“Powerless”

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FADE IN:

INT: DEVAN’S HOUSE – UPSTAIRS BEDROOM – NIGHT

Man is passed out on a bed while a party is clearly happening outside the room.

TOMMY, Black male, early 20’s, average height, lies drunk on the bed during a party

EXT: DEVAN’S HOUSE – BEDROOM HALLWAY – NIGHT

ALLY, Black woman, early 20’s, short height, short hair, usually quiet and shy.

**Ally**

(Knocks on the door)

Tommy? Tommy wake up. Open the door!

There’s no answer from the bedroom. Ally begins panicking. Camera zooms in on her eyes.

**Ally**

(Bangs harder)

Tommy open the damn door! (Knocks a few more times)

Ally stops for a moment and presses her ear against the door when she hears some loud shuffling inside the bedroom.Then bends down to look underneath the door. She sees a pair of feet and suddenly the person’s pants fall to the ground.

She gets up, and steps away from the door in shocking realization.

**Ally**

Oh No…

Looks around for something to open the door with but can’t find it

She runs down the stairs and out of the scene near crying

CUT TO:

INT: GYM – WEIGHT ROOM – DAY

Sound of one person lifting weights echoes in the empty gym.

Tommy pushes himself hard to lift the large weights.

Note: Devan is out of focus in the background in the gym working out.

**Tommy**

(Voice over) You got this. Don’t stop. Don’t be a pussy… One more. One more time… You wanna’ be a loser? You wanna’ fucking lose it?

**Tommy**

(Voice over) Everything’s on you. It always has been and always will be. Nobody ever gave me shit so I don’t take shit now. Now push it!

The cell phone rings. Tommy looks at it for a second before going to answer it. Phone is on speaker.

Tommy’s angry face shifts into a small smile

**Tommy**

Hello, what’s goin’ on Baby Girl?

INT: ALLY’S ROOM - BATHROOM - DAY

Ally gets ready for the party in front of the mirror with waist trainer on.

**Ally**

(Over the phone)

Hey Tee what’s up?

**Tommy**

Oh you know Baby Girl just working out. Getting my… Getting my guns right for these hoes out here.

**Ally:**(Cont.)

Okay I guess… (Unimpressed) You remember we’re going to a party tonight right?

**Tommy:**

Oh Shit yea! Where’s it at?

**Ally:**

Uhh… It’s at this nigga’s house. I know him, we should be good.

**Tommy:**

I bet it’s going to be drinks there, did your little ass eat yet?

**Ally:**

(Rolls eyes and smacks lips)

Boy bye. You don’t gotta worry about me and what I’m eating.I’m good get out here boo.

**Tommy:**

(Tommy smirks and laughs a bit)

Alright, well just make sure you pick me up on time. See you.

 Cut to:

INT: ALLY’S CAR - INSIDE - NIGHT

Ally sits in the driver seat. She fixes her hair and makeup in the sun visor mirror. She takes quick glances out the window to check for Tommy. As she sees him approaching, she quickly puts away her makeup accessories. Tommy arrives.

Door opens and Tommy gets in.

INT: ALLY’S CAR - INSIDE - NIGHT

Tommy and Ally are in the car.

**Tommy:**

Hey baby girl. (hugs Ally along with a quick peck on the cheek)

**Ally:**

Hey T, you ready.

Tommy nods. Ally pulls away in the car.

**Ally:**

So… Tommy, what’s up with you? I haven’t talked to you much lately and it seems like you’ve been kind of distant.

**Tommy:**

(Gets angry and defensive)

Distant how? We talk all the time. I text you everyday. What!?

Car stops at the light. Ally looks over at Tommy.

**Ally:**

Tee forreal. Just tell me, it’s us.

**Tommy:**

I know… it’s us. (mocks Ally) I know I can talk to you about anything. But damn why do you always do this? I can handle things on my own.

**Ally:**

(raises her voice in anger) Because I care about you, you dumb motherfucker!

The light turns Green and the car goes.

**Tommy:**

(sighs in frustration) It’s just been hard, you know. I do so much and I try so much… But so much never seems to be good enough and I’m tired of it.

**Ally:**

(has a concerned and confused look) How long have you felt this way?

**Tommy:**(Cont.)

Since last month. Moms is still in and out the hospital, and she can’t even get out of bed most days to work. So she lost her job. I’ve been working at the bar damn near seven days a week to save up and send her something back home, you know, just to help out. I had all my money saved in a black box, on a shelf in my apartment. But then yesterday some nigga broke in and stole that shit bruh!

**Tommy:**

(clenches fists and gets tense) Why me Baby girl, why me? I just feel so...so...(chokes up, sniffles, then sighs) powerless.

**Ally:**

Damn, Tommy I had no idea. These struggles you’re going through are tough but it’s life Tommy. It can happen in the blink of an eye,(snaps fingers) and in between that blink, life may tear you apart. And you may be hurt but in the end when you open your eyes,you realize that you’re strong enough to push through. And you’re strong enough Tommy. You got this.

Car stops. Ally and Tommy are parked outside of party, about to get out. They look at each other briefly.

EXT: ALLY’S CAR - OUTSIDE - NIGHT

Camera moves to the front of the car. Ally and Tommy leave the car and walk around to get in the line for the house party.

