## **Unholy Gestures Chapter 12**

I sat there staring at the blank screen of my phone. I hadn't turned it on since we left Greece. I know I should, my parents are going to call me. But so will he. And I don't want him to call.

"You gonna stare at that screen all day?" Jax says walking into the kitchen. I spun on the seat to face him, dropping the phone.

"Possibly."

"Put it on charge, it's probably died. Then, you can easily just block him."

"You see, that's a lot of effort. I could just never turn on my phone again, and steal yours."

"You are not getting near my phone. I need it." He walked around the bench and was now standing on the other side.

"As do I." He reached out and took the phone I put down and turned it on.

"There, now you just gotta wait for it to load."

"And while that is happening, you'll give me your phone to call my parents?" I ask hopefully.

"Of course." I smile at him as he hands over his phone.

I get off the stool and walk towards the side of the room, mum's number ringing.

"Hey, honey, how are you? I tried to call but it went straight to voicemail."

"Yeah, I haven't turned my phone back on because he would've kept calling."

"Oh, I understand. Anyway, he came over again last night."

"Really? He has no understanding I do not want to see him. Not for a while."

"And Jarrod told him exactly that."

"Please tell me it was nothing more than a conversation." I pleaded; I knew how Jarrod could be. I also knew Cole, and if Jarrod went to fight him Cole would not back down.

"No, it was just a conversation. I kept Jarrod in his room. Your father on the other hand, he was furious when Cole left. However, Cole remained civil, asking where you were and if we could pass on a message to you."

"Please tell me you didn't tell him where I was."

"Of course I didn't, I knew that'd be the next place he'd go, not caring about the time."

"And what was the message?" I ask, sighing.

"Just that he was sorry and wants to talk to you."

"What a message, it's not like I don't already know he means exactly that." I say dryly.

"Carla, that was not the message and you know it." I could hear my dad say quietly on the other end of the phone.

"Mum? Was that not the message?"

"Of course it was, your dad is just confusing what I wanted to tell you with what Jax wanted to pass on." She responds quickly.

"Ok," I say, dragging out the end, "anyway, I've got to go, Jax needs his phone back."

"I've got to go also, shopping day. Goodbye honey, I love you."

"Seeya, I love you too."

I hang up the phone, turn to look at Jax, "I think mum is lying to me."

"And why would she be lying to you?"

"Because Cole was at their place last night, she says he had a message to pass on. She said it was just that he was sorry and he wanted to talk to me. But I already know that, it's not much of a message, then dad says that it wasn't the message."

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"So, you think she's lying?"

"Well, yeah, didn't you hear me? You going deaf in your old age?" I ask jokingly.

"Haha, very funny." He says, mock glaring at me. I grin at him.

"Yeah, though. I'm gonna call dad, but I gotta give it a minute. Otherwise mum'll know that I've called him, luckily, she's about to go shopping."

"At least you'll be able to figure it out real quickly."

"Yeah, but if she's not lying then I'm gonna look like a dick."

"I'm pretty sure the only dick in this situation is Cole. Going to your parent's house twice in two days, demanding to talk to you, after he cheated. I think you're allowed some distrust "

"I mean yeah, but not toward my mother."

"Fair, but it's not a good time for you. And I know that you hate it when I tell you how you feel,"

"Well, that's because a, you don't know how I feel, and b would feel completely different." I interrupt.

"and, its understandable that you are feeling distrustful over people you would consider 100% trustworthy. Because Cole was trustworthy. Did you know that people only have one limit of trust being broken? You could be the closest friends, but the moment that trust is first broken it will never go back."

"Thanks for informing me about my soon to be trust issues." I say.

"Think about it this way, trust is like a sticker, once it's been pulled off the first surface it'll never stick quite the same again. But, there will always be another there for you. I'm here for you A, I will always be there for you."

"You're the best friend I could ever hope for J, I don't know what I'd do without you right now."

"You'd probably be dealing with this as equally as good. Because you don't only have me, you also have Claire."

"Actually, you two were a package deal back then. To be friends with one of you, you both made sure the other would also be there."

"Yeah, because our parents were friends before, they forced us together, we were both glad to have you join us. Even if we were only in Kinder. Having parents who always wanted the two of us together was overbearing."

"And I lessened it?"

"Massively. My mum stopped trying to drop me at Claire's every weekend. Instead the three of us would be together."

"I can't believe how much you remember from then."

"I have an impeccable memory, speaking of, you should call your dad while I put you phone on charge."

He grabs the blank phone on the bench and walks out of the room, into his bedroom, where the charger was.

I pulled his phone back up and dialled my dad's number.

"Hi Dad, it's me, Addi, borrowing Jax's phone.

"Hey darling, how are you?"

"I'm okay, you know. The best I can be in the situation."

"You sound like you're dealing a lot better than you're letting on."

"Well, that's probably because I have Jax to distract me."

"I always liked that kid."

"Yeah, same. Anyway, has mum left to go shopping yet?"

"Yep, she left right after you two got off the phone."

"Good, I wanted to ask you about the message." I asked quietly.

"Your mother thinks it's best to not tell you." I sigh, disappointed, "but I say screw her, she doesn't get to decide what is right and wrong for you. You're an adult now." He pauses, "he actually wants to meet with you in the place of your first date. Now, I don't know where that is, he says you'd know."

I immediately think of the club. But we didn't have our first date there. It was actually a picnic at a beach.

"He wants to meet you tomorrow around six. I can only assume he means at night, because you would never get up early." He says laughing. I laugh with him before asking, "Why did mum lie to me? Why didn't she want me to know?"

"She always had a feeling about Cole. She never told you because she loved you, she respected you and wanted you to not doubt yourself. After hearing what he did, she believes she should have told you. I don't think it would have done much. But she now thinks if you go to talk to him, you would go back. Or at least give him a chance. And she doesn't want you to go through this again."

"If she thinks I would even think about giving him a second chance, she doesn't really know me as well as I thought. Since when did I ever give anyone a second chance?"

"And that is why I trust you with your own decisions."

"Thank you. I've got to go now. Jax actually wants his phone back now."

"Talk to you later darling."

"Yeah, Bye."

Jax walks into the room right as I hang up.

"She was lying. He actually wants to meet up with me."

"Are you?"

"I don't know."