

Chapter 18

"You're indeed a crazy woman to have a lot of courage to say that and deny knowing me." His voice was so thick with restrained anger, no one had ever spoken like this and this Eva's second time speaking to him in such a casual manner. Nathalia nearly ran out of the boutique in fear, why did her cousin have to pick a fight with her best friend.

But Eva was used to these types of men who thought that their intimidating and daunting stare could make a woman run for their life. All of the times Mark had glared and threatened her had toughened her skin. Eva was lethargic and apathetic to this kind of behavior.

She can't deny the fact that this man did it better than Mark, but who cares?

"I don't think I'm obliged to know you when I don't. As for the fact that called me a crazy woman, I will let it go this time." Eva remarked, ignoring the warning bell in her head and the obvious red flag waving in front of her.

Nathalia stood frozen in shock. On one hand, she was extremely satisfied with what had just happened. No one ever had the guts to tell the great Damien Cross that they don't know who he is right in his face, and her best friend just shamed him with ease without flinching. Not even her who was mostly doted on by Damien dared to speak to him

that way.

"That's my baby Eva for you." Nathalia cheered proudly in her head. However, the moment she realizes how much trouble Eva would be in, her excitement dies down.

"Let's go, Nathalia." Eva said as she grabbed Nathalia's hand and dragged her away before Damien could say anything.

Nathalia quickly snuck a glance at her cousin's expression. Instead of the sheer hatred or terrifying expression she was expecting he would have, his expression was just....just blank.

The edge of lips pulled into a smirk, his eyes flashing and glowing with both mischief and mirth. "That daring woman." He muttered as he stared at the direction where Eva and Nathalia walked away.

Eva let out a huge sigh of relief when she was finally able to get back into the car with Nathalia.

The day had just gotten a lot worse for her, she didn't expect that she would ever see the man she had a one night stand with after so many months. 'Besides, what does he mean by I finally you? Has he been searching for me all these months? Nonsense..... that's not possible!' Eva thought.

Nathalia glanced at her best friends beside her and saw that she was in daze. She still couldn't understand what transpired between Eva and her cousin earlier. 'Do those two know each other or what?'

"Are you okay? Eva?! Evangeline!!" Nathalia snapped her fingers in front of Eva's eyes bringing her back to reality.

"Huh? What did you say?" Eva jolted awake and turned to look at Nathalia.

"Nothing, are you okay? You look out of it for a while. What was that earlier with the lady named Trish?" Nathalia asked. She didn't want to ask Eva about Damien yet because she was sure that there is a lot of hidden story behind and she would like to be comfortable if she was going to gear it.

"What do you mean?" Eva tilted her head, confused by what she meant.

"Yes, why did she acknowledge you earlier? She didn't seem like she had some grudges against you." Nathalia remarked, when she saw Trish nodded at Eva she was surprised because she was expecting all the henchmen of Christine to be bitches just like the other two.

"Oh, that. Let's just say that I had helped her....well you can't say I helped her though. That day she was being bullied by Lydia and her minions and I happened to be around the area so I had the urge to piss off Lydia that day which made me intervene in the conversation." Eva explained.

"So, tell me you won against those sly bitches?" Nathalia asked, of course she knew who Lydia was and just like Eva, both she and Lydia always have it in each other whenever they cross paths.

Hearing Nathalia's question, Eva burst into a fit of laughter, making Nathalia raise an eyebrow seeing how her friend was laughing so hard to the brink of tears. "What's wrong?"

"I told you that I had a fight with some ladies and the first thing you did was ask if I won. I thought you were going to scold me for fighting in a public place." Wiping the tears in eyes, Eva replied, chuckling a bit. 1

"Tch....you know how much that girl annoys me. So it's only right I ask if you won cause if you didn't I would have definitely scolded you." Nathalia fumed as she crossed her arms in front of her chest.

"You bet I'd lose. I always win no matter what. So I guess Trish saw me as her savior that day but honestly I wasn't trying to help her. I was just having fun pissing Lydia off, so it's likely she remembered that day." Eva remarked while shrugging her shoulders.

"You're really something." Nathalia remarked. She didn't bother to ask about how Eva had offended both Reah and Sil because she was there when the incident happened. 2

Nathalia was about to say something when her cell phone buzzed in her hand, she quickly unlocked the screen and saw it was a text message. However, when Nathalia saw the name ID of the number, she nearly threw her cellphone out the window.

[Cousin: Make sure you don't reveal my identity as your

cousin to your friend or say your goodbyes to your career]

Nathalia's face turned grim as she gulped forcefully. 'I should change his name to 'Evil cousin. Who threatens someone with their career?'

"Are you okay?" Eva asked when she saw the dark expression on Nathalia's face.

"N-nothing, so should we still go out and have lunch or what?"

"Nathalia replied with a smile as she quickly diverted Eva's attention.

"I'm tired already after all this, so let's just go home and order something online or we can cook. I think Gwen stocked the refrigerator with groceries two days ago." Eva responded in a lazy tone.

"That's cool, that way we can have enough time for you to try out the dress we bought. I can't wait to see you in all of them." Nathalia agreed to Eva's suggestion because she was more excited for Eva to try the dresses out.

"Ugh, you're so obsessed with dressing me up, don't you have better things to do than that?" Eva grumbled as she rested her head on the window staring at the outside view.

"I have all the time in the world for you, and lucky you, this best friend of yours took a whole day off to spend with you so be a tad grateful, huh?" Nathalia shamelessly replied in a boasting manner.

"Grateful? I'd be if you hadn't ruined my sleep." Eva snorted causally.

"C'mon, don't be like that, you know it was for your own good." Nathalia moved closer to Eva, wrapping her hand round her arm as she rested her head on her shoulder.

Eva was speechless at her friend's clingy attitude but didn't say anything since this is how they usually behave whenever it was just the two of them. If people were to see them like this they would actually think they were in relationship, but neither of them cared about what people thought.

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