to a woman other than "let's fuck" and they think you wanna marry them.

TYLER

Not complaining. Works out in my favor cause I get to keep them for longer.

Frat Boy #2 sits on the couch beside him and looks over at Tyler's phone.

FRAT BOY #2

Why'd you swipe? She wasn't even hot.

TYLER

Are you kidding? Did you see her tits?

FRAT BOY #2

Do people care more about ass or tits
now though?

TYLER

On the internet, no one cares.
Motherfuckers would rock their socks
off to a fat chick sucking off a
grandpa.

INT. DORM ROOM - NIGHT

Cut back to girls in the dorm. Holly is standing at the end of the bed near the bedframe. Jade sits on the opposite end with her arms crossed. Lauren sits at the end of the bed close to Holly, leaning in towards her.

LAUREN

Did you guys...you know...do it?

HOLLY

Shut up.

LAUREN

So the answer is yes?

Holly pulls out her phone and begins to look through it, searching for something.

HOLLY

Alright. I'm all about women
empowerment and respecting your body
and all of that Twitter feminism crap.
So don't think I sold my self-respect
to please a boy. But...

She turns her phone to Lauren and Jade and reveals a picture of her completely nude.

JADE

Uh...

Her tone is difficult to comprehend -- impressed? Shocked? Concerned? Holly and Lauren don't acknowledge it.

LAUREN

You. Look. Amazing.

HOLLY

You think so? I had to take it like 15
times just to get at least one

decently sendable one.

LAUREN

You look like a porn star in the most respectful empowering way.

HOLLY

He called me the most beautiful goddess to ever walk the earth. Most guys respond with a fire emoji or something.

Jade interjects.

JADE

Okay. Hashtag feminism and all that stuff but, how long have you known this kid for again?

Holly gives Jade a suspicious stare.

HOLLY

Why does that matter---

JADE

All I'm saying is, just two weeks. And you guys aren't even official yet.

HOLLY

Are you saying I don't have autonomy over my own body?

JADE

I've encountered enough douchebags who don't have the best intentions--

HOLLY

Jade. You could walk in on Tyler holding a severed head and you'd still be compelled to voluntarily help him hide it.

JADE

So he's capable of murder.

HOLLY

NO. What? No!

JADE

If some random dude from your Intro to Business class ends up seeing that

photo at some point, don't say I didn't warn you.

HOLLY

Which is why I'm saying Tyler's the most down to earth, trustworthy and empathetic person I've ever met and you'd think so too if you'd met him.

JADE

And if he's actually a fuckboy?

HOLLY

All the fuckboys are finance majors. Not smart computer engineers doing research with the dean.

JADE

Holly, you've known this guy for two seconds--

HOLLY

Don't take out your own insecurities on me because you see that I'm happy and you can't get over your own shitty taste in men.

INT. FRATERNITY HOUSE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Tyler and the two frat boys are still sit on the couch, Tyler in the middle. They're both watching his phone screen. He's showing them something.

On the screen we see the same picture Holly showed her friends.

FRAT BOY #1

That's gotta be like...at least fifty bucks from a random desperate dude on Instagram.

TYLER

Dude, no. If you wanna talk desperate, fish out the dumbasses on 4chan and they'd give you two-hundred for just one photo.

FRAT BOY #2

Is this worth that much though? It's kinda mediocre.

TYLER

No it's not worth that much. Which is why you have to fish out the desperate horny dumbasses.

FRAT BOY #1

Do you think you could get more from her? She could be like our official permanent supply. I've been running kind of low on molly cash.

Frat Boy #1 takes a hit of what looks like a vape pen. The other two are pouring more shots.

FRAT BOY #2

Why don't you try that schoolgirl outfit thing and put her face in it? People jizz their pants for Asian schoolgirls.

TYLER

As much money as that could bring in, she'd be pretty suspicious if I asked her to take one with her face.

FRAT BOY #1

So? Just go use the other fifty girls you're talking to.

TYLER

Nah I got this one locked in the bag. She's super attached. Plus she's a freshman so if she buys into this whole boyfriend thing then maybe it could last us 4 years.

