

## Chapter 27: The Second Kiss

"Don't forget these!" Kate Wright rushed to the door while Kyle's family bid goodbye to Gabrielle. She was bringing with her several shopping bags containing gifts!

Humbly accepting the presents, Gabrielle smiled and said, "Thank you so much for these. I've... I have never received so many gifts in my life."

"Awww." Kyle's mother sighed. She promptly embraced Samantha and said, "No, Gaby... Thank you. You have no idea how you brought me so much joy."

"Ahem," Samantha faintly said, "And relief."

Gabrielle did not fully understand, but she simply delighted in the blessings she received that day. More than just the gifts, she felt she gained new friends and maybe even... a family.

At ten in the evening, the ride back to the penthouse was smooth and quick. The entire time, Gabrielle kept smiling, thinking back at her experience with Kyle's family. She also frequently turned to Kyle while he often held her hand.

She felt like she was on cloud nine at that very moment!

She could feel butterflies in her stomach and the same fluttering sensation in her chest!

'Is this for real? How can someone like Kyle want me?' She asked herself before looking at her hand, pondering, 'Kyle's hands are soft... so soft and it's holding mine.'

"What are you thinking?" Kyle asked, looking sideways at her blushing face.

For a second, Gabrielle peered at the rearview mirror. Since Hank was there to drive them, she did not have the courage to discuss Kyle's earlier confession. She simply smiled at him before replying, "I'll tell you when we get home, but... thank you, Kyle, for introducing me to your family."

"Hmmm," Kyle answered before gripping tighter on her hand.

Heartbeats later, Kyle and Gabrielle entered the penthouse with a hotel staff, aiding in carrying the bags.

The two of them waited until the bellboy left, and only then did they begin a series of awkward stares and varied expressions.

Standing face to face, Gabrielle could feel her face warm as Kyle took a step closer to her.

"Gaby, about earlier." Kyle first spoke. He found himself standing half a meter apart from her and reached for her hand. He resumed, "About earlier. What I said was true."

Flickering her eyes repeatedly, Gabrielle looked up to Kyle's dark brown eyes and easily got lost at the intensity of his gaze. For seconds, she was lost for words.

"I meant what I said," she heard him say. "I - I like you and I want you."

Only after bringing herself back to her senses did Gabrielle respond, "I was just wondering Kyle... Why - why me?"

She resumed with a jest, saying, "I mean, I know I am a beauty, but I don't belong in your circle. Are you sure, Kyle?" 5

With a frown, Kyle was quick to answer, "I'm sure by now you know... social status is not a concern in my family."

Kyle did not look away. His eyes were glued to her as he explained further, "I want you because... you awakened something in me that no other women have and the more I got to know you, I became more and more certain of how I want to be with you." 6

He caressed her face and pushed back a strand of her hair and added, "I can't explain it."


Of course, he could not dare tell her how he has had an erection problem and that he seemed to react only to Gabrielle! 4

"You... you stir me in ways you can't imagine," he admitted. "And since I met you - moved into my home and even as we stand here face to face, I have been wanting to do something." 3

"Wh - what?" Gabrielle asked, feeling all the more nervous. She unwittingly bit her lip and easily noticed how Kyle's eyes

narrowed in the same direction.

"Gaby, can I." He leaned closer before finally asking, "Can I kiss you?"

Yet again, Gabrielle felt goosebumps all over her body. The closeness of Kyle, his breath against her face, practically provoked all the animals in her stomach! They were no longer butterflies but an entire zoo of howling animals cheering her on! 

'Can he kiss me? Do I want to kiss him?' She deliberated on these thoughts while gawking at Kyle's handsome face. 'Oh, hell, yes I do!'

Another inch closer to her face, and Kyle asked again, "Can I, Gaby?"

Hearing no answer from her, Kyle went ahead, closing the gap between them and sealed her lips with a kiss!

At first touch, both of their eyes unknowingly closed!

Kyle's hands reached for her delicate face while Gabrielle grabbed on to his coat.

At the second, yet gentle peck, Gabrielle gasped and pulled him closer to her. Kyle, on the other hand, settled his hand at the back of her neck.

From simple smacks, their kisses easily deepened as both their mouths parted to accommodate each other's intrusion!

Soon their tongues became intertwined and their lips were glowing in their own moisture!

With their flavors exchanged, the two were drowned in a sweet and passionate kiss!

While remaining in their stance, Gabrielle and Kyle made out, lasting for nearly two minutes! They only pulled away, utterly out of breath, yet clearly still hungry for more.

Kyle still held on to Gabrielle tightly. He relished on one and then another soft peck. He smiled, letting out a breath against her forehead, and gave it a kiss. He then declared, "Gaby... you are mine now." 6

Gabrielle was still settling her emotions and the drumming of her chest when he spoke. Her blush turned a shade darker before looking back up at him. After some time, she faintly answered, "Well... I better... I mean... you already kissed me." 3

Kyle's lips curved up into a smile before he bent over again and covered her lips.

They kissed for a few seconds more, and after pulling away, Gabrielle rested on Kyle's sturdy chest. She remarked, "That was an amazing kiss... for our first."

In response, Kyle embraced her securely and pecked on her forehead again. He smirked and then revealed, "The first was what made me want you... It was equally amazing. This second kiss is definitely... a defining moment." 4

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Gabrielle first let it sink into her head, but after some time, she pulled away from Kyle's hold, utterly bemused. She clarified with a brow raised, "This second kiss?"

"Yes," Kyle answered with a grin on his face, "Gaby, the first was when you were wearing your sapphire blue dress, walking up to me in the hotel lobby... and kissing me out of nowhere." 3

Gabrielle's eyes widened! Her heart was going wild!

She took a step back and screamed, "You remember?!!!" 15

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