

Into The Mind Of A Criminal
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EXT. SIDEWALK AT VENICE-AFTERNOON

fabi walks home sluggishly after school. It's the beginning of spring. Fabi is fifteen years old, a lazy kid who could do better with her life. She sees a person outside the front of their house watering their plants. She concentrates on the quietly, then chuckles and walks off. A group of people start to appear far from fabi, running the opposite way of where she is going. Fabi stops walking, the people pass her by (slow motion) and a confused look on her face appears.

FABI V.O.

It was just a normal day, excluding the fact that mom forgot to pick me up from school today. I remember dreading the limitless hills that kept on appearing on the pathway to my house. Besides that, I didn't mind walking home because it gave me time to practice hearing peoples thoughts. Apparently this random dude watering his plants is pissed at his son and thats how he's avoiding him. There were also some weird group of guys running away from something. I couldn't hear much from their minds at the moment because they were running so fast. Something about "hitting him hard" and "getting him good."

Fabi finally makes it home breathless, takes out her keys and struggles in opening the door. Her brother (Ivan) is home looking impatient while on the computer.

FABI

Where's mom?

IVAN

I was about to ask you that, i need to be somewhere right now. Call her

FABI

No you call her

Fabi drops her backpack and heavy books on the floor carelessly. Fabi gives Ivan a funny look while reading his mind.

IVAN (MIND)

If she doesn't call her i swear i'll throw my shoe at her and...(fabi interrupts thoughts)

FABI
OK! Fine ill call her.

Fabi picks up the phone dialing carefully to not mess up and have to start all over again. The phone rings several times.

FABI
mooomm pick up...pick up pick
up...up...piiick up

She hangs up the phone looking confused.

IVAN
what happened?

FABI
mmmm...she didn't pick up

Ivan sighs and starts cursing quietly

IVAN
ugh where could she be?

INT. FABI'S HOUSE-NIGHT

Five hours have passed and Fabi's mom still hasn't come home. Fabi and Ivan just assume that she's running late at work. Fabi sits on the couch flipping through channels while her brother is on the other couch shaking his leg both angrily and impatiently as he gets prepared to fight with his mom as soon as she steps through the door. Fabi looks at him concentrating to read his mind, but gets interrupted by their mom barging in their house. Fabi looks at her mom and reads her thoughts.

MOM (MIND)
He's hurt, wheres my purse, he's
hurt, he's hurt

Fabi's mother shuffles through some things in the kitchen nervously and loudly. She's on the verge of tears. Fabi jumps up and follows her mom.

FABI
What happened!?! Who's hurt?

MOM
Your dad got jumped i have to go
find him!

FABI V.O.

At that moment my stomach turned into knots and i remember that almost instantly, tears poured out of my eyes. I always feared that might happen, with my dad walking home halfway from work. It was the worst feeling I have ever felt in my life.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM-DAY

Fabi's father lays on the hospital bed sleeping, with many bruises and a big bandage wrapped around his head with some stain of blood on it. Fabi's mom and brother both share a couch while sleeping on it and Fabi sits next to the hospital bed, sadly staring out of the bright slightly blue window.

FABI V.O.

The stupid machine kept going beep...beep...beep... about every three freaking seconds. It doesn't make sense and is not fair. I looked into my dads mind and they were disturbing images. I could see he was just walking home, next thing I know he's on the floor with a bunch of blurred faces running away... they looked familiar.

Fabi starts to cry a bit. Her dad wakes up and holds her hand. She holds on to it tighter, still staring out the window. She opens her mouth but its too difficult for her to verbalize her feelings. She takes a deep breath and tries again

FABI

I...i told you

DAD

mmm?

FABI

I told you i never liked that you walked halfway home at night...now u know why

DAD

Im sorry...i promise i won't anymore.

FABI

Thanks...u know those guys that hurt

you. I think they go to my school.
 Im going to find out who they are
 and why they did it

DAD

Now now there's no reason for you
 to do that. Just let it go

FABI

Let it go? These awful people hurt
 my father for no good reason and you
 expect me to let it go?!

