

## The Match

I get startled when I suddenly hear my alarm go o . I sigh heavily and shut it o , I sit up, putting my feet on the ground. I actually have to go back to school today.

I stare out my window for a minute, I look at Ben's house. I see him standing in front of his window doing something, I don't mean to stare, but I kind of just observe what he's doing.

I can't help but to think that if none of this happened, I'd be in his room and standing in front of his window with him right now.

I'm too exhausted to shower, although I haven't showered since Ben and I were in Toronto. Whatever, I don't care.

I just put on a random shirt and jeans. I look at myself in the mirror, damn. I look horrible, I have bad dark circles under my eyes, my face is so pale. My hair is a mess, it looks like a rats nest. I just take my hair and put it into a bun, I don't bother to brush it.

I brush my teeth and look in the mirror. I look as terrible as I feel.

I slide on my socks and sandals as I grab my shit and leave the house.

I walk over to Cindy's house so I can walk to school with her. I don't feel like talking to anyone, but I hope Cindy can cheer me up.

"Hey Veronica, why weren't you at school yesterday?" She asks me.

"Something happened," I tell her, not wanting to talk about it.

"Okay, how was your trip with Ben?"

"I don't want to talk about the trip," I sternly speak, not meaning to.

"Jeez, something that bad happen?" She wraps her arm around me.

"Ben cheated on me again," I tell her.

"What the fuck, how could he do that to you again?" Cindy is shocked.

"I don't know," I just shrug my shoulders.

I really don't know why or how he could put me through this again.

We walk to school and I go to my locker. I grab my history book, I start walking to my class when someone walks up to me.

"Hey Roni," I hear his voice next to me.

I don't look at him, I just keep walking.

"How are you doing?" Ben stops me, turning me to look at him.

Whoa. His hair is a mess and he's wearing sweatpants and a hoodie. He never wears that, he always tries to look nice. He has dark circles under his eyes.

I look away from him. I don't want to talk to him, I don't want to see him, I don't want to be around him.

"Talk to me," Ben cups my face.

"I have nothing to say to you,"

"Come on yell at me, hit me, anything, I just want you to let it out," Ben begs.

"Why? Because you think that if I let my anger out on you it'll make things better? It won't Ben," I move away from him.

I see Jessica walking our way.

"There's your girlfriend go talk to her," I spit at him.

I walk away and go to my class. I hate that I called Jessica his girlfriend, I'm his girlfriend.. I mean I washis girlfriend.

God stop thinking about it so much, you're just making things worse for yourself.

I sit through history and now I'm going to Chemistry which I'm dreading because Ben and I are working on a project together that we started before the break.

I get to class and see Ben already at our table.

I just sigh and walk in. I set my things in my spot and sit down, not looking at him.

The teacher begins to talk to the class.

"Jessica means nothing to me," Ben whispers to me.

"Oh yeah then why did you fuck her, twice." I whisper back.

"I told you I didn't mean for it to happen," Ben gets irritated.

"Which time?"

The teacher tells us what we're gonna be doing and then let's us work. I grab the things we need and bring them to the table. I don't talk to Ben, I just begin to work.

"Do you want help?" Ben asks. I ignore him, I just want him to stop talking to me.

"Please have an actual conversation with me Roni," Ben places his hand over mine.

I sigh and look at him.

"What else is there to say? You cheated on me twice. I could almost get past it the first time but this time I will not. There's nothing le to do but to go our separate ways," I take my hand from his.

"I can't go without you, fuck Veronica I love you,"

"No you don't," I tell him.

We do the assignment in silence and finished the class. For most of the day I don't see Ben anymore since we have no classes together for the rest of today.

But now I'm at free block, so I'm just sitting under a tree and doing some homework. I hear footsteps in the grass coming closer to me.

I look up to see Ben. I pack my things and get up.

"Veronica please wait," Ben begs.

I ignore him and walk by but he grabs my arm and pulls me to him. I end up dropping my things as his lips go on mine.

I give into it, I kiss him back, putting all my pain, anger, frustration, sadness, love, and passion into the kiss. I could feel him do the same.

Ben snakes his hand under my shirt, bringing my lower back to him. I bite his bottom lip gently as I tug on his hair a bit, he moans in the kiss.

"Fuck Veronica I love you," He mumbles into the kiss.

Fuck I missed this. I missed him. For a slight second, it felt like everything was going to be okay.

"Hey! You two get in my o ice right now!" The principal yells at us.

I break the kiss and look at Ben, he looks me in the eyes and gives me a small smile.

I shouldn't have done that. No matter how much I love him.. I can't show it.

I just grab my things from the ground and fast walk away from Ben and into the o ice. We sit down in the o ice as the principal stares at us.

"What were you two doing skipping class," He asks us.

"I wasn't skipping class, I was on a free block, finishing homework," I tell him.

"Mr. Bruce what were youdoing skipping class,"

"I don't know," He shrugs.

"You guys might be together but that was inappropriate at the wrong time, save it for a er school,"

"We are not dating," I make it clear.

I could see Ben look towards me, frowning as I said those words.

"Whatever just let this be a warning, now get back to class Bruce and go back to doing your homework Banks,"

We leave the o ice, I hear Ben say my name but I act like I don't hear him.

I head to the library to finish the homework. I can't believe I kiss him. Fuck I'm such a sucker for him, I love him so much.. I couldn't help but just kiss him back.

But he hurt me beyond forgiving.. I can't forgive him.

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