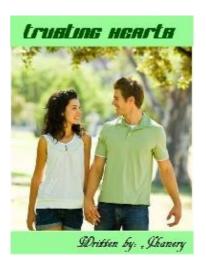
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Kid sister, that's how Gabriel treats Jenny. Though inside, she's very much hurting, still she didn't say a word, but rather wait. Maybe Gabriel will someday look at her. And maybe love her. And by the time Jenny thought Gabriel is feeling the same way about her. The guy left and no longer contact her.. How would Jenny cope up with the pain?



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Trusting Hearts 1

A/N: Guys, for those who have read this story, please don't be confused. I just changed the title from "IF YOU LOVE ME" to "TRUSTING HEARTS." I've changed it as early as now for I know it's better, in my point of view, and I think the new title suits the story very well.

Anyways, enjoy reading. love, JHANERY

TRUSTING HEARTS

â Honey, get down here,â Jennyâ s mom has been calling her but at that time, she doesnâ t want to follow. Sheâ s not in the mood and can't accept the fact that Gabriel is leaving and work to Japan.

Jenny is only 16, a 5â 6 brunette girl, with eyes that are brown, nose very-well shaped and pink lips any guy would love to kiss. She has a curvy body, something that a lot of girls would die for. Sheâ s very sweet, talented and smart but then very shy to show people what sheâ s got.

Many people assumed her to have had lots of boyfriend already because of her beauty, but the truth is, she never had one. Guess her heart is just waiting for someone. Gabriel, thatâ s his name, a 22 year old man with a promising future ahead of him. An outstanding employee, thatâ s why his company decided to send him abroad to work there.

Gabriel's family just moved 2 years ago to the subdivision where Smith family (Jennyâ s side) is living. They happened to move to the house adjacent to Smithâ s family. Days passed by and the two families became close as well as Jenny and Krizel which became best friends. Krizel is the younger sister of Gabriel, about Jennyâ s age, a very funny girl, not as pretty as Jenny but still adorable. Gabriel also befriended with James, older brother of Jenny.

Jenny has been crying a lot lately since the time she knew Gabriel has to leave. For the past 2 years sheâ s been staring outside of her roomâ s window only to see Gabriel whoâ s about to go to his office, and at the afternoon, she hurries to get back home from school to see Gabriel come back. Since the first time she laid her eyes on him, she started to feel this tinkling and wonderful emotion. She canâ t stop it, she tried though but it was so powerful and every day, it just seems to grow more and more. But the sad reality she has to face is that Gabriel only treats her as his little sister.

- â Iâ m not feeling well mom,â said Jenny.
- â But Gabriel is looking for you. You didnâ t even come to their house to say goodbye to him at his farewell party, now youâ re saying you canâ t make it today.â Leticia can't understand her daughter. Usually, when they talk about Gabriel, thereâ s always a huge eagerness in Jennyâ s face to listen. Just listen, because Jenny has been very silent when it comes to her feelings, particularly, towards her love life. But now, her daughter seems not to care at all!
- â Just say my goodbye to him, Mom,â says Jenny as she slams her face to her pillow facing the bed.
- â No need,â suddenly the door opens. And there Gabriel, standing with questioning eyes and saddened looks. Seems like heâ s kind of sad, or hurt? But why?
- â What are you doing here?â Jenny gets up from the bed, she wants Gabriel out of her room; she does not want him seeing her cry.

