

Hello Fear.

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HELLO FEAR

Ebee is seen tying the laces of boots. She looks around the small, dimly lit room and then puts her backpack. She shuts the door.

Woman is tossed into a room and pushed onto a seat. Her bag is thrown by the side of her feet.

Fear rushes in and goes straight to reach Ebee.

FEAR

Oh dear, are you okay? Were you hurt?

EBEE

I'm fine

Fear squats to look at Ebee

FEAR

That's good. You're safe now. Nothing can hurt you here.

EBEE

This is not what i want.

FEAR

You must've been shaken.

Fear stands, grabs a chair and sits in front of Ebee

FEAR (CONT'D)

Why? Why did you do it?

EBEE

I just want to be free

FEAR

There's freedom in these walls. Safety, company, family.

EBEE

I want more.

FEAR

It's understandable. She is a good sales woman - Dream, she is.

Ebee stands

EBEE

It's not solely about dream. It's about me.

Fear stands to meet Ebee

FEAR

You! What about you? Does that hurt?

EBEE

I'm fine. I've stayed here far too long. I don't know if there's another version of me out there.

FEAR

Version. That's a new word. Did she ask imagination to paint you more pictures?

EBEE

Don't do that. I have these overwhelming urges, to grow, to be more. I feel alive outside these confines.

FEAR

I keep you alive! Ungrateful version.

EBEE

Okay, there she is..

FEAR

Forgive me! Every race in your heartbeat that warned you, that was me. Remember, the first time i held your hand, you called me instinct. Don't run into the street, don't touch the fire, ignore the strangers. That was me! I've never lied to you.

EBEE

Okay, why send doubt after me? There are changes inside of me, you know this. I can't ignore them anymore. I won't.

FEAR

I've kept you safe through every change. Without me, you'd have leapt and you would have fallen.

EBEE

You can't see the future. You don't know that.

FEAR

Oh but i do. Look how many people i have the responsibility of comforting. Broken people, when they come back seeking solace in my familiar arms. I am not a room you can walk out of, a sound you can leave behind, i am the cracks, the voice of reason in your courage.

EBEE

Reason, more like panic. What are you so afraid of?

FEAR

Oh you're shaking. You think you tremble because of me? I am the one keeping you still, keeping you breathing, keeping you alive.

EBEE

I am not shaking. I am responding to you. Look, there a thin line, thin, between danger and progress. I can sense the boundaries, I see the line, you can't. You still haven't answered my question. What are you so afraid of?

FEAR

(laughs) oh Fear, fear! What frightens you?

EBEE

Wait a minute. No, no. Oh my, You are afraid of me.

FEAR

Don't be ridiculous.

EBEE

You are afraid of the version of me that lies outside these walls.

FEAR

These walls are built to protect you, to keep you. You have no idea what lies beyond. Failure, embarrassment, success, oh success can be dangerous, don't let her fool you.

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FEAR (CONT'D)

Life, judgement, rejection,
disappointment, they are very real.
Oh and there's more, they do not
know mercy.

EBEE

No, it is you who does not know
mercy. I would rather rise and fall
than never rise at all. I may not
know everything that awaits, but
walking the unknown is better than
resting in your comforting cage.

FEAR

You are making a enormous mistake.

EBEE

Hmmm. A monumental mistake is not
undergoing the process and becoming
who i really am. You are
suffocating me.

FEAR

I...

EBEE

Listen! Listen. I am leaving, i
will take the leap. When i see you
outside these walls, I will say
hello fear. After all, it isn't
bravery in the absence of you, but
don't ever make the mistake of
thinking you can stop me!

Ebee walks out, leaving fear behind