Chapter 24: This Was A Date?

While being guided by Kyle behind her back, Gabrielle placed her hand on her chest. She could literally feel her heart pounding against it.

'Why on earth did Kyle bring me to his parent's house? What for? Aren't we supposed to meet his girlfriend?' Her mind pondered around these thoughts.

As they were standing there by the mansion's vast door, she could feel herself chickening out and running towards the gate.

Just as she was thinking this, the door opened, and a woman in her fifties came out. She had beautiful blue eyes that sparkled against the lights. Her golden curls flowing down to her shoulders, and she had a body like a young lady in her thirties.

Instantly, Gabrielle silently expressed, 'Wow!'

Gabrielle observed as the woman smiled at her and cheerfully asked, "You must be Gaby?!"

The woman embraced her lovingly, like she was an old acquaintance, and pulled away after five long seconds. She heard the woman sigh and said, "You know, Gaby. I've been longing for the day my son would bring home a sweet and beautiful lady like you into our home."

"My name is Samantha and you can call me aunt Sam," Kyle's mother said. "Thank you for coming and joining us for dinner tonight."

Gabrielle felt her face flushed, hearing this from Kyle's mother. At the same time, she could not help but admire the beauty of Samantha Wright. Moreover, she clearly saw how Samantha looked so elegant and refined.

"I." Gabrielle glanced sideways at Kyle, secretly reminding him that he never told her where they were going. "I'm sorry... Kyle did not really inform me we were seeing you. I could have brought some gifts."

She saw how Samantha Wright glared at Kyle for a second and then heard her say, "Sweetheart. It's okay. You don't need to give me gifts!"

Samantha gently rubbed on Gabrielle's shoulders and suggested, "You are the best gift."

Before Kyle could explain himself, another beautiful lady came rushing to the door. Before she appeared, they heard a woman's voice essentially squeaking in excitement! "Is she here? Is she here?"

Kyle's sister, Sarah Kate, came out with gleaming eyes! Her smile reaching from ear to ear at the sight of Gabrielle!

Kate immediately hugged Gabrielle and exclaimed, "You're here! I was so excited, I've been bugging my brother about you the whole day!"

"Brother?" Gabrielle asked while standing froze at the unexpected welcome from Kyle's sister.

After Kate let go of Gabrielle, Kyle studied her expression as

he explained, "Gaby, this is Kate, my younger sister. She was the one at the penthouse yesterday."

A smirk became painted on Kyle's face when he added, "She is... not my girlfriend." 4

At Kyle's revelation, Gabrielle felt her face burn. She was almost certain her cheeks turned twice the shade darker. If it wasn't rose pink, she was probably, at that point, looking bloody red! She was, apparently, jealous for nothing!

"Haha!" Kate laughed at the brief tale of Kyle. She turned her attention to Gabrielle and explained, "It's okay. I get that all the time. Many girls think I'm Kyle's girlfriend because I am the only woman who was ever seen next to him!"

She leaned forward to Gabrielle and revealed in a whisper, "
The truth is, he uses me to push admirers away!" Kate held
on to both of Gabrielle's wrists and said, "But not you! Come,
I have something for you!"

Without another word, Kate brought Gabrielle inside the mansion. They went past several corners of the estate and eventually arriving at Kate's room.

"Mom and I prepared gifts for you," revealed Kate.

"Gifts?" Gabrielle asked, raising a brow before faintly saying, "
You - you did not have to."

"Yes! And mom will be here with more!" Told Kate. She rushed to the bed where several boxes were ready and opened one jewelry box. "It's a charm bracelet! I have one too, except mine has the letters SK. My other sister, Kenzie, Kyle's twin, has only K."

She handed one to Gabrielle and said, "Yours have G." Kate shrugged and added, "After all, we are bound to become sisters!"

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"I was so thrilled when Kyle told me we have the same size! I had my agent shopper get me a couple of clothes that would perfectly suit your style at school!" Kate began unwrapping one box to another, showing Gabrielle some casual clothes with skirts and long pants to pair!

When Samantha joined them, she was presented with several perfumes, bath soap, moisturizers, and other pampering products. As they gathered around Kate's bed, Samantha told Gabrielle, "This one. Use this at night, and I guarantee you, my son will not stop embracing you!"

While Samantha and Kate laughed boisterously, Gabrielle's lips unwittingly turned into an "O" at the thought of Kyle hugging her endlessly.

"Let's do a pampering session this Saturday and book an entire day at the spa!" Kate suggested. "After that, Kyle will want to take you on a week's worth of date!"

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"Surprise him with his favorite food once in a while - he likes seafood a lot," told Samantha. "Just remember, he does not like the taste of soy."

"Kyle will probably not tell you outright when he is disappointed, but you can tell by his actions and his mood," added Samantha.

It was because Samantha had long been so worried that her son truly had no interest in women at all. Worse, may have a permanent erectile dysfunction that she could not help herself. She went on and on talking about how Gabrielle can further coax her son.

"When Kyle is grumpy or not in the mood, may it be workrelated or not, just remember to give him puppy eyes, pout your lips, wrapped your arms around him, and say." Samantha acted in the most sensual way and added, " Anything I can help you with?"

After a giggle escaped her lips, Samantha winked at Gabrielle and said, "Works all the time with my husband. You see, Kyle takes a lot from his father... Men like my husband and my son, they could never stay angry at the woman they adore... and that's you, Gaby."

Just when Gabrielle was feeling completely overwhelmed, she heard a knock on the door. A woman in her eighties, walking in with a walking stick, entered and inquired, "My back is not in its best today, but I heard Kyle brought a date, so I just had to come over. Where is my future granddaughter-in-law?"

"Grandma!" Exclaimed Kate.

