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sweeter and kind to me and I'm really happy about that.

Ava's POV

He has also taken me out to the beach and dinner, but he still seems a little distant to me like whenever I hug him he'd just stay sti and never hug me back, and whenever I would ask about that anonymous person he talked to that day he just would change the topic

It's been about a week since the day I told him that I loved him, to be

honest I really don't know how I said it, but I love him and he loves

me too. A lot has happened throughout this week, Carter just been

constantly. I don't know what's going on with him but I don't want to ask him too many questions and make him uncomfortable. And whenever I would walk past his room I would hear him talking to someone over the phone saying words like 'Don't do anything to her'

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or 'he's almost out I'm working on it'. Currently I'm getting ready cause Carter's parents and his sister are

them once and I don't think it was the best impression they got o me by storming out of their house. I mean me and Carter aren't o icially like in a relationship but we did have feelings towards each other. Sighing I hopped out of the shower and wrapped myself around in a flu y towel and walked out of the

bathroom and to the closet.

coming over for dinner. I'm excited but I'm nervous cause I only met

Noah was ready a while ago for this dinner and I'm guessing he's probably playing around in the living room or something. I scanned my closet and hu ed in annoyance. I should have chosen my dress yesterday night cause I'm clearly not good at picking my dress especially on the spot. A knock on the door got my attention. "Can I come in?" It was Bina's

voice. "Yeah." I smiled as she stepped in the room. "What is it? Do you

need anything?" I asked her. "No, sir told me to give this to you, he expects you to wear it." she handed me a black bag with a dress in it. 3 "Thanks" I thanked her. "Your welcome. I will leave you now to get ready. See you." she grinned and exited the room closing the door behind her. I opened the black bag and held up the dress, once I got a glimpse of the dress I gasped at the beautiful dress I was holding.

I loved it, it was simple which I adored and I looked further into the

bag and found a pair of heels. I put on the dress and heels, then I headed to the bathroom and wore a little bit of makeup, lip gloss and eyeshadow. I curled my hair a bit to give it a wavy look. A er I was finished I straightened my dress and glanced at myself in the mirror. I switched on my phone which was lying on the bathroom counter. I had received a lot of calls and messages from Sophie. I didn't speak to her since I saw her and what looked like my cousin, it

wasn't my cousin was it? It must be a look alike. I opened the

Sophie- 4 days ago Ava it's not what it looked like... I wasn't with

did Sophie know unless... that woman was actually my cousin.

Huh? I never told her about my cousin or how she disappeared. How

messages and what I saw surprised me.

Sophie - now :You'll see tomorrow.

Oh my gosh NO!

he laughed along with me.

"Why?" I asked curiously.

her teeth.

anything...

your cousin.

Sophie- 2 days ago Never mind that message... Ava are you there? **Sophie- yesterday** Don't go near him or you'll regret this. What does she mean I'll regret this? And go near who? I texted her back. **Me - now:** Hey Sophie what do you mean 'you'll regret this' She was online cause she immediately responded back with a message.

Sighing I went over to the door and stepped out of the room closing the door behind me. I walked over to Carter's room and knocked on his door and waited for a moment then the door swung open revealing Carter. He was wearing black dress pants, a buttoned white shirt and a tie. I blushed lightly and looked down but I can tell I was looking like a

tomato right now cause Carter chuckled. He placed his finger

underneath my chin to face him. "You look stunning" he kissed my

cheeks. "Thanks and you don't look too bad yourself." I laughed and

"Come in there's still one thing you need" he said dragging me by my

hand further into his room. "What?" I asked him as he pulled me in

front of his mirror and him behind me. "Close your eyes" he said.

Oh no hopefully she doesn't tell everyone about what tomorrow is!

