## **Nobody Don't Dance No More**

"Happy birthday!" I hear Cindy shout through the phone.

"Thank you Cindy, but you don't think you could've called a little later?" I laugh.

"What! No! I had to call at exactly 3:28 when you were born!" Cindy screams excitedly.

"Well, thanks," I laugh.

"What should we do,"

"Well, how about you let me sleep and then we can talk," I yawn.

"Yes! sorry! I'm just so excited, it's my best friends seventeenth birthday! One more year until you're a legal adult!" Cindy excitedly remarks.

"Jeez, I think you're a little more excited than I am,"

"Get some rest, happy birthday!" Cindy speaks and hangs up.

I just laugh to myself. I sigh and fall back asleep.

I wake up and check my phone, no text.

I sigh and get ready, as I put makeup on I hear my window open. I see Ben walk behind me, I look at him through the mirror.

"Good morning," I smile.

"Happy birthday baby," Ben puts his hands on my hips and kisses my cheek. "Ew look at all the makeup that came o your face onto my lips," Ben makes a face.

"Oh hush, I gotta look good somehow," I laugh.

"You look better without make up," Ben chuckles.

"You look better when you don't comment on it," I challenge.

"Touché, anyway, happy birthday," Ben smiles, I turn my face and kiss his lips.

"Thank you,"

I finish getting ready, grabbing my stu and walking downstairs.

"Happy birthday honey!" My mom smiles an kisses my cheek.

"Thank you mom,"

My mom grabs a small wrapped box and hands it to me.

"Open it,"

I unwrap the box. I open it and inside is a beautiful necklace, a chain with a gold heart.

"Awh mom! It's beautiful, I love it," I hug her.

She puts it on me.

"You two have a good day, especially you hun," She kisses my cheek.

Ben and I leave for school.

We arrive at school and I see Cindy.

"Cindy!" I smile.

"There's the birthday girl!!" She screams.

"Jeez scream that any louder," I laugh.

"It's Veronica's birthday?" Amanda approaches us.

"Yep!" Cindy grins.

"Everybody sing happy birthday for Veronica!" Amanda shouts, smiling at me.

Everyone in the hall begins to sing to me. My face becomes hot and most likely red as a tomato. Ben hugs me close to his side and sings extra loud.

"Thank you," I laugh, as everyone finishes singing.

We walk to our first class and sit down.

"You are a special kind of singer Ben," I laugh at him.

"I know right, aren't I just the best," Ben grins.

"You could say that," I make fun of him.

"Roni! I have something for you," Cindy goes into her bookbag and grabs a little box.

"Oh, thank you,"

I open it, inside is a Pandora charm bracelet, there's charms with mine and her's initials.

"Oh my, Cindy I love it, thank you!" I hug her.

"Look under the box," She smirks at me.

I look under and see a condom.

"Uh," I laugh not knowing what to say.

"It's for you and Ben!" Cindy giggles like a little kid.

Ben laughs, I look at him and awkwardly laugh as well.

"Hey, I'm just thinking ahead for you two," She wiggles her eyebrows goofily.

"Thanks," I laugh.

Honestly I can't imagine sleeping with Ben like I used to think about sleeping with other guys.

It's di erent with Ben, it's not lust that I feel with him, like I didn't with the other guys.

I want it to be meaningful and not forced with him.

We get through the day and now I'm home getting ready for mine and Ben's date.

I hear my phone go o , I grab it, hoping it's from him.

But it's just from someone at school. I sigh and throw it back on my bed, I hear my door open and in comes mom.

"What do you think?" I ask my mom.

She places her hands on my shoulders and smiles at me through the mirror.

"You look wonderful honey," She gushes.

"Thank you mom," I smile.

"Happy birthday sweetie,"

"Thank you,"

"I love you," She kisses me cheek.

"Love you too mom,"

Silence falls over as I finish getting ready.

"Ben just makes me so happy," I tell her out of the blue, smiling.

"I'm glad he's making you happy, I'm sure you make him very happy, I really like Ben as well,"

"I can't explain it, I just melt whenever I see him, I love him," I say.

"Have you told him?"

"Yes, he was the first to say it,"

"Well, that's great! Just, try not to get ahead of yourselves," She kisses my cheek.

We hear the door bell ring.

"That must be Ben!" I say, fixing my hair.

## **Ben's POV**

I stand outside of Veronica's house, waiting for the door to open.

It opens to reveal Roni, she looks.. Gorgeous. She's so beautiful, I'm so lucky.

"Wow Veronica you look beautiful," I say breathless.

She smiles at me and looks down at her dress, then back up to me.

"You look very handsome," She walks up and kisses me.

"These are for you," I hand her to bouquet of roses.

"Awh Ben, they're gorgeous, thank you," She takes them and walks into the kitchen.

"Hi Ben," Sasha speaks.

"Hey Ms. Banks,"

Veronica walks back into the room and grins brightly at me.

"Are we ready to go?" She asks.

"Yes,"

"Have a great night you two," Sasha smiles at us.

We leave her house and drive to the restaurant.

We get seated at a table and now we're just waiting for the waiter.

"Happy birthday baby," I say.

"Thank you Ben, I appreciate all that you did for me tonight,"

"You say that like the night is over," I chuckle.

She just smiles and giggles.

We eat and now we're waiting for the waiter to bring out the mini cake I got them to make for Veronica.

We hear people begin to sing happy birthday, as we see some waiters walk towards us holding a mini cake with lit candles.

"....Happy birthday dear Veronica, happy birthday to you!" They sing and clap.

"Thank you," Roni smiles at them.

She blows the candles out as they begin clapping again. They walk away leaving Roni and I.

"So what did you wish for?" I ask curiously.

"I didn't need to wish for anything, I have everything I could ever want," She takes my hand and smiles.

"I love you," I tell her.

"I love you too," She kisses me.

We finish up at the restaurant and now we're just coming back my house.

We enter my room and I grab the box. I sit her on my bed and smile.

She looks at her phone and frowns.

"What's wrong?" I ask her.

"It's just.. My dad never texted or called me today," She speak sadly.

"I'm sorry, he's your father he should've contacted you some way to say happy birthday," I feel so bad.

"It's fine.. What's that?" She points to the box in my hand.

"Here," I hand her the little red velvet box. "Open it,"

She takes the box in her hands and opens it, she just grins and looks at me.

"It's a promise ring, I promise to always love you, to always be here for you, to be your best friend, to be your support, to be with you through thick and thin, I promise that I am devoted to you, and you only," I tell her, staring into her eyes.

"I love it Ben, thank you so much," She kisses me.

I take the ring and place it on her finger.

She wraps her arms around me and kisses me deeply. I get on the bed and hover over her, kissing her.

"I-I want you," She mumbles against my lips.

"I want you too," I kiss her fiercely.

She puts her hand into her bra and takes out the condom Cindy gave her earlier.

I just chuckle and kiss her.

We lay there breathlessly together.

"I love you so much Roni," I tell her, cuddling her.

"I love you to Ben," She kisses my hand. "Thank you for today,"

We eventually fall asleep together.

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