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INT. COUNSELOR'S OFFICE - EVENING

A disheveled Madison sits defensively across from Dr. Reeder. She's just watched a surveillance video on a monitor cart, and it stands frozen on a shot of her with Ethan.

DR. REEDER
Clearly, you still feel an attachment to Ethan.

MADISON
Clearly.

DR. REEDER
What should we do about that?

MADISON
You tell me.

DR. REEDER
What do you think we should do?

MADISON
Why do we have to do anything?

DR. REEDER
Madison...

MADISON
What?

DR. REEDER
In order for you to have some semblance of a normal adult life, we all agreed, including you, if I'm not mistaken, that you would have to let go of Ethan.

MADISON
(barely audible)
I don't want to let go of Ethan.

DR. REEDER
Did you, or did you not agree with your team -

MADISON
I know what I said.

DR. REEDER
So, I want to help you.
(beat)
I think you should know that I've spoken with your family.

MADISON
(panicking)
No! No, Why would you do that???

DR. REEDER
Calm down, now. Having your family more involved will help you seek out your adult reality, instead of these youthful fantasies.

MADISON
Did you tell them?

DR. REEDER
What, Madison?

MADISON
Did you tell them about Ethan?

DR. REEDER
This may be a big step, I realize, but -

MADISON
Did you FUCKING TELL THEM ABOUT ETHAN?????

They sit in a face off. The energy is palpable. Madison realizes what she's done and tries to back down.

MADISON (CONT'D)
...Sorry.

DR. REEDER
(finally)
Why are you so worried about them knowing of Ethan?

Madison is quiet.

MADISON
Ethan is mine...my secret...just for me.

DR. REEDER
People who truly love each other try not to keep secrets from one another.

MADISON

And sometimes people smother the ones they love with their nasty little secrets. I won't smother anyone I love.

DR. REEDER

And what if you are "smothering" Ethan? He can't move on until you let him go.

MADISON

I don't want to let him go!

DR. REEDER

Why? Madison? Answer me that. If you can't answer it for me, answer for yourself. What is it about him? What exactly is it? What is it that makes you keep running back to him?

MADISON

I don't know! Okay? I don't know. I feel like such a child. I'm taking my medicine and I'm all adult and reality and it fucking sucks and I've never felt more like a helpless child.

Madison looks around at the walls closing in.

MADISON (CONT'D)

I need Ethan. Please, I need to see him. Please, Dr. Reeder.

DR. REEDER

No.

MADISON

Why are you doing this?

DR. REEDER

We agreed --

MADISON

I don't agree now, okay?

DR. REEDER

I promised to help you and this isn't helping. You need to tell me why you have to have Ethan in your life.

MADISON

I just do.

DR. REEDER

Not good enough. Tell me why.

MADISON

I don't know.

DR. REEDER

Why, Madison?

Dr Reeder's office and appearance transform into Young Madison's POV of a threatening authority figure presence. The medication is wearing off and her face shows growing panic.

MADISON

Please, I don't --

DR. REEDER

(exaggeratedly forceful)

WHY??? GIVE ME A REAL ANSWER!

MADISON

I'm giving you a real answer. I --

DR. REEDER

You aren't giving me shit, you bitch!!!! Now answer --

MADISON

I NEED HIM TO HELP ME SURVIVE YOU!!