

EVELYN TORRES AT ICU

EXT. HOSPITAL- NIGHT

Evelyn Torres stands outside of a hospital ER. She smokes a cigarette.

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"Evey, life is not a TV show." Its something my mom used to say to me. Telling a kid that, or any person, for that matter, is good intentioned, and ill natured, simultaneously, know what I mean? So you're telling me life isn't a TV show because you want me to get my head out of my ass so I can get my supposed life together? Yeah, isn't that generous. My mom deputized herself to be the alarm clock of my dreams because she wanted me to wake up and not be her. Cool. She didn't realize sobering me up to the daily realities of adulthood would tear away any sense of wonder I had. And that's just mean. And wrong, cause life is indeed a television show.

Or, at least it is for some people. Like my father, in there. He's in ICU. Oh, he was the star of his own show, and he never even had to move to L.A. Just like a main character on one of those sitcoms, no matter how deep in it he got, no matter how many people he pissed off, hurt or betrayed, by the end of the episode, at least to him, everything has turned out the way it was supposed to. You know what I would love about living in TV show too? The lines are drawn in bright neon highlighter telling you who the bad guys are, and who the good guys are.

That man in there taught me to ride a bike, and is the same man who had to give up my laptop over a gambling expense, and is the same guy who lit my boyfriends car on fire in 11th grade when I found out he was cheating on me, and is the same guy who once broke my mom's jaw, and i know I should hate him, but I can't because he's my dad. The star. And I'm so sick of being just a character in his show.

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Hey, I'm gonna go...yeah. No, don't worry. I have plenty of people to talk to. I will take another cigarette if you want to be generous. Thanks.

Evelyn takes the cigarette and begins to walk back into the hospital.

EVELYN (CONT'D)

Maybe I need to start working on my spin off.