

## Seven

I woke up to an empty bed and felt like I had been hit by a truck. The room was spinning and the sun's rays were irritating.

"What happened?", I whispered under my breath. I shot up straight and ran to the bathroom as bile shot up my throat. I must have had too much to drink. As I sat on the cold tiled oor I then realized that I was as bare as the day I was born.

I used the remaining strength in me to get up and look at myself in the mirror hissing in pain from the stinging in between my legs. I was covered in love bites." No, No, No, No this can't be happening what did I do", I cried.

. I shued to the bed and pulled the covers away only to discover what I feared the most. I lost my virginity to a stranger, I had s\*x with a random man I met. I had vague memories of what he looked like. I quickly looked around for my clothes and put them on as I died of shame.

As I looked for my other shoe I then noticed the bundle of cash next to the bed.

"That son of a b\*\*\*h! Did he think I was some hooker?", I said as anger coursed through my veins. With the way I was dressed, it is no surprise someone thought of me in that way.

I quickly put on my shoes and escaped from the room. I breathed a sigh of relief after leaving the hotel and noticing it was on a familiar street. The only problem was I couldn't walk properly and had to stop a few times. My phone was dead and I couldn't get a taxi.

As I took a moment to catch my breath and wait for the pain to subside I heard loud honking coming from behind.

"Where have you been?", Athena said as soon as the window of the car rolled down. It was like seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. I laughed in relief and quickly got in.

"What the hell happened to you? What the hell are you wearing? Your father has the entire police department looking for you", she said and looked at me, she suddenly gasped in shock when she saw the marks all over my neck.

"Can we talk about it later? I'm hungry and I have a raging headache ", I said.

"Look you can't even sit properly was he that good?", she ignored me and continued asking. Even though I was so embarrassed I could throw myself out of the car because she was right even sitting hurt.

I didn't want to talk so I just closed my eyes and slept. When we arrived she helped me up the stairs and ran me a bath. I sat in the bathtub letting the hot water smooth all my aching muscles.

Images of last night played through my mind making me blush in shame.

After my bath, I walked into my room and found Athena eagerly waiting on the balcony where breakfast was served

"Finally! I want all the details!", she excitedly said.

"I don't even know the guy. I meet him at a pub", I said as I began devouring my food.

"I'm so proud of you ", she said while wiping imaginary tears from the corners of her eyes " You're no longer a 26-year-old virgin and I couldn't be more proud",

"I'm twenty-ve", I reminded her.

Everything was scary for me the fact that I would just jump into bed with the next person that came my way made me want to nd a hole so I could die in shame. Besides I still felt like I was cheating on David.

"Why the long face", she asked.

"I thought the man I'd have my rst time with was David", I said

"Oh please forget that loser, David should have felt lucky to be loved by a woman like you because even if he saved the universe in his previous life he still wouldn't be worthy of you", she said. What she said made me feel warm inside. I continued telling her about the night I spent with a stranger when my door burst open with a loud bang.

"Where the hell have you been? Do you know how worried I was!", my father stormed in lming with anger and David followed closely behind him.

"I went out with a friend ", I said

"What do you mean you went out with a friend Athena is your only friend!", he said.

"First of all I do have other friends and what the hell is he doing here?", I asked as I felt my anger are up.

"I was worried when you stormed out yesterday ", David gently said.

"Get out! Didn't I say he is never to step foot in this house again?", I said and threw my cup at him.

"David leave", my father said, I ignored the hurt in his eyes as he returned and walked out of the room.

"Where were you?", my father asked.

"I went out, okay. I'm a grown woman Daddy I can do whatever I feel like and if you don't like it then I can just move out",

"You know I won't let that happen but next time call me", he said and his facial expression softened a little " I was worried sick", he said and walked out.

"He thought someone kidnapped you", Athena said. I know he was worried that is why I'm always moving around with people watching me in case something like the kidnapping attempt that took David's father's life tries to happen again.