## **Royal Contract 51**

## **Chapter 51 - Initial Shock**

"Oh, you naughty girl. Who are you? What did you do to my friend?" Jacky shrieked out when she heard the story of what happened during dinner. But her face sported an expression that she agreed a hundred percent to what just transpired.

She was sitting on the couch in their living room with her face buried in a throw pillow. Unable to comprehend what she just did.

"Stop it. I think I made a mistake. I did not know what I was thinking when I grabbed Alex and pretended that we were on a date in front of Tyra Richards." She removed the pillow from her face and looked at her friend, hoping that she had some answers to her predicament.

She could still remember the way Tyra's face dropped, shocked by what she just witnessed. Looking from Alex to Dani and then to their arms entwined. Her face was devoid of color as she waited for Alex to deny it.

"Dani, I think that is the best decision you ever did with your life." Jacky grabbed her by the shoulder and winked at her. "Imagine having a boyfriend with an ass like that." She jester some more.

She threw the pillow that she was holding on to her friend's for making her dilemma as entertainment for her. "Come on. I'm serious. I don't know if I can pretend to be his girlfriend for six months."

"Ok. Why do you even consider it in the first place?" Jacky walked towards her and sat across from her.

When she did not answer right away, Jacky decided to continue. "You did not reject it outright because you can see the benefit of agreeing with it. Imagine the people that you will be helping with your well-funded pro bono cases."

"I can always find..." Jacky did not let her finish as she continued with her monologue.

"Admit it, you will never find another person who would be that generous to your cause." Jacky pointed out to her, which if she was being honest to herself, she would easily agree with her.

"Then, what about Nick?" Jacky stood up again as if she wanted to make a point. "From the way, I saw it the other night, he was out for blood. He was not up to no good. So, having Alex at your side would be a good shield against his bad plans."

She sighed knowing that Jacky was making good arguments. Jacky could easily pass as a lawyer she thought from the way she was analyzing her situation.

"Most importantly, did you see the smile on your father's face when he learned that you two were dating?" Jacky's smile made her remember it all too well. "At least that would keep your father off your back for a while."

"So, what you are saying?" She already knew what Jacky wanted her to do, but she needed to hear her say it. She needed someone to tell her that she was not making a big mistake and she was not insane for doing this.

"Enjoy it while it lasts." Jacky's piece of advice. "I'm going to sleep. I'm already tired." She walked out of the living room and went straight to her bedroom.

"Thanks." She shouted over her shoulder when she heard the door of Jacky's room open.

How can she enjoy something that was not real? She wondered.

"Loosened up, Dani. Use him to get what you want. For once, think of yourself." She jolted from her seat and turned her head, finding Jacky leaning close to her ears. She thought that Jacky already entered her room.

"Thanks for the advice." She replied sarcastically.

"You have to live a little. Stop thinking with your heart and start using that brain of yours." Jacky tapped her in the shoulder before moving back again in the direction of her room. She finally heard the door closed and she was gone.

She was once again left in the living room, all alone with her thoughts.

She thought of what happened at the restaurant when Tyra arrived. She was not sure what came over her, but the way Alexander was tolerating her flirting in front of her was not acceptable. She was not able to stop herself from what she did next.

"Excuse me, I'm not sure if you remember me, I'm Dani. His girlfriend." She said as she stretched her hand to the other girl who still had her hand tightly wrapped around Alex's other arm.

"What? Girlfriend." This made Tyra lost her grip on Alex's arm as she suddenly dropped it on her side. She looked at Alex as if she was waiting for some confirmation.

"Yes. Tyra, I want you to meet, Dani, my girlfriend." He was momentarily surprised by the turn of event. He did not expect that Dani would do that. Luckily, he was able to recover fast and act accordingly to the part of a doting boyfriend.

He quickly placed his hand on hers and squeezed it firmly, silently questioning her action. He then looked at her lovingly so that Tyra would not suspect anything odd with their situation.

"But the last time I saw the two of you." Tyra was saying, but of them already knew where her thought was going.

Alex was the one who interrupted her. "We are also surprised that we easily clicked. I just can't get enough of her." Alex moved his hand to her face and using her fingers, tilted her face until she was staring into his eyes.

She did not know what happened, but when she looked at his eyes, she felt like she was mesmerized. She could not take her eyes away from his. As if she was being pulled to its beautiful orbs and she could not move.

What frightened her more was that she was expecting him to lower his face to her. She was expecting that he was going to kiss her in front of Tyra. But sadly, it did not happen as he finally looked away from her and brought their attention back to the woman still standing in front of them.

"Oh. I'm happy for the two of you." Tyra spoke softly, this time, more composed. She was finally able to recover from her initial shock.