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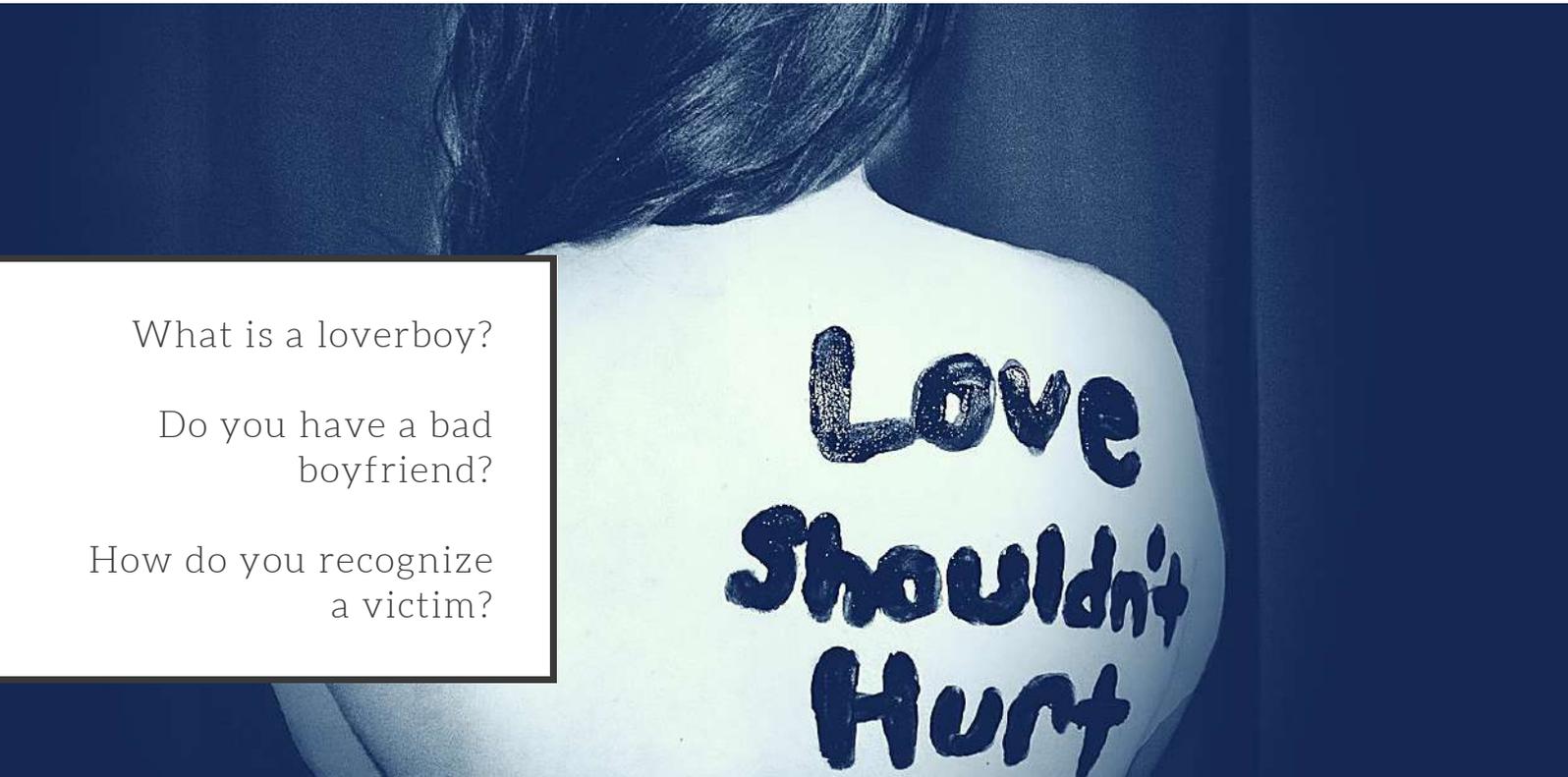
LOVERBOYS

A GUIDE

What is a loverboy?

Do you have a bad
boyfriend?

How do you recognize
a victim?



Love
Shouldn't
Hurt

WHAT IS A LOVERBOY?

Loverboys are pimps who seduce their victims to exploit them in prostitution. They operate according to a fixed pattern: gifts, love, isolation, drugs and, as a last step, luring the girl into prostitution.

Loverboys target especially young Belgian girls with low self-esteem. These girls usually have no home, feel lonely and feel stuck in life. Therefore, they quickly become emotionally attached to anyone who is giving them attention.

DO YOU HAVE A BAD BOYFRIEND?

CHECKLIST

He's got a lot of money. Do you know how he got it?

Do you know what kind of work he does?

Does he make use of or deals with drugs?

Has he encouraged you to use drugs?

Does he speak ill of people who are important to you?

Does he ask you to get a tattoo?

Is he jealous and possessive?

Does he sometimes show an aggressive behavior?

Did he ask you to get a phone plan or loan on your name?

Have you had sex with a friend of his?

Does he know girls who work as prostitutes?

Has he talked you into prostitution?

HOW DO YOU RECOGNIZE A VICTIM?

CHECKLIST

She is a teenager

She has low self-esteem

She has a difficult situation at home

She runs away from home

She feels lonely

Her boyfriend is older than she is

She does not know what kind of work her boyfriend does

She is fearless or defiant

She is isolated

She often ditches school

She takes drugs

She suddenly has a new circle of friends

She suddenly starts deviating from social norms

She has sex with her boyfriend's friend

She has a lot of money and buys luxury goods

All of a sudden she seems to be interested only in sex

Sometimes she has bruises

She got a tattoo

She avoids the subject of prostitution



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DO THESE CHECKLISTS MAKE YOU THINK?
TALK TO SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP.

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Payoke is a non-governmental organization that fights against the trafficking and exploitation of people.

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