- â Youâ re mom said youâ re sick, I just wanted to check you out. Iâ ve been looking for you, you know? Arenâ t you gonna miss me, kiddo?â Gabriel holds her on her shoulders side-by-side with an intense look on his face. Her heart begins to pump so hard. She gasps before she says.
- â Iâ m.. uhh, I was sick last night. Ah hehe, yes. I was sick!â she attempts to get Gabrielâ s away from her shoulders but he won't let her to. â Uhm, Gabriel, your hands?â
- Gabriel sighs. â Okay, whatâ s wrong Jenny?â Gabriel let Jennyâ s shoulders go and continued, â You were never like this, you used to be this jolly, very sweet girl. But lately, I could feel youâ re avoiding me. I donâ t understand.â Jenny was shocked, she never thought, even for one second Gabriel would say that to her, sheâ s touched, but it only added more confusion on her part.
- â I.. I guess Iâ m just trying to be matured? And I wasnâ t avoiding you, why would I do that?â Jenny turns her back on Gabriel. She doesnâ t know until when she could stop herself from hugging this guy. Oh! How she would miss him.
- â Then why are you turning your back on me now? Hmm?â Gabriel tries to make her face him.
- â Câ mon sweetheart, Iâ m gonna miss you!â

Sweetheart? He did call me sweetheart right? He never used an endearment to me. Why now, why?!

â Gabriel, if youâ re leaving. Just go, please! Just.. Just leave me alone!â Jenny pushes Gabriel away, she thought heâ d let her do that, but she's wrong, he did the exact opposite thing, he hugged her. Jenny felt like she cannot breathe, her heart is pumping, trembling. It makes her feel like sheâ s floating in the air. Hmm, itâ s heavenly, so this is how it feels like huh. This is how it feels like to be hugged by him. Be loved by...

Gabriel let her go even before Jenny continues her dreams which by that time, she thought itâ d come to reality, but Gabriel cut it already and again, a deep confusion hangs on her mind.

â Youâ re important to me Jenny.â Gabrielâ s look becomes even more intense as he holds her in her hands. â Youâ re going to graduate, for your family, for yourself, for ... ahh... for your brother.â Gabriel sighs. â Jenny? Youâ re going to email me okay? I may not be using facebook because our company forbids us to. But you can still email me and Iâ ll surely message you back because Iâ ll be waiting.â

Jenny nods. â I will.â Jenny clears her throat, she canâ t carry the intensity anymore and she wants to just cheer up the mood. â Hehe, well just promise me that Iâ ll be receiving a good gift when you get back, okey?â as Jenny smiled, Gabriel became even more serious.

- â I promise, you will sweetheart. It would be the biggest gift you could ever receive from me. But by now..
- â Gabriel sighs again, he looks up in the ceiling and swallows hard, which makes Jenny think heâ s having a hard time at something. Does he want to kiss me?

Gabriel holds her both cheeks with his two hands, shaking. Jenny closes her eyes, his breathe is flashing on her face, she can hear his heartbeat, itâ s so fast, but then few seconds passed and heâ s still not kissing her. Jenny opens her eyes and see Gabriel smiling very sweet at her. He kisses her on her forehead.

â I gotta go sweetheart. Good bye?â Jenny feels devastated, but she doesnâ t say a word. She just nodded. Her cheeks are blushing.

With a husky voice, Gabriel speak â Thatâ s what I like about you, youâ re blushing when I tease you. Iâ m gonna miss that. But right now, I just have to do what I have to do.â In a blink of an eye Gabriel kisses Jenny on her forehead one more time and without turning back, he left the room as Jenny sat on her bed still thinking what just happened.

Jennyâ s still feeling the tension, still feeling weak of her first intimate encounter with Gabriel. I guess, thatâ s how she wants to call it, â intimate,â why not? Gabriel does not call a plain friend sweetheart nor his younger sister Krizel. Jenny managed to wait til Gary, Gabrielâ s father, take him to the airport, but before Gabriel hop into the car, she saw him glance on her window. She hid herself at the back of the curtains, making sure he wonâ t see her. When she looks again, the car already went away.

â Iâ m gonna miss you, Gabriel!â with tears pouring down her face, Jenny silently cries.

In the next days, she patiently waited for Gabrielâ s email. She constantly observes if thereâ s any sign that Gabriel called his family and tell them he already is settled in his new environment and so, sheâ d know that by then, heâ ll be ready to message her.

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PART 2

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