It's a secret and I don't really celebrate it much but this girl would do

"Close em" he whispered in my ear making me shiver and so I closed a my eyes. I felt him brushing my hair to one side and placing something on my neck. "Open your eyes" he said and I slowly opened my eyes in fear of anything was about to jump out at me, but I gasped at what was around my neck, it was this gorgeous chain. a I felt Carter kissing my neck as I admired the chain around my neck. "Like it?" He asked me looking straight into my eyes. I turned around

to face him and hugged him. "I love it! But you shouldn't have" I said

"Thanks.... I love you so much." I cupped his cheeks and looked in his

eyes. "I'm so sorry" he hugged me tightly, a sad emotion lacing his

voice. "Carter why are you saying sorry to me for no reason?" I asked

Soon we had le Carter's room and entered the living room to see a

excited Noah screaming and jumping, once he saw us he ran over to

Carter and hugged his legs. "Cartee" he yelled as Carter li ed him up

him hugging him back. "I love you" He said making my heart flutter.

and he pulled back. "You look beautiful" he said smiling brightly, I

stood on my tippy toes and kissed his lips gently.

and held him and I frowned. "What about me?" I fake cried placing a hand over my heart. "Avee" He squealed raising his hands towards me I laughed and took him away from Carter. Later the bell rang and I went over to get it. It must be Carter's family. "Hi Ava!" Zoey yelled throwing her arms around me. "Hey Zoey" I pulled away from the hug as I saw her parents. "Hey Mr and Mrs. Nicholson thank you for coming." I greeted them kindly, "It's our pleasure." Mrs. Nicholson replied smiling widely showing o

"Well come in." I moved aside to let them in as they stepped into the

"Hey son" his father shook hands with him. We all headed towards

I helped Bina serve the dishes she made and sat in my seat at the

table which was between Noah and Carter. "How are you doing Ava?"

continued to eat my food. "I'm glad. I was very upset when that man,

towards you... if I would have ever known he would treat you like this

I would have not even spoken to him at all." she raged out in anger

Asher did that you and I'm disappointed by my son's behaviour

house. "Mother, father" Carter walked in and greeted them.

the dining room and seated ourselves at huge dining table.

Mrs. Nicholson asked me. "I'm doing amazing" I smiled and

glaring at Carter who held his head low.

"I know he's such a jerk" Zoey added. I held his hand under the table. "You don't need to get mad at Carter, he helped me and comforted me when I was hurt a-and alone" Carter grinned at me and I smiled at him, he looked at his parents which were sitting opposite to us. "Father, mother and Zoey, I have something to tell you." he glanced at me nervously squeezing my hand tightly.

I all of a sudden felt nervous too. "What is it?" Mr. Nicholson asked

I gripped Carter hands tightly not being able to take any of the

silence, but Noah out of nowhere started giggling. I looked over to

"Avee and Cartee!" he squealed hugging me sideways. "Yayyy!" He

other." I blurted out. The whole room went silent.

him as he continued to giggle like it was hilarious.

eagerly. "Um-uh...w-w-well" Carter stuttered, I don't know where my

confidence came from but I finished his sentence. "We both love each

giggled screaming in happiness. a I was beginning to think that Carter's parents or Zoey didn't like the fact that I and Carter loved each other. "I'm sorry if you don't agree to to our feelings but I love him and will always." my eyes glossed over and a tear escaped my eye. á Carter seemed to notice me crying so he kissed my palm gently. "It's true, I do love her with all my heart" he glanced at his parents who looked at us in complete shock. "Oh my god finally you told her" Zoey

yelled in excitement, I gave her a confused look. "What do you

mean?" I asked frowning. "Carter told me about his feelings towards

you before" she laughed and I looked at Carter to see him blushing.

"Do you love her son? I don't want you to break another girl's heart...

"Yes I do father" Carter replied. "I agree to your feelings towards each

I would never leave Carter, whoever this her is, I would never leave

and Ava is the most kind hearted person I've met." Mr. Nicholson

other just hopefully she doesn't leave you like her Mr. Nicholson

"We all respect your decision's and I absolutely love Ava, she is

perfect for you." Mrs. Nicholson finally spoke up. I blushed and

smiled at us, I furrowed my eyebrows.

spoke.

Carter.

everyone laughed at me.

towards his room.

on the edge of his bed.

