

## Blacked out - 37

### Ava's POV

#### A few minutes earlier...

I was searching for Noah everywhere but I can't find him. I checked in the store rooms, the hallways, and the other rooms but still no sign of him. I made sure to check underneath tables and chairs hoping Noah would be hiding there cause he is sneaky and likes to play around sometimes.

I was supposed to be in the middle of the speeches listening to Mr. Cooper and the company that the restaurant is going to collaborate with. I still can't find Noah and I'm beginning to get worried.

An unsettling feeling erupted in me as I double checked the place. I made sure to tell the staff to make announcements for Noah. My eyes began watering as scary thoughts conquered my mind.

What if Noah went missing? Noah definitely wouldn't had left me. He is here somewhere, I can feel it.

I dialed Rose's phone number so that I can tell her about the situation, she lifted the call after 2 rings: "Hey Ava any luck in finding Noah yet?" She asked me as I walked around the hallways looking for Noah. "N-no I can't find him anywhere. Rose I'm really scared he doesn't know his way around this place!" I tensed up. I had reached the stage room where the speeches were taken place in.

"Calm down Ava. I checked the kitchen but he is not here, he must be somewhere around the place, did you look everywhere?" she asked me and I had realized that I didn't check the stage room. I took in a deep breath "I didn't look in the stage room." I peered at the huge crowd through the glass door. My eyes scanning the crowd if there was Noah, I was too lost to see who was on the stage speaking.

"Look in there and if you don't find him then call me. I'll check for him once again around the kitchen." she said and I heard rustling over the phone indicating that she was moving around. "Okay call you later." I cut the call not leaving my gaze on the crowd as I pushed open the glass doors and stepped inside the stage room.

Laughter and clapping blasted around the room. I was still looking at every single person in the crowd too busy to even look at the stage. I brushed through people checking if there was any child here with blond hair like Noah's. But in return I got a lot of confused looks on people.

I stumbled upon something behind me, it felt like a wall but I didn't remember seeing any wall here considering I'm in the middle of the room. I shut my eyes and waited for the impact to come but it never did. I felt hands on my arm preventing me from falling onto the floor.

I slowly opened my eyes as they immediately met with green ones.

He is here...

Carter is actually here, he is really here and I am definitely not hallucinating...

### Carter's POV

I kept staring deep into her gray eyes for god knows how long and I felt her doing the same thing too but reflecting hurt in return. "Let me go" she scowled at me. She turned her head away from me when there was a throat clearing.

I never took my gaze off her. She struggled against my tight hold on her upper arm but I still didn't let go. "I see you've met the organizer of this event." Mr. Cooper chuckled lightly and it was my turn to look at him.

"This is Ava, the organizer of this event, and Ava dear, this is Carter Nicholson the CEO of Nicholson enterprises. I haven't seen you dear anywhere during the speeches... where were you?" Ava pushed me away from her and the scowl on her face was replaced with a forced smile, whilst I stumbled slightly but balanced myself.

I was about to tell Mr. Cooper that I knew Ava already but she bet me to it. "Good to meet you Mr. Nicholson. I'm really sorry that I wasn't able to attend the speeches cause I was busy." she explained not truthfully. "I'm gonna have to excuse myself now." without another word she turned on her heels and sprinted away like she was in a hurry.

"I think she has something urgent to deal with in the preparations however she puts in her best effort." I wasted no time in ignoring Mr. Cooper and ran behind Ava. I know that was disrespectful but I think Ava needs explain why she left me and I'm not letting her go this time.

Ava zoomed off into the hallways as her sobs echoed around them I was just a few steps behind her. "Ava stop!" I yelled following her tracks. "Ava please stop!" I caught hold of her arm and spun her around. She clenched her eyes shut sobbing as her hair fell all over her face.

"Look at me and tell me why you left me." I said sternly hoping she would open her eyes but all she did was cry harder.

I know this will frighten her but it's the only way she'll listen to me or else she'd run away once again giving me no explanation. I'm very close and I need answers....

My eyes softened looking at her horrified ones.

"Why did you leave me Ava? You know I searched for you everywhere and I finally found you after 2 months. I thought you loved me. I love you so, so much." with that I descended my lips to hers.

She didn't respond to my kiss, instead she pushed me away for her with all her strength and wiped her tears away. Her chest heaved up and down in anger. "No you don't! You lied to me!" she glared at me with full rage. "What do you mean?" I asked in a broken voice.

"I don't want to see your face ever again." she screamed then once again turned around running away and leaving me completely dumbfounded.

Lies? Ava was never any of these words, I've never lied to her about my love...

I gathered all my strength and began to run after her but a hand on my shoulder stopped me. I turned to look at who it was and to my relief it was Jacob wearing a sad look. "Jacob look she ran away! We need to catch up with her!" I panicked, I'm not letting Ava go.

"Let her go, she needs time for herself. She left you cause she saw you and I think she got scared." he smiled sadly before patting me back in comfort, I shook my head. "No! I am looking for her now." I stubbornly said and walked away from him and into the hallways yelling for Ava on the top of my lungs.

Where are you Ava? I need you back.

Please come back or I won't be able to bear the pain of losing you again.

### Ava's POV

I dashed through different rooms and corridors, crying. I was leaning against a wall, sobbing like crazy.

How could he even say that he loved me when he clearly didn't that day?

All of these lies do nothing but just break me more....

Tears sprang to my eyes as I wiped them away. I quickly hid in a room behind the door so that Carter won't find me.

I wish mom and dad were here.

I wouldn't have even been in this place and instead I would be with my family. Me, mom, dad and Noah.

Where's Noah? I need to find him! He could be anywhere now!

I heard quiet rustling beside me as sweat beads formed on my forehead. I couldn't see who it was cause the room was dark.

"Carter?" I whispered slowly thinking it was him. Footsteps emerged closer towards me as I wrapped my arms around me in a protective way.

"Who's there?" I asked increasing my voice.

The person chuckled. "Ava, still haven't changed have you?" I shivered when the person that was definitely not Carter touched my neck.

"Who are you?" I trembled uncontrollably.

"Your bestie." The person said and then I felt a sting in my neck before I completely blacked out.

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**How was that chapter?**

**Any thoughts?**

**I'll see you in the next chapter,**

**Until then byee :D**

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