

Shattered

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1 INT. LIVING ROOM-DAY

KYLE, 26, comes into the apartment. Grace comes out of the bedroom, excited and jumps on him.

GRACE

HI! Do you remember that short story I submitted?

KYLE

The one about the brothers?

GRACE

Yeah! It's getting published! And the head of the company wants me to send him one of my books.

KYLE

Babe, that's amazing! I'm so proud of you! I'm going to have to fight off all the fans that will be obsessed with you now.

GRACE

That's if Jason likes the book.

KYLE

Jason huh? Is he attractive?

She laugh giving him a soft kiss

2 INT. LIVING ROOM-DAY

Kyle storms into the living room clearly frustrated. She walks in behind him and is agitated.

GRACE

Does what I want even matter to you?

KYLE

You know what to do Grace.

GRACE

I'm not leaving my company.

KYLE

You have no choice.

GRACE

The hell I do.

KYLE

He wants you! It's why he's publishing your book.

GRACE

Wow! Glad to know how you really feel about my writing.

KYLE

No! All I'm saying is that you can find a new publisher.

GRACE

The decision isn't yours.

He grabs her arm forcefully.

KYLE

I don't like to share Grace, remember that.

He walks away.

3 INT. BEDROOM- NIGHT

GRACE

I'm tired of not doing what I want in order to please you.

KYLE

Please me? You're too busy pleasing Jason to care about pleasing me.

GRACE

Oh that's rich coming from you.

KYLE

Again with this bullshit. I'm not cheating on you.

GRACE

And you think I am? I'm tired of being constantly hurt by you.

KYLE

Then why are you with me?

GRACE

Because I fucking love you Kyle!

KYLE
Well maybe that's your mistake...

She walks away. He follows.

4 INT. LIVING ROOM- NIGHT- CONTINUOUS

KYLE
You belong to me Grace.

GRACE
I don't belong to anyone.

She pushes him away. He slaps her. Realization of what he did passes through him.

KYLE
I'm sorry Grace. I'm so sorry.

He tries to touch her but she flinches away.

GRACE
Don't.

KYLE
Baby look at me. I'm sorry! I love you so much.

GRACE
Do you?

KYLE
You know I do. I'm sorry.

He kisses her softly over and over again.

5 INT. LIVING ROOM-DAY

Kyle comes into the living room. Grace is on the computer. He grabs her face softly and examines her bruises.

KYLE
Make sure to cover those up for tonight.

GRACE
I wouldn't have to cover them if you didn't make them

KYLE
Do not make me angry right now.

GRACE

It seems I'm always making you angry.

He slams his hand on the table as she flinches.

KYLE

I swear to God Grace, I'm going to--

GRACE

--What? Hit me? Go ahead Kyle, it's not like you haven't already.

He gives her one last look before he starts to walk away.

GRACE

I'm not doing this anymore.

He pauses at the door before leaving.

6 INT. LIVING ROOM-NIGHT

KATE

Why are you still with him?

GRACE

Because he loves me...

KATE

His actions show you the complete opposite of love.

GRACE

I'm scared of what he might do if I try to leave Kate.

KATE

Love is more than just a feeling Grace. You need to save yourself, not him.

They hear footsteps outside.

GRACE

HIDE!

Grace pushes her towards the bathroom and closes the door behind her as Kyle comes into the apartment.

KYLE

You're not ready yet.

GRACE
I'm not going.

He hits the wall.

KYLE
If you love me, you'll go.

GRACE
I deserve better than this... This is
not healthy Kyle.

He holds her face gently and wiped her tears away. She walks
away and sits in front of her makeup vanity.

KYLE
I love you Grace.

GRACE
But you don't. This isn't what you do
when you love someone.

KYLE
This is as good as it gets for you,
why won't you understand that?

She slaps him out of anger. He snaps and smashes her face
against the mirror.

KYLE
I'm not letting you leave me.

GRACE
Fuck you.

He presses her face harder against the shattered mirror.

KYLE
You're nothing without me.

Blood drips from her mouth. She reaches for a piece of glass.
His eyes widen. She stands up. Camera focuses on the piece of
glass in her hand. Kate comes out of the bathroom.

KATE
What did you do?

GRACE
I broke free.

Fades to black on her face as she stares down at him.