

Juliana & Brendan ♡

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Dear Brendan,

now it's the time for me to start getting ready for my trial, I just don't know if I will ever be.

Ryan and I are talking and he said I can decide later if I want to testify or not, after we practice questions, evidence, rewatch my interview with my statement. He said one of the instructions from the judge to the jury is that they can't assume or making any decision if I choose <sup>to</sup> not testify, because there can be many reasons, it doesn't mean I'm lying or hiding anything. So I still don't know.

We shouldn't discuss on the phone whether or not you will testify or if I will, because they don't know yet and if they know it beforehand they'll be already make trap for us, with questions, theory, etc.

The prosecutor keeps telling Ryan that "Juliana is not being honest with you, she knows more than she's been telling you", like, what???"

I told him that I don't even know who ~~we~~<sup>we</sup> can call as witnesses about the person I am, etc. Since I don't have any friends here, he might try Kananda, but I doubt she will come, or Beatriz. (that <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ my last bond hearing the prosecutor said she contacted them after what happened, I don't know about that).

He was asking a few questions that the prosecutor might ask, about our affair. Like, if when we stayed at the hotel in NY or any other place you paid with cash or card, I do remember using your card. About our dates in public, I said yes, going to bar, etc. If we were ever afraid of getting caught, if I was dating other people at the same time, and yes I was, even how many people I think I had sex with, and I told him about sex in first dates (like the doctor or something), because you know about it. He is trying to prove

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that we weren't a secret, not at least from my part since I wasn't the married one, so my friends knew, but not yours of course. He asked how we got together and moved into your bedroom after what happened, we talked about it, and it wasn't hard since we had a type of relationship before, and we enjoyed each other, and I was going to stay in America no matter what and happened before my bday, also that your mom advised us that wouldn't look good after what happened, but was understanding and supportive. He asked if you ever said you loved me and I was honest about that, too. But you never told me you would get divorced to be with me, I never wanted anything serious like family, relationship, kids, I had just broken up with Bruno for that reason.

He thinks a few questions prosecutor might have for you, like "why did you let Juliana follow you up the stairs?", or about your guns being loaded in the house, stuff like that. Ryan said one reporter contacted him because she wants to make an article about how and who I am as a person, contacting my friends in Brazil, etc., I'm still thinking if it would be good or not, I don't want more attention from everyone about my case.

We are also thinking of having Jucimara answering questions and talk about me, but online, recorded, translated, etc, but we need to think about it, would be good having people talking about <sup>me</sup>, maybe Nishant or someone else. Your mom said if we want to call anybody from the family would be good, but I don't think would be as considered as friends, but then again, friends I don't have any here. Ryan said with that they would try to call someone to say bad things about me, but I'm not worried,

Because I'm sure they'll have someone / some people talking good about Joe.

He said that in some cases they do Mock trial (I guess that's how

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You mean everything to me! ♥

it's called, where we spend some time with random 12 people, and we present them case, etc, and they tell their opinion, etc, and a specific person to pretend it's the prosecutor asking questions about the case.

It sounds a good idea, but we don't think it's necessary for this, and would be very expensive, like ~50,000 - 100,000.

I'm always trying to think about questions that the prosecutor would ask, etc,. Because I know and assume some of the evidences they have and how to explain them.

You and John will start talking about that too, and I don't know if you will testify anyway.

Ryan believes we are going to win this case, maybe John thinks the same, maybe others lawyers too. But as we know, it doesn't mean we will. Depends on how 12 people will view this case, motive, if in fact he was incapacitated or not, about our affair, etc,.

However, I don't know what we'll do, or how, or what is going to happen, and to be honest, I'm afraid, scared.

I don't know what is going to happen, nobody knows, and I expect the worst to happen. I just want always make sure to let you know how much I loved and love you. And I will forever:

It's good that you are creating new memories with Valerie, having fun, etc,. You don't need to worry because you'll never lose her, you will have her with you just as it is right now, nothing is going to change with this process the Bensons started. No way.

Like I said before, you are an amazing father. I'm proud of you.

It will be you and her forever, that's all you need.

About us, maybe you will lose me, we'll find out in about 3 months, so it's good for you making memories without me.

Said I don't know if I've ever been good enough  
I'm a little bit rusty  
And I think my head is cavin' in 🎵

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Sometimes I just think to myself like I can't believe I'm facing life in prison for someone, then, things weren't supposed to be this way, right? But people are stupid (including me) and make mistakes, act without thinking, that's all I did.

If I don't get convicted, well I don't know about us anyways, I don't know if we would be the same or something better than the relationships you had.

There are so many issues as we know, my issues, and also the thing about living here after this, when I also want to be with them, specially after this, they deserve it.

I asked my mom for Bruno's phone number, Jusimara, my friend Natalia (she used to do my eyelashes), and Milena (we went to nursing school and graduated together), so if we decide the reporter can make an article about me, she can talk and ask them questions. If not, maybe Ryan can do something and use it in my trial, somehow.

Like I said, maybe you'll lose me, but at least we know ~~you~~ you'll be ok, because you have all you need. No doubt. So I'm glad you are doing things as usual with Valerie, things we used to do together, now only you and her, and that's all it is.

However, I think I just want to tell you / explain what's going on here, my conversation with Ryan, giving you heads up.

I think a lot about us, I think about you all the time, even if you don't think I do, every little thing reminds me of you. Then I also think of my issue, insecurities. Again, I did not like that you were keeping things from me, I did not like trying to get the truth from you on the phone, knowing something was off, and you were still lying to me. Now I'm like I don't know what is true, or what

And I don't know if I've ever been really loved  
By a hand that's touched me. ♪

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it's not true, should I believe that or he is still keeping something from me? Because I still feel something is off. And the I might get upset about few things you tell me, it will be worse if you just keep things from me. No matter about what it is.

I guess that is it for now.

You can keep me updated about whatever through Ryan.

Hope everything is ok out there.

Never forget how much I love you, more than anything.

I miss you every single day. You mean everything to me.

I love you with all my heart, and I always will. Even when I can't.

Until my last breath.

Love you, my handsome! ♡ ♡ ♡

(I know you're not a believer or nothing like that, but as you always told me, and the bible says the same. I hope we can live like that)

I observed yet another example of something meaningless under the sun.

This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, "who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now? It is all so meaningless and depressing.

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 ♡