EXT: DEVAN’S HOUSE - OUTSIDE - NIGHT

Ally and Tommy are in line. Ally gets inside the house easily, but Tommy is stopped at the door by Devan’s posse.

Note: Devan in the background secretly witnessing the encounter.

 **Tommy:**

For real? Y'all aren’t gonna let me in? The girl I was with just went in, and she knows the dude (Points at Ally)

**Posse #1:**

Man I don’t care who you are. You’re not getting in, chicks only.

**Posse #2:**

Yeah! Get the fuck outa here!

Devan’s posse and Tommy prepare to fight. Yelling at each other. Their faces tense up. People around start backing up and take out their phones.

At the last moment Ally walks out to stop the fight

**Ally:**

What the hell guys, he’s with me. Let him in. What’re you doing?

Devon appears from the shadows, breaking up the posse.

**Devan:**

(Smirks to posse)

Yeah he’s good my guys.

Posse backs up and separates for Tommy to come through door. Tommy passes through the door. Ally is behind.

**Tommy:**

(To Devan)

Thanks bro, good looks.

**Devan:**

(Looks at Ally up and down)

What’s up Ally,damn you looking real good tonight.

Ally looks at Devan and laughs

**Ally:**

(Looks at Posse)

Y’all really should be keeping an eye out for him, not my friend.

Cut To:

INT: DEVAN’S HOUSE - GUEST ROOM - NIGHT

Camera shows a hand holding a red, and reveals it’s Tommy. Tommy is intoxicated, stumbling over, and laughing. Ally notices from other side of the party, walks over, and goes to confront Tommy. Ally is slightly intoxicated.

**Ally:**

Seriously (Laughs). You need to quit. You’re too fucked up to function right now (Laughs). Stay right here, I’ll Be right Back.

Ally motions her hand for Tommy to stay where he is. Ally leaves.

A girl appears and begins flirting with Tommy. Minutes later Ally returns with Devan and Posse #1. Ally coughs in Tommy’s direction, catching both Tommy and the girl’s attention. Ally and the girl exchange dirty looks. Ally puts hand on hip. Girl leaves.

Devan and Posse #1 proceed to help Tommy get upstairs. They wrap his arms around their shoulders. Ally follows behind.

Cut To:

INT: DEVAN’S HOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT

Tommy lays spread out on the bed. Ally sits down next to him and thanks the two boys for carrying Tommy. While the two boys lay Tommy across the bed, Ally lights a couple candles. She returns the lighter to the nightstand. Posse #1 leaves and Devan walks away with the lighter.

Tommy and Ally are alone in the room. Ally tries to comfort Tommy rubbing his head and chest.

**Ally:**

Tommy…Tommy… Don’t worry I’m here for you. I promise you’ll feel better.

**Tommy:**(Cont.)

(grunts and begins slurring his words)

Ally you’re so beautiful and smart. The way you take care of me is just the best. And you know… I really do love you.

Ally grasps Tommy’s hand.

**Tommy:**

I love you like a sister.

Ally releases her hand from Tommy’s. Her tone hardens. She stands up from the bed.

**Ally:**

Ok…great.Uhm… I’m going to go get you some water. Be back.

Tommy closes his eyes. Ally exits room closing the door leaving it ajar. A figure appears from behind the door.

Someone sparks a lighter flame (from missing lighter) , lights their blunt and inhales heavily.

The figure shuts and locks the door with one hand, blunt is in the other. He then sits on the edge of the bed and blows out the candles.

Ally begins knocking on the door, demanding Tommy to open it.

**Devan:**

I’ve been watching you for a while now. And you know, I really *really* like what I see. Honestly, I feel like you want this too. You’re just what I need. You’re exactly who I need. And I’m *going to* have you.

Devan stands on the side of bed, in front of door, and drops his pants.

Meanwhile Ally is banging on the door, screaming over the loud party music downstairs.

Bed begins to creak accompanied by thumps and moans echoing in the room.

CUT TO:

INT: DEVAN’S HOUSE - BEDROOM HALLWAY - MORNING

It’s early morning. Light is seeping through windows. Ally is passed out, sitting against the wall at the top of the steps with two bottles of water. One bottle half full in her hand. Another bottle next to her.

Devan walks past Ally who suddenly wakes up. She rushes to bedroom where Tommy is. The door is unlocked and opened. Tommy is still asleep with his pants slightly below the waist and shirt off.

Ally wakes Tommy up and gives him water bottle.

**Ally:**

Oh my gosh Tommy are you okay?

**Tommy:**

(Tries to sit up) Yeah just a hangover.(Groans)

**Ally:**

Ok I’m going to get the car started, meet me downstairs. Hurry up.

Tommy zips his pants and puts his shirt on. As he’s walking out of the house, he passes Devan.

**Devan:**

Hey you good bro?

**Tommy:**

Yeah I’m good bro.

**Devan:**

 Glad you had fun last night. Come by again.

CUT TO:

EXT: DEVAN’S HOUSE - OUTSIDE - DAY

Tommy walks to Ally’s car. Opens the door and sees Ally hysterically crying in her seat.

Tommy has a puzzling look on his face. Ally looks up at Tommy.

**Ally:**

Tommy we need to talk about what happened last night.

Tommy feels the full pain and soreness in his body. He groans as he steps into the car. He sits down. Looks at Ally in fear and closes car door.

FADE OUT: