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EMERGING ADULT STORY SUMMARIES

MARIA & JONAH

Maria (20) met Jonah (31) at the National Guard. Their relationship starts loving until Jonah has difficulty controlling his temper and pushes Maria's boundaries. Maria grows in her faith, and Jonah refuses to change his actions, so they break up. The weeks after their breakup, Jonah stalks and harasses Maria. She relies on the support of her friends, family, and church to navigate the situation.

AVA & HUNTER

Ava (18) met Hunter (18) in high school. At first, he made her feel like a princess. However, he insisted that he had certain rights as her boyfriend: always to know where she was, to tell her what she was and wasn't allowed to do, to be in constant contact with her, and to give her rules to follow. When Ava started college, she grew increasingly uncomfortable with his rules and tried to discuss her concerns with him.

KIRA & MILO

Kira (20) met Milo (21) on Tinder and started dating after their first date. Milo starts having extreme reactions to small things but always makes up for it with gifts and heartfelt apologies. Milo's behavior escalates when he coerces Kira into having sex when she isn't ready. Kira realizes his negative impact and breaks up with Milo, but he starts leaving gifts at her door and showing up unannounced to her classes. Kira turns to the Title IX office for support and to help her navigate the situation.

ALAN & JENNA

Alan (18) and Jenna (18) had a loving relationship at first. After months of dating, Jenna's jealousy became uncontrollable. She would act out for attention, belittle Alan, and instigate fights. He broke up with her, but she came back into his life to announce that she was pregnant. Not long after, they moved into an apartment together. Jenna sent hurtful messages to his friends and family so they would cut off ties with him. Then, the mental abuse turned physical and continuously escalated.



ISABEL & DANIEL

Isabel (18) was given a promise ring by her boyfriend, Daniel (19). They wanted to be together forever. As time went on, Daniel began to make hurtful remarks regarding Isabel's Mexican heritage, manipulate her using the language barrier, and use her religious beliefs against her. Daniel was unwilling to listen to Isabel's concerns. Unsure of what to do, Isabel struggled to get help from those closest to her.

AARON & BRETT

Aaron (18) met Brett (24) through a friend and quickly began dating. Aaron looked up to Brett for guidance about how to navigate his sexuality in college, but Brett started to abuse that respect. Brett pressured Aaron to move in with him and spend all his free time with him. When Aaron showed hesitation, Brett would lash out and make hurtful comments.

EMMA & OWEN

Emma (18) and Owen (21) started dating in college after talking for a few months. Owen begins to control aspects of Emma's life, and has difficulty regulating his anger when he is upset and takes it out on Emma verbally and physically. Over time, Owen's behavior worsens until they finally break up for good after he cheats on her. Emma finds out she is pregnant with Owen's kid and tries to rekindle the relationship for their child. Owen's abuse worsens, and Emma takes legal action to protect herself and her child.

MAYA & ZACH

Maya (18) and Zach (19) started dating in high school after going to prom. Zach starts college and joins the National Guard, so they try their luck at long distance. When Zach is home, he controls what they do and who they spend time with. Maya tries to break up with him, but he threatens to hurt himself if she does. Zach's controlling behavior escalates into using technology to monitor and track what Maya is doing. After multiple attempts to break up, Maya ends things for good with support from her sister and college friends.