

The Ruined Bride of Velvet Nights by Brick Moving Ant

Chapter 37

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- That night, our school's Discord server absolutely exploded:
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- [OMG!!! Zephyr is SUCH A GODDAMN SNACK!! Total bad boy energy, who wouldn't fall for that??]
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- [EyeContactScreenshot.jpg]
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- [The way he LOOKED at her though?? When will someone stare at ME like I'm their entire world smh]
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- [What about that desperate girl who sits next to him? LMAO, she's been throwing herself at him
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- forever, and still tried to make e? From what Zephyr said, sounds like she's already been his
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- hookup multiple times?]
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- [Phoebe Johnson? Just a basic bitch with big tits. Total thirst trap vibe, probably been ran through already. I heard she makes Zephyr buy her slutty lingerie~]
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- [Let's be real, Phoebe's type only appeals to creepy older guys. Some "queen bee"-bet she's got sugar daddies lined up in her DMs!]
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- [It's so cringe watching her cling to Zephyr every day. Katherine and Zephyr are THE it couple! If this were Netflix, Phoebe would be the toxic ex nobody likes!]
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- [Facts! And now that they've had their kiss, Katherine's definitely locked him down!]
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- Zephyr only bothered to reply in the thread discussing Katherine:
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- ZephFire: [Chill with that shit. Not cool to talk about her like that]
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- I stared at my screen, completely numb.
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- My already shattered heart somehow found new ways to hurt.
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- I tilted my head back, breathing deeply to keep the tears at bay.
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- Waking up from this fantasy was excruciating.
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- My phone buzzed.
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- Sid: [Hey, you doing alright?]
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- Sid: [Have you seen the Discord? Don't look if you haven't]
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- Sid: [Those assholes don't know you at all. They're just being toxic]
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- Sid Loxley was a sophomore on my academic decathlon team.
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- During summer, we'd trained together, competed, and won medals. Everyone on the team was tight.
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- My fingers hovered over the keyboard as I was about to reply, then pivoted:
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- Phoebe: [That gold medal from the state competition—does it still come with automatic acceptance to Stanford's early program?]
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- Sid: [?]
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- Sid: [Coach was just saying how crazy it was you were passing up such an insane opportunity. Glad you're reconsidering! I'm thinking of applying too when I'm eligible, so I'll send you the forms]
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- Sid sent them almost instantly. Sid: [Stanford_Early Program.zip]
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- Phoebe: [?]
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- Phoebe: [Aren't you only a sophomore? Isn't that way too early for you to apply?]
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- Sid typed for what seemed like forever but never sent a response.
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- I dropped it and just replied: [Thanks. Could you keep this Stanford thing on the low for now?]
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