

She was living in apartment 3B. I was in apartment 4B. I would see her in the elevator sometimes. She looks like me, a bit. Well, not really. Maybe I look like her. My complexion is brown, her's is caramel. My face is round, but her's is more heart shaped. We're both 5'4" but she seems to be taller. I've never seen her place before but I'm sure it's very nice. She looks like she has a nice job. I've always seen her wearing Ann Taylor.

She gets home from work around 6:35 - 6:45. I know that cause I do too. But I stand outside for a cigarette after work around 6:20.

Sometimes, I'll smoke two - if she's running late.

I don't think she smokes. Her skin is smooth and glassy.

But we've never spoken. Well, actually, we've smiled at each other, and she would occasionally say "bye" or "have a good night" when she would exit the elevator. But I'm never able to respond fast enough. She walks so fast. She's very sweet though. I wish I saw her more. I know she leaves really early in the morning, mainly because I never see her before work. I've tried.

One time I went through a whole pack before 8 in the morning waiting for her.

But I don't see her. Only in the evenings.

But I do hear her at night. My apartment is directly on top of hers. Her partner must come to her place pretty late. It's not long before I hear noises – gasping and moaning. The partner has lately been coming more often. The noises have started to become more routine.

I wait for them. They last until 2 or 3 in the morning.

I don't know how she gets up so early in the morning. I go to sleep after, and I struggle to wake up. I have been consistently late to work. But it's okay.

But I stopped seeing her. She is not in the lobby at 6:35-6:45 anymore. I don't see her in the elevator anymore. And I would ride it up and down multiple times, hoping to see her. But she's never there.

And at night, I listen for the noises. But I couldn't hear anything. I've began sleeping on the floor hoping that perhaps maybe she is just being quiet.

But nothing.

I hope she's alright.

Is she alright?