

Lonely Girl

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COURTNEY, no more than 21 years old picks up her coffee and takes a sip. She has golden blonde hair, and bright blue eyes that shine through her glasses. She sits alone, drowning in her oversized sweater, but seems content, scanning the room every once in a while, analyzing each person as they walk by.

She glances over at a group of girls laughing over what happened the night before.

GIRL ONE

Can you believe Kelly went home
with Cody last night?

GIRL TWO

Oh I know she has been wild lately!

Girls voices are muffled as they continue to talk.

Courtney shakes her head and looks back down at her computer. She continues to type away.

On her computer screen you see the title of a story she is writing, "Lonely Girl".

As Courtney comes to a stop she looks over at a couple sitting on the couch near her.

The guy has his arm hanging loosely around the girls neck, holding a piece of her hair in his hand, playing with it.

The girl has her legs over the guys lap as they look at each other.

GUY

You are so beautiful babe.

Girlfriend giggles and leans in to kiss him.

Courtney smiles softly at them. Wondering what it's like to be so in love with someone. She looks away and begins typing again.

You hear the bell ring as the coffee shop door opens.

Courtney continues to type and looks up to see who is walking in.

DEREK, tall dark and handsome, walks through the coffee shop doors, his jet black hair catching the breeze and blows softly in the wind. His dark eyes catch Courtney's and smiles softly at her.

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As Derek walks up to the counter Courtney can't help but stare.

She looks down at her clammy hands and attempts to wipe them off on her jeans.

As she turns to look outside she catches herself in the reflection of the window and tucks her hair behind her ears

She glances over at the same group of girls laughing, she begins to study their outfits, and then looks down at what she is wearing, shaking her head in disapproval.

You can tell Courtney is arguing with herself in her head.

COURTNEY (V.O.)

Just go up and say hi... It's so easy! Why do you have to be so awkward all the time? Literally just stand up and walk... Oh my god... I can't remember how to walk!

Courtney grows a confused look on her face as she looks down at her feet.

She then glances over towards Derek and catches him looking in her direction. She immediately looks back down.

COURTNEY (V.O.)

Come on Court! You've got this. Just go up and grab more sugar and causally run into him. You can do it, one step at a time.

Courtney shuts her computer and stands up. She glances over at where Derek was standing and notices that he is gone. She scans the room frantically.

COURTNEY (V.O.)

Shit! He's gone. See, if you would have just gotten up and said hi when you saw him in the first place then...

As Courtney turns around to grab sugar she slams into the person behind her.

COURTNEY

Omg! I am so sorry I...

Courtney looks directly into Derek's eyes

COURTNEY

I... Umm... I was... Ummmmm...

DEREK

Hey, don't worry about it.

Derek smiles at Courtney and winks ever so slightly at her, then turns around and walks toward the counter to wait for his coffee.

Courtney stands there, jaw dropped, in complete shock, unable to move.

COURTNEY (V.O.)

OH MY GOD! OH MY GOD! OH MY GOD!
Derek just winked at me, holy shit!

Courtney continues to stand there staring at the counter in front of her.

COURTNEY (V.O.)

Wait... Move Courtney! Pick up your damn feet and go sit back down! People are staring at you!

Courtney reaches for a pack of sugar and fumbles back to her seat.

She opens her computer and stares at the screen, so deep in her thoughts she is unable to type.

COURTNEY (V.O.)

Okay Court. You have about two minutes before he gets his coffee and leaves for good. Don't miss this chance. Just walk up and say hi. He knows who you are.

Courtney looks back over at the group of girls and catches them looking at her. They quickly turn away and start to giggle.

Courtney's face turns bright red and she begins to slouch in her seat, hiding behind her computer screen.

She looks out the coffee shop window, feeling discouraged.

COURTNEY (V.O.)

It was never going to workout in the first place. He is way to good for you.

Courtney glances back over toward Derek and catches him staring at her from across the coffee shop.

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Nervous, she looks away and then back at him a few more times and he is still looking at her.

Courtney sits in her chair and contemplates what to do next.

COURTNEY (V.O.)

Okay... So obviously he likes you or else he wouldn't be staring at your face right now! Just go up and talk to him. You can do this.

Courtney takes a deep breath in and stands up.

COURTNEY (V.O.)

Alright, here goes nothing!

She places one foot in front of the other begins to walk toward him, looking down at her feet as she moves.

COURTNEY (V.O.)

Shit Shit Shit! This is actually happening, I am actually doing this. There is no turning back now.

Courtney slowly looks up and sees Derek smiling in her direction.

She smiles back at him.

COURTNEY

Hey Derek I...

Derek takes a step in Courtney's direction.

DEREK

Hey babe!

A tall gorgeous brunette walks past Courtney, straight into Derek's arms.

Courtney stands there, frozen, inches from them, unable to move.

Derek kisses his girlfriend and hands her the coffee.

GIRLFIRNED

Awe, love, is that for me?

Derek places his arm around her and they walk away.

Courtney, crushed, slowly walks back to her seat and sits down.

Unable to move her eyes from her computer screen.

You hear the bell ring as the coffee shop door opens.

This time Courtney continues to stare down.

JAKE, tall and lanky, but handsome, with bleach blonde hair and dark green eyes that catch your attention from across the room, walks into the coffee shop confidently towards Courtney.

JAKE

Hey babe!

Jake leans down and gives Courtney a kiss on her forehead then looks over at her coffee and picks it up.

JAKE

Is this for me?

He begins to sip her coffee.

Courtney looks up at him and smiles softly, shrugging her shoulders.

She looks down at her computer, erases the title "Lonely Girl" and replaces it with "Extremely Lonely Girl".

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