

## Chapter 63

Victoria's throat suddenly went dry at his statement. She was so eager to say something but words terribly failed her.

She stared at Ashton for a while, looking deep into his eyes, hoping She could see a hint of humor but she was faced with something else.

He stared right back into her eyes, eagerly waiting for answers.

"Sorry?!" Vee's voice came out hoarse.

Ashton knew that She heard all that he said but he didn't mind coming again.

"Spend the night with me!" He said even more sincerely this time around.

"Ash!"

He said nothing but still gave that serious look.

"You can't be serious."

"What makes you think I am joking?"

"We are.....we are friends.....not just friends...good friends and colleagues. Friends do help each other out right?"

"Yeah, sure!"

"Like you said earlier, you know that I have plans and I am literally going to push everything aside just to do this for you. Is asking for a night with you too much?"

"Are you serious?" She asked, still not believing his guts.

"Do I look like I am not being serious right now?"

"So you want something in return for you being nice to me?"

"Come on Vee, Stop making it sound like I am a terrible person."

"If you already sense the conversation going in that direction, doesn't that tell you that there is definitely something improper going on?"

Ashton shook his head. "You know I like you so much, Vee?"

"But you are taking advantage," She replied almost immediately.

"You left me with no choice."

"You didn't even ask what we would be doing for the night before getting all tense up."

"I left you with no choice?!"

"Yes. You know how much I like you and how much I'm going to do anything for you, Vee. I literally did everything I could. I exhausted my options but you still didn't find me worthy enough. No matter what I did, that gold digger still had a better chance than me."

"You are getting it wrong. My decision not to be with you had nothing to do with him and besides, you have Bessie in your life. You were going really far with me which was against

my interest so I had to put a strong stop to it."

"We both know this is not about Bessie but about you not wanting me in your life. I want you but there are always going to be some irrelevant people wanting me and I am sure the same goes for you. Your heart is definitely with someone else and no doubt I am among the irrelevant ones."

"I tried to take it soft and slow with you but you never looked my way. At some point, I thought I almost had it with you but you ended up pushing me away totally."

"So this is your way of getting revenge against me for refusing you now that I need your help"

"No, as much as I may be tempted to do that, I know I would never do anything that would make you put me in your black books."

"This is not any form of revenge. I just want to be a little selfish. You hardly give me an audience anymore so I would love to grab this opportunity so well."

"Deal?" He stared at her expectantly!

Victoria was so tempted to ask Ashton if his decision was still going to be the same if he knew that she was a pregnant woman but on the other hand, words really failed her.

"A night with you doing what?"

"You already bullied me for not asking what it's about but what good could come out of spending a night with a man that wants me by force?"

"Do you think that low of me?" He said, trying not to sound hurt.

"We have gone on a date before and you can recall that it was almost perfect. If only that obsessed bastard didn't interrupt."

Victoria mentally facepalmed, tired of hearing everyone refer to Oscar with mean names.

"A night with you doing what? Because I know this is more than a dinner date."

"You are really smart and I love that about you."

"One night, my rules, you are going to do whatever I say."

Vee scoffed.

"There is no need to go through corners. Just come straight out that you want to fuck me."

"You didn't have to make it sound like I'm a terrible person. You and I know that I am not."

"For fucks sake, Vee. It has always been evident that I want you. I've always been so shameless about it. You can literally tell from my eyes."

"Since you pushed me away, I've thought of a million and one things I would have done differently. I just need one more chance to prove to you that I am worthy of your love."

"This could be the only chance I will ever get from you so I am determined to make the best of it. I don't care if I have to be selfish or if it's going to make me look like a beast. I will know I went the easy way and the hard way on you."

"Say something!" Ashton said after some seconds of silence between them both.

"I know your ex resides in California. You are avoiding him, that is why you don't want to go there."

"Enough!" Vee finally voiced out.

"You need to stop acting like you know me well and that you know everything that goes on with me!"

"I don't give a fuck about who resides in California. The city is big enough to even spend a year in it without bumping into any monster!"

"I have my reasons, which are private and very personal and that was why I came to you, hoping you would understand, but instead, you choose to ridicule me."

"Fuck you!" She glared at him, rising to her feet.

"It's okay for you to flare up. I understand where you are coming from. Just know that I do not think ill of you and I would never hurt you."

"You probably need some time to cool off but the offer is still on the table in case you change your mind."

Victoria shook her head, not believing what she was hearing.

"Just when I thought I had a friend I could count on."

"I am not a bad person, Vee."

"Yeah, I can see that!"

"I'm only fighting for what I want."

"It was a terrible idea coming to you. Just forget all that I said." She said with gritted teeth, storming out of Ashton's office.

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"I was looking for you. Mr. Phil." Kathie said, bumping into Victoria by the door. It was obvious that she was just coming out of Vee's office.

"What's with that look?"

Victoria ignored, storming into her office, Kathie followed suit.

She stared confused, as Vicky made her way over to her desk and plopped down on her chair.

"What happened?"

"Everyone sucks, including the people I thought loved me most!"

"I don't understand. Who annoyed you?"

"I feel so stupid. I really don't like this phase of my life. I wish there was a way to turn back time. I wish I wasn't pregnant."

Kathie saw Vicky wipe tears off the corner of her eyes so she got even more worried and approached her.

"What happened? Was Gabriel here? Please talk to me."

"No! I went to meet Ashton."

"Okay?!"

"I spoke to him to see if he could go to California on my behalf. He told me he would go if I would spend the night with him."

"No, Ashton can't say that. He must be pulling your legs."

"I thought so at first but he meant it."

"A night with you or a date night with you?" Kathie asked for clarification.

"A night with me, and it includes me doing everything he wants me to do."

"Ashton? He said that?"

"I feel so stupid going to meet him. I honestly thought he would do it for me since I considered him a friend."

"What the hell?" Kathie scoffed.

"Where are you going?" Vicky asked upon seeing Kathie walking towards the door.

"I need to put him in his place."

"Please don't. I've had enough!"

"Why not? He was being such an ass to you."

"For heaven's sake, you're pregnant! Why would he say something so insensitive to you!"

"He doesn't know that I am with child and I don't blame him that much. He loves me and all I have done is to reject him."

"He's just trying to put me in a very tight corner, knowing this might be his only chance with me."

"I know how important this project is for the company. I know how much they need someone with a brilliant mind over there and Ashton is the one next to me that I can trust to do a great job."

"I don't know what's going to happen now."

Kathie sighed, taking a seat opposite Vicky.

"What are the chances of you running into him and members of his family over there?" Vicky knew that Kathie was referring to Oscar.

"It's not about him. I just don't want to be in that country."

"Seems you have no choice now!"

"I don't know what came over me when I told Sophie that I was going to discuss something with her when I come back from work."

Kathie's lips curved into a smile. "You're going to tell her about her little brother?"

"Who is having a little brother?" That very familiar voice came through, making the duo go still where they were both seated.



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