We finished our food and talked for a while before Carter's parents thought that it was late and decided to go home, soon they le and I was le alone with Carter since Noah had already fallen asleep ages ago and Bina had to take him to bed. I squealed when I felt arms around my waist li ing me up from the floor. "You have no idea how happy I am now." he kissed my cheeks and lips and spun me around in the air before put me down. "Will you be my girlfriend?" He asked me flashing me his gorgeous smile. I nodded happily "Yeah I would love to"

He kissed me again but we interrupted by his phone ringing, he

checked his phone and his eyes opened wide in fear ?"Carter what's

wrong?" I asked him as to why his expressions changed so suddenly.

He just asked me to be his girlfriend and I said yes! I feel like I'm in

I walked to his room and stopped outside his room to check up on

alone" he said and that's when I knew something wasn't right. "I told

I opened the door and went in. But I was not happy with what I saw,

Carter had his head in his hands shaking and trembling as he leaned

him. "It's d-done" I heard Carter's mu led voice. "Now leave her

you to leave her" his voice slightly shaking.

Maybe he is stressed out or something...

helped him get to his bed and tucked him in.

with wrapping his arm around my waist.

darkness consumed me.

of time? Is he alright? Who was the person on the phone?

heaven right now, but why did he change his expressions in a matter

"I gotta take this... I'll be back" He pecked my cheek and headed o

I ran over to him and held him in my arms. "What's wrong?" I asked him saying sweet nothings into his ear to comfort him. "It's over" he leaned into my embrace. I slowly took his hands o his face. "I'm s-s-so s-sorry" he stuttered. "Why are you sorry?" I asked him, he keeps on saying sorry for no reason and I wanna know why. "I'm sorry" he said as I hugged him tighter.

I kissed his lips so ly to calm him down and he kissed back as he

cupped my face and le kisses in my forehead, cheeks and lips.

"I love you so much" he caressed my hair while he kissed my neck.

"Love you too" I smiled at him. A er a while he calmed down and I

I kissed his forehead and turned to leave when he grabbed my hands

nodded as he pulled me towards him, we both laid down on his bed

"Goodnight love." Carter whispered in my ear, his breath fanning my

neck. I began to close my eyes. "Goodnight" I said before the

and spoke. "Stay with me?" He asked laying kisses on my arm. I

Sophie's POV I called Julianna to ask if everything according to the plan worked, it took a few rings before she answered the call. "Is everything done Julianna?" I asked her and she laughed.

terrified." she kept laughing in joy. "Is he mine now?" I asked. "Who?

"We'll do something about her... does she know that I'm her cousin."

wasn't my fault... and anyway she didn't understand what I meant in

Julianna said and I gulped. "Maybe I said something like that but it

"What's wrong with you? You could've been caught!" she roared

making me flinch. "It's alright she doesn't know... but we have to do

Carter? Yeah he's all yours now." she chuckled and I smiled. "Well

"Yea Carter released Asher, good job on the poison Carter got

what about Ava? She's in the way" I asked her sternly.

the text message "I tried to reason Julianna.

poisoned Ava, finally I'll get my love back.

How was Sophie's POV?

Until then byee: D

I'll see you in the next chapter,

something to get rid of her" I said thinking of a way to trap Ava. She was never my friend. The first time I met her she was nice. I liked her but she would always get the attention of every guy I liked, and now she has Carter, the man I truly love but I'm not gonna let her go that easily so I found out about Julianna cause I saw her spying on Ava while we went shopping together for her stupid ball dress thing. I

and Julianna planned everything out to blackmail Carter and I

Julianna cleared her throat. "You figure it out. I've got a lot to do

I was thinking of a way to get Ava out of Carter's life cause he's mine

now." she hung up on me and I slammed my phone on my bed.

and I'll get what's mine even if it means to kill Ava. Then an idea

popped to my mind. It'll break Ava's heart which is what I need. I let out an evil chuckle. Ava you'll regret ever going near my love and I'll make sure if it. This is going to tear you apart and that is exactly what I want. How was that chapter? Any thoughts?

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