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ELLIE MITCHELL BROKE MY HEART

Photographs reveal a plain bespectacled bookish girl with no sense of style but in the last few months, according to those closest to her, Ellie Mitchell has blossomed. At the heart of the Flynn Matthews drug scandal, Ellie isn't quite the innocent she portrays. A fact Peter Jenkins, top London DJ, knows to his cost.

At school together Peter worshipped Ellie from afar although sadly the feeling was not to be mutual due to a misunderstanding at the age of four. Ellie Mitchell may have many qualities but forgiveness is not one of them.

Peter says, "I remember at the school discos watching her dance with friends wishing I could join her but knowing she would ignore me if I approached. I tell you it hurt bad." Not to be deterred he would continue to smile at her across the classroom even though his offer of friendship was met with a scowling silence.

Where most saw a dowdy uptight girl Peter saw an angel. "She was, is beautiful. Her skin has a glow to it and her eyes shine large even when filled with anger."

Tragically at the age of twelve Ellie was to lose her mother to a drunk driver who mowed her down in broad daylight. Peter recalls that time well, "Something inside Ellie broke, her eyes were hollow when she looked at me, no scowling nothing. That lasted for about a year. Every day I wanted to walk across the classroom and hold her in my arms to ease her pain but I couldn't."

It wasn't to be until a couple of months ago that 20-year-old Ellie let Peter into her life. After watching a mutual friend, Max Young, play keyboards in the band *Mindless* on the night *Oh My Daze* hit the same venue in London Peter's charm finally won her over and Ellie agreed to go for a drink with him.

"You can't imagine how I felt, elated goes nowhere close to describing it. Here was the girl I've loved since the age of five sitting across the pub table chatting with me. I couldn't believe it."

Ellie was to return to Peter's flat that night slightly worse for wear. "She hadn't eaten much that day and I hadn't realised until we went to leave. I wouldn't have let her drink so much had I known. She's an adorable drunk though." She was to perform a striptease for Peter. As usual he was the perfect gentleman looking after her and not taking advantage of her inebriated state.

Ellie invited him to her birthday drinks giving Peter hope of something more. Indeed, that night she went back to his flat and they engaged in sex. "I was elated to be her first. She was everything I'd dreamt of and more. Shy, sexy and sweet, the whole package. Best sex I've ever had. We connected, I know we did."

The morning after Ellie said they could not be a couple. In answer to Peter's understandable, "Why?" she was to use those immortal words, "It's complicated."

Little did he know the complication was Flynn Matthews and that she'd been seeing him all that time. "I feel played. And betrayed, like my heart has been cut out. I don't think I'll ever get over her."

We have been unable to contact Ellie Mitchell for comment. With no mention of her relationship with Flynn Matthews his publicist released the following statement yesterday: "Flynn Matthews would like to thank his family, friends and his fans for their continued support and good wishes. He is in rehab and determined to be fit and well in time for the UK premiere of *Sticks and Stones* in December. Please respect his privacy during his recovery."

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