

Chapter 65

After successfully getting Kathie out of her office, Victoria went back to burying herself with work since that was the only thing that could keep her mind off her problems.

She lost track of time as she did her best to complete the project she was working on.

Realizing how late it was already, Vee started getting ready to go home by shutting down her laptop after which she would go ahead to pack her bag.

She was done shutting her system when a knock came through on her door. She didn't have the chance to answer when the person entered.

"I came to say goodbye. Or do you need me to help you with anything?" Kathie said, walking in with her handbag.

"No, no, I will be leaving shortly too."

"Good. Let me know if you won't be able to make it to work tomorrow. Do not push yourself too hard if you can't. I can always get things sorted out for you in your absence."

"Sometimes I hate that you care too much about me. I am fine and I'll be here Tomorrow." Vee sighed, rising to her feet. "Work helps me take my mind off my worries so I will definitely be here."

"Yeah, I forgot how stubborn you could be," Kathie said, walking towards her. "Take care of yourself and make sure you reach out to me if need be." She said, hugging Vicky.

"Yeah, thank you."

"My regards to the latest big sister."

Vee rolled her eyes at Kathie.

"Don't look at me like that. And you should break the news to her. It is going to give your mind so much comfort."

"You should go!"

"Yeah, you do the most in wanting to switch conversations."

Vicky shrugged, "if need be."

"You are absolutely something else. I gotta go. My ride is here." Kathie blew a kiss at Vee after which she exited her office.

Vicky started gathering her items in her bag. The last thing she tucked in her handbag was her phone and just after she tucked her handbag in her arm, about to exit her desk area, Vicky's eyes met with a contact card on her desk. She got confused for a while, wondering where it came from but by picking it up and taking a closer look at it, She saw Dr Tais's name on it.

Victoria sighed, shredded the card into pieces, and trashed it into the bin after which she exited her office.

Vicky was already at the parking lot, approaching her car when she saw a familiar car pull up in the lot.

She sighed in relief, knowing it was her boss.

Giving him time to settle, Vee approached her car and dumped her handbag in the front passenger seat after which started the car engine, shutting the door.

"Victoria, Good to see you!" Mr Philip's cheerful voice came through as he approached her and they both met halfway.

"I can say the same about you too." They shared a half hug.

"I've been wanting to see you." She opened up to him.

"Yeah, Kathie said you were not feeling too well yesterday so you had to go home. Hope you are feeling better now?"

"Yes, I am. Thank you. She also gave me the news."

"Which of the news?"

Vee frowned a little. "There is more than one?"

Philip chuckled, "You know we have a lot of work in progress."

"I am talking about me being nominated to go to California."

"Oh, yes please, and you need to be there by Friday because you have a meeting with three clients. You and I will have a very detailed meeting to discuss the event before you go."

"About that, do you think another person can go instead of me? Maybe Ashton or Doris. I mean they are also good at what they do too."

"No, Vee. Of course not. You really need to be there. Not only are you going there to oversee things. There are also going to be a lot of negotiations to be done and we only trust you to strike an amazing deal"

"You can always take Aston or Doris with you. We will make the arrangements so you will have some sort of support over there but you really have to be there, in the company's best interests."

"Why do you look so sad about this? This project was your idea. Just that we did not pick the country you had in mind. The survey we carried out showed that California was the best place. I honestly thought you would be happy about it too as we all are."

"I...I.. am."

"I am happy."

"But you don't seem like it. If there is anything, just let me know. You know you are like a daughter to me and I respect you so much."

"Because of my health condition, I was thinking maybe you could approve Ashton or Doris to go and I could stay back here and work along with the person virtually, giving all instructions and doing all other necessary things."

"But you said you are good now. Or are you still sick? You know you can tell me anything?" Philip looked at Vee with a worried look.

"Not really. I am just getting better and the Doctor says I need to be on bed rest."

"That's sad," Philip mumbled, feeling disappointed, thinking for a while.

"But your health comes first and it is very good you consider that."

Vee nodded.

"In that case, let me know when you want to take your days off for your bed rest. I think we might just have to push this project till you are better because you really have to be there in person to put things in place."

Vicky's heart fell, not believing there was no way she could escape this."

"Anything else? Sorry for the rush, I have some things to deal with in the office before I go home."

"No, it's fine. I think....I mean I would just get back to you on the dates."

"Yes, I would really appreciate that. So I can reschedule with those we are meant to negotiate with."

"I should get going. Have a good night's rest and please take good care of yourself."

Victoria nodded, not knowing what else to say, then Philip took his leave.

She heaved a loud sigh, defeatedly making her way to the car.

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Vee had a mind-troubling ride back to her house and the moment she entered her home, she was greeted with a hug from her daughter, Sophie.

Gracie was kind enough to collect her handbag while Vee embraced her daughter well. She picked little Sophie up and pulled her into a hug. "I missed you, Mommy."

"I miss you too, my baby." Vee pulled away from the hug, kissing her cheek.

"Are you fine, do you feel good?" She caressed Sophie's cheek.

She nodded.

"Did you finish your food at school?"

"Yes," She smiled.

"How well did she do with dinner?" She asked Gracie.

"She said she was not hungry but I was able to persuade her to eat something."

Vee turned her attention back to Sophie who already had her puppy dog look on her face. "But you made me a promise that you are going to eat your food."

"I wasn't hungry Mommy, but I ate the pasta with my juice."

"Good!" She said, placing a kiss on her daughter's forehead.

"I would have put her to bed but she insisted she wanted to stay awake and that you had a surprise for her," Gracie said.

"You don't forget anything at all do you?" She said with a small smile, directing the question towards her daughter who grinned back at her.

"Where is my present?" She asked excitedly, still in her mother's arms.

"Actually it is not a present but I think you will be excited about the news."

"My birthday?!"

Vicky genuinely burst into a peal of laughter for the first time in a couple of hours.

"Thank you for reminding me of that. I will get in touch with Lara and Kathie so we can start planning your party."

"Thank you, mommy." She smiled.

Vee smiled too, kissing her cheek. For once, it felt as though she was staring at Fedora. Oscar's elder sister.



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