FRAT BOY #2

How're we gonna split the money? Do you really need that big of a cut with all of the computer nerd money you'll be making?

TYLER

Are you forgetting who's actually doing all the work here?

INT. DORM ROOM - NIGHT

Cut to a mid-argument between the three girls. Holly is visibly frustrated as she buries her face into her hands.

JADE

I just want to make sure you're
like...safe...you know.

LAUREN

Jade, why don't you just let Holly
trust her instincts with this one. It
sounds like you're
just...projecting...

Lauren doesn't finish her thought. She gets distracted by red circular rings around Holly's wrists. She grabs them to take a closer look.

LAUREN

What happened to your wrists?

HOLLY

Oh! So you guys were wondering if we
did "it" right?

Jade and Lauren stare at her for a few seconds in confusion. Then the realization hits them.

JADE

So you guys are Christian Gray-ing it
now?

HOLLY

What's the big deal? You know that
saying. Kinky is the new vanilla?

JADE

Yeah, but--

LAUREN

Did it hurt?

HOLLY

I feel like if you force yourself into
the right headspace then no, not
really.

JADE

How hard did he tie you? I thought you
burned yourself or something.

Jade grabs Holly's wrists and examine it closely for a few seconds. Holly abruptly pulls her wrists back from her.

HOLLY

Don't worry about it! We did what normal college students do. We had fun. That's all that matters.

JADE

Holly, come here. Lemme take a look at them.

Jade pulls Holly towards the desk chair and forces her to sit down. At the first touch of the chair Holly immediately gets up again.

HOLLY

Ow!

JADE

What's wrong?

HOLLY

Nothing. I--I think I just have some bruises on my uh...

She's doesn't know how to finish the sentence. It takes Jade and Lauren a few moments to put the pieces together.

JADE

Wait....

LAUREN

He hit you. There?

JADE

B-Both of them...?

JADE

Did he use your ass as a punching bag? Since when do slaps leave bruises on people?

HOLLY

He didn't...use his hands.

JADE

So you really are Christian Gray-ing it up.

HOLLY

It's not that big of a deal! People do that all the time in like, porns and stuff.

JADE

Yes. But, you've known this kid for two seconds. And um, you're not a fucking porn star?

INT. FRATERNITY HOUSE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Tyler and the Frat Boys continue to casually pour and take shots, hit a bong, smoke a vape pen, the frat boy kind of stuff. The overly casual atmosphere offers a chillingly stark contrast from Holly and her friends.

TYLER

Yeah, she's like...really freaky. And a complete sub too.

FRAT BOY #1

Told you it's the Japs who are down to get raped.

TYLER

I actually think she's Chinese.

FRAT BOY #1

Same thing.

TYLER

I also did not rape her, dumbass.

FRAT BOY #2

So could we categorize this as like, actual BDSM?

TYLER

Eh, we're getting there. As of now we got tying, blindfolding, hitting. She lets me do anything to her.

FRAT BOY #1

So that means we could go full 50 Shades of Gray at some point.

FRAT BOY #2

Don't forget the sexy schoolgirl outfit bro.

TYLER

That is next on the list.

INT. DORM ROOM - NIGHT

Jade stands right in front of Holly, firmly holding Holly's two arms by her side. She speaks slowly and cautiously.

JADE

Tell me, step by step, in detail, what happened that night.

HOLLY

Which one of the nights?

JADE

What?!

LAUREN

How many times did you sleep with him?

HOLLY

I've seen him probably 6 times, so, all 6 of those times.

LAUREN

Why didn't you tell us any of this?

HOLLY

BECAUSE I FELT GROSS AFTER.

It's like whatever fantasy spell has been casted on Holly before has suddenly been broken. She's snapped back into seeing the reality of the situation. She's been pushed to this point.

HOLLY (CONT'D)

He just--he kept pinning me down and told me "Don't worry, this is just sexy roleplaying, people do it all the time" and I just kind of went with it cause I trusted him. And I didn't know if I was ever gonna find a guy ever again who treated me the way he did and was also willing to have sex with me. And he's older than me and I was just a virgin when we met so I was like, what right do I have to...say no?