DAD

Fabi thats how life is. You live, go
 through difficulties, and you die.

FABI

hah! i hope they die a slow painful
 death.

DAD

hey that is no way to talk i taught
 you better than that

Fabi chuckles and her mom and brother wake up.

FABI

sorry

INT. ENGLISH CLASSROOM-DAY

The english teacher talks on and on about an assignment that
 needs to be finished at the end of the period. Fabi sits at
 the way back of class dozing off and reading peoples minds.

FABI V.O.

I got nothing. i walked all around
 school reading every mind i could
 but nothing so far...

Fabi looks into the mind of a quiet boy in class and looks
 back in his memory on a few days ago which was when her dad
 got assaulted. She sees him running, running to a man and
 then swings a sock on the mans head. the sock was filled
 with rocks. Fabi was both surprised and disgusted what she
 had seen. That boy had hurt her father

FABI V.O.

This is it...this is the dumbass
 that hurt my dad and...(teacher
 interrupts)

TEACHER

Fabiola did you hear what i just
said?

Fabi looks up at her reads her mind and then responds

FABI

yea yea pick a partner and start the
work, i got it.

FABI V.O.

At this point i was so frustrated
that the criminal was right there in
my english class. He's always so
quiet. I had to do something to turn
him in.

Fabi immediately walks over to him and slams her hand on his
desk

FABI

You're my partner.

He looks at her and just shrugs. She reads his mind

BOY (MIND)

Maan when the hell is this period
over?

Fabi decides to mess with him by answering the questions
that he thinks up in his mind

FABI

11:30 is when the period is over

The boy looks at her baffled

BOY (MIND)

how did she...(Fabi interrupts)

FABI

I don't know

BOY

what?!

FABI

I said i don't know the answer to
this question

Fabi points at a question on a paper and snickers. The boy
is so confused

BOY
oh...i don't know either

FABI
You know what i hate...

BOY
What?

FABI
Stupid gangs beating up people for
no reason.

The boy gets a bit mad and chuckles. Fabi reads his mind

BOY (MIND)
How would she know about that?

FABI
You know how i know? My dad, he got
jumped by some worthless people the
day before yesterday...

BOY (MIND)
Worthless? what a stupid ass girl,
she doesn't even know who she's
talking to.

Fabi gets angry and impatient at the comment he thought up.

FABI
so...what were you doing the day
before yesterday? I'm just a curious
stupid ass girl apparently.

The boy gets both freaked out and pissed at what Fabi said
so he stands up out of his seat, gives her a dirty look, and
walks out of class. Fabi gets up as well infuriated and
follows him.

FABI
HEY! Where the hell do you think
you're going?

BOY
How did you know what i was thinking
huh?! You're a freak get away from
me!

The boy walks side to side clearly showing sign of distress
and impatience.

FABI

You were one of the guys who jumped
my dad weren't you? WEREN'T YOU!?

He looks at her menacingly and smiles

BOY

YEA! maybe i was huh? want to put
yourself in his position or better!
Want me to cut you up!?

He pulls out a pocket knife and shoves it in front of her
face barely touching her skin. Fabi reacts fast knocks the
knife out of his hands and tackled him as hard as she could
pinning him to the floor. She starts to choke him because of
all the anger she has toward him.

FABI

Do you know what you did to him?!
You don't even CARE!

The teacher comes out of the classroom at the same time a
police officer that works at the school spots Fabi and the
boy and stops the fight.

FABI V.O.

After that day i got suspended from
school for a week but my classmate
and his little gang buddies got
arrested. If you ask me suspension
compared to life in jail is nothing.
I visited this young man once and
only once in jail to ask him a
question. I asked him why would he
do such a thing to and innocent
person? He said he had no reason,
that he didn't need a reason... I
looked at him and said "that is the
stupidest answer you can ever come
up with. Maybe you should go get a
real life and try answering that
question again, too bad u can't
since your stuck in this place."

THE END.