

A GRITTY TALE ABOUT KAYLA — A BIRACIAL, UNDERAGED FEMALE FROM THE MARGINALIZED BLACK-INDIGENOUS NOVA SCOTIAN COMMUNITY OF NORTH PRESTON — DEPICTS HOW SHE IS MANIPULATED BY HER CLOSE FRIEND AND LOVER INTO A LIFE OF DRUG AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACROSS THE GREATER TORONTO AREA. WHEN THE BOUNDARIES OF LOVE ARE FUSED WITH ABUSE, KAYLA CAN'T TELL IF SHE IS THE PREY...OR THE PREDATOR. THIS FICTIONAL ACCOUNT EXAMINES WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE SLAVE BECOMES THE SLAVE MASTER, IN A DARK STORY ABOUT ENCOUNTERS BEHIND THE WALLS OF THE HIDDEN TRACK.

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