JADE

So he assaulted you. Multiple times.

HOLLY

No, I--I eventually agreed to it. Each time. I just, you know, let him do his thing.

LAUREN

Yes...without your explicit consent.

HOLLY (CONT'D)

That doesn't matter. I never fought back or, told him to stop. So, he must've thought I was okay with it--

JADE

Holly, this was rape.

INT. FRATERNITY HOUSE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Tyler enters a combination on a safe and opens it up. It's filled with money. At least a couple hundred. He takes out a neat stack of cash and begins counting it.

FRAT BOY #1

So how are the other videos doing?

TYLER

We're gonna be stacked. Almost a hundred bucks per ad click.

FRAT BOY #2

Once you get the schoolgirl Jap videos I could finally quit my job.

TYLER

I gotta finish my research with Cogan first. My parents want to see our study when it's done and there's no way of faking that.

FRAT BOY #1

But you could still fuck her on the side right?

TYLER

For sure. What do you think I'm doing now?

Frat Boy #2 opens up a laptop that was sitting on a nightstand beside the couch. We can't see his screen but he's actively browsing something on there.

FRAT BOY #2

I think we could post some of her videos soon. I have a few sites in mind. I also just got a top shrooms plug from another frat and his shit is expensive.

TYLER

Prioritize the sites with the most ad revenue first. And search which categories are the most popular. We really wanna capitalize on "Asian" and "torture" for this one.

FRAT BOY #2

You're acting like I'm a rookie at this.

INT. DORM ROOM - NIGHT

Jade paces around the room. Lauren sits on the bed and holds Holly's hand as Holly remains standing.

JADE

Okay um, I really don't want my theory to be true. But has he ever mentioned anything about like, Asian culture to you?

HOLLY

Not really. Unless those schoolgirl outfits in like animes and stuff counts.

JADE

Fuck.

She says this quietly under her breath as she turns away. Holly hears her.

HOLLY

Why? What's wrong with that?

JADE

Ever heard of yellow fever?

Beat.

HOLLY

Are you trying to whitesplain Asian racism to me?

JADE

So you do know! Why the hell are you still going along with this?

HOLLY

Because he's not that kind of guy--

LAUREN

Holly. You need to report this.

HOLLY

NO. I promise you, he didn't mean to. He probably just didn't know. I wasn't even that clear on my "consent" anyway so, this whole thing is really on me.

JADE

Have you lost your mind?

HOLLY

I think you guys are just super paranoid right now.

LAUREN

We're not being paranoid. We're just looking out for your fucking safety--

HOLLY

Has like, the hashtag Me Too movement gone too far into your heads so now you want to jump on the trend of accusing every guy who wants to have sex with me with rape? Explain the necklace. And the playlist he sent me.

JADE

So sending someone gifts gives them a free pass to assault someone.

HOLLY

I want you both to get out. Right now.

LAUREN

I literally live here--

HOLLY

GET. OUT.

She aggressively pushes them towards the door. They all stare at each other in piercing silence for a few seconds. Lauren and Jade leave. As soon as the door shuts Holly begins

silently sobbing. She finds a spot on her desk to rest her elbows on as she continues to cry into her hands.

INT. HOME OFFICE - NIGHT

There are various framed family photos of a middle-aged man with his wife and two daughters on a desk. On the walls hangs a framed Ph.D. diploma in computer engineering. The diploma is awarded to BENJAMIN COGAN.

Beside the diploma hangs a framed newspaper cutout with a headline that reads "COMPUTER ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT DEAN OF THE YEAR." Underneath it is a picture of the same man from the family photos on the desk shaking hands with another man. There's a bookshelf in the office stacked with various coding and artificial intelligence books.

On the desk computer of opened to a Pornhub video. The camera seems to be placed across the room, and a quarter of the frame is covered by something, seemingly hidden from plain sight. A girl in just an underwear and bra lays on a bed with her wrists tied to the bed frame. We see her face. But we only see just the back of a male. Nothing above or below his torso is shown. The camera seems to be strategically placed in a way to deliberately hide his identity. Video is titled "Submissive Asian freshman begs to be tortured by senior." It's Holly.

FADE OUT