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The Ruined Bride of Velvet Nights by Brick Moving Ant

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 I mentally kicked myself for being so pathetic. But years of feelings don't just vanish overnight. It would be a slow, painful detox.
 Mom, seming the tension, stood up: "Ill give you two some space, Going to grab some food from the cafeteria."
 Sid politely tried to decline but eventually agreed to stay for dinner. Once we were alone in the hospital room, I looked up at him with a forced smile: "Thanks for coming, Sid."
 Sid sat beside the bed, quiet for a moment before saying softly: "You don't have to pretend with me, Phoebe."
 "You don't need to smile if you don't feel like it. It's okay."
I felt unexpectedly awkward.
 I reached for my phone, needing a distraction.
 Sid gently touched my wrist, his eyes concerned: "Maybe don't check that right now. It might be
• better to wait"
 But after our hands touched, he quickly pulled back. His ears turning visibly pink. "Sorry, I didn't mean to I just was worried about"
 I unlocked my phone anyway, immediately bombarded with notifications.
 Several concerned classmates and friends had sent messages.
 I replied to each one until I saw a message from Mason, one of Zephyr's sketchy friends:
 Mason: [So what's your rate? \$200/hr? Or you giving discounts now that everyone knows?]
 I responded with a question mark, completely bewildered.
 His replies came instantly: •
 Mason: [Cut the innocent act, babe] •
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Mason: [DiscordScreenshot.jpg]
 Mason: [The school slut who got railed so hard she passed out in the boys bathroom? That's prior
entertainment]
Mason: [The whole school's talking about it, might as well cash in, right?]
 Mason: [What's the deal? Zephyr gets all the fun but you won't share with his boys?]

• My hands shook violently as I opened the screenshot.

• [HOLY SHIT! Phoebe Johnson caught passed out in the boys' bathroom looking like she just finished

• The post described in awful detail how I was carried out of the boys' bathroom to the marse's office

• In the picture, I was unconscious, face flushed, lips visibly swollen from Zephyr's forceful kiss.

• Sweat from my fever had soaked through my blouse, making it cling to my body in a way that

What had actually been a terrifying moment of standing up to my abuser before collapsing from

After everything—after all the humiliation and betrayal—this was how my reputation would end?

I dropped the phone like it had burned me, a strangled sound escaping my throat.

Your med low any face curled into myself, my entire body shaking with silent sobs.

• It included a secretly taken photo that made me want to disappear forever.

My clothes were disheveled from Zephyr's aggressive grabbing.

illness was being twisted into something vile and degrading.

• It showed a Discord post titled:

• looked intentionally provocative.

The room started spinning again.

This was what people would remember about me?

"Phoebe?" Sid's worried voice seemed far away.

"What's wrong? What did you see?"

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