While Samantha and Kate aided the old lady. Gabrielle felt her face flushing again. She silently asked herself, 'I was a date? This was a date?'

Chapter 25: I Desire You

"Mwah! Beautiful! Beautiful!" Gabrielle received not only hugs from the old lady but kisses on her cheeks.

A smile easily manifested on her face when Kyle's grandma lifted her chin and said, "Young and beautiful. My grandson sure knows how to choose."

"This is grandma Amanda," introduced Kate. "She's Dad's mom. You'll meet my other grandma when they will be back from their vacation."

Now, with all four of them settled on the bed, Amanda inquired, "Now, child, tell me about yourself. What do you do? Your parents and where do you live?"

Gabrielle's eyes widened. She pursed her lips, looking at the other two ladies, eagerly waiting for her answer.

"Um, I'm still studying," Gabrielle answered delicately. "I - I could not finish my degree earlier because I was working at the same time."

"Oh, I like a hard worker," remarked Samantha, sitting behind Amanda.

Gabrielle looked down with a smile, thinking Samantha's reaction was not what she expected. She had long imagined meeting rich people and looking down on her.

When she glanced back up again, she explained, "It's because both my parents are already dead. My dad passed

away when I was young and my Mom as well when I was sixteen years old."

"Oh, my goodness. You poor child." The old lady grabbed her hand and said, "You must have gone through a lot."

Samantha, on the other hand, rose from the bed and settled opposite to Gabrielle and suggested, "You must have struggled, being by yourself. How did you manage? Do you have anybody helping you?"

Gabrielle narrated how her aunt aided her at first and then kicked her out when she was eighteen. She explained how she secured a scholarship at Braeton University and how she pretty much worked to pay for rent and her other needs.

"Right now, I." Feeling her cheeks burn again, she admitted, " I'm working for Kyle, looking after his penthouse. So... I get free food and accommodation from him."

"Well!" Samantha leaned back, thinking. "You probably caught his eye, and he employed you! It's not like him at all to hire a woman!"

"Either way, we are glad that you arrived in my brother's life," added Kate with a smile.

"Gaby, dear." Samantha reached for Gabrielle's shoulder and gently caressed it. She said, "I know how it feels like to long for your parents. The pain and the tears... I - I could never go back to such a state."

Samantha became teary-eyed before she added, "It's a long story, but I once lost my parents - not to death but from unlikely circumstance and while I got them back, I know exactly how it must have been difficult for you." 3

Looking deeply into Gabrielle's eyes, Kyle's mother added, "If you need a shoulder to cry on, someone to look up to, like your mother." She placed a hand on her chest and said, "You can consider me as your second mom."

"And me! A grandma!" Suggested Amanda Wright.

"And a sister!" Kate also added.

Gabrielle pursed her lips for a second, but it quickly shifted into a smile.

She did not know what just happened, but their genuine gestures absolutely touched her heart. Stuttering through her words, she admitted, "I - I." She could feel her eyes water before she finally spoke, "I don't know what to say."

"Say yes!" Said Samantha. "I just met you, but I feel it... I like you and I relate to you so much."

"A girl that finally awakened my grandson's interest is definitely a granddaughter-in-law material!" Declared Amanda.

Kate giggled from behind the two ladies and announced, "And I'm sure Kenzie and I agree!"

The rest of the conversation turned lighter by the minute as Gabrielle became more and more comfortable around the Wrights.

Nearly an hour passed since Gabrielle was taken to Kate's room, Samantha checked the time and said, "Dinner is probably ready." She smiled at Gabrielle and asked, "Are you ready to meet Dad?"

"Your grandpa is also downstairs, eager to meet you!"

Amanda added with a beaming smile.

Feeling her ears warm, Gabrielle first bit her lip before echoing, "Dad and Grandpa?" She grinned and said, "You know right that Kyle and I... We - we are not in a relationship. "

The three other ladies chuckled and soon Samantha replied, "Oh, we know, but my son likes you. It won't be long now."

"Yeah, you look cute together. And besides... What's not to like about my brother, Gaby?" Kate asked with a teasing grin.

All the more, Gabrielle blushed at the suggestion. For a moment, she was lost for words but then she collected herself and affirmed, "Ummm... He is... well achieved, fit and... very handsome."

Once again, she heard giggles from the other ladies and Amanda suggested, "You can never go wrong with my grandson and if he dares to make you cry, I will spank him!"

Samantha chuckled and said, "He won't make you cry." She leaned over and proudly told, "I raised him well."

Arriving at the dining table, Gabrielle was briefly introduced to the men of the Wrights.

She received nothing but praises from Kyle's grandfather, Daniel Wright, and Kaleb Wright. When her attention shifted to Ethan Wright, she could feel her hands turn cold, but

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soon, Kyle's father extended his hand to her and said, " Welcome, Gaby. It's nice to meet you."

After shaking Ethan's hand, she heard him ask, "It was I who insisted on inviting you for dinner. I hope that my wife had made your stay very comfortable so far."

Gabrielle glanced at Kyle from a distant table and answered, "Yes, I feel very welcome. Thank you, Mister Wright."

Ethan also looked in Kyle's direction before he returned his attention back to Gabrielle. He then revealed, "It's time we return you to your date. I noticed how my son can't stand to be away from you... too long."

Kyle himself walked around the table and took her hand, and as he guided Gabrielle to her seat, he whispered in her ear, "How are you?"

Gabrielle only had a smile on her face, shown to Kyle's family. As soon as they sat, she leaned over and faintly asked, "Kyle... How is it that you brought me on a date without asking me?"

Chills ran down her spine the second Kyle turned to her and whispered back, pressing his lips against her ear. "I'm sorry, but now you know... that you are my date and I..." He breathed against her delicate skin and finally said, "I'm sure you know by now that... I desire you."