

Unholy Gestures Chapter 04

“Mr and Mrs Diaz, your friends are waiting in the large room upstairs.” The waitress says. It wasn’t Katherine, though, and we wouldn’t be in her area tonight.

I have to talk to Claire, why would she do this to me.

“Of course, we know the way there, thank you.” Cole replied. We made our way through the dimly lit restaurant and I could see the table that we would sit at, taken by a young couple who seemed to be on their first date, none of the awkwardness of knowing each other has been changed. They were still getting to know each other.

The dark burgundy walls seems to jump out at me, the doubts that Clair had put into my mind was eating at me and making me question everything. And it shouldn’t, I love him and he loves me.

But, that’s what I thought about James. We lived together for years and he still had sex with a random girl.

No, that’s not Cole, no matter his past he has changed since I have been with him. Heath and Tyler have said so.

We walked up the stairs and made our way into the single room where everyone we knew crowded around the tables that had been pushed together to accommodate our needs.

“Hey, they finally made it. What was so important that you had to stay behind?” Dylan asked raising an eyebrow. I blushed and left the response for Cole.

“You’ll know when you’re on your honeymoon Dyl.” He said winking.

“I remember the times when we were young and carefree.” Porter says sighing.

We took our seats, the only ones left between Jax and Heath, so I chose to sit next to Jax, obviously.

I turn to him as everyone goes back to their conversations and ask, “Can you, me and Claire talk tonight? I know a great place we can go.”

His eyes showing concern, “Of course, any reason for this?”

“Nah, just want to chat to you guys without everyone around. Just the three of us, like old times.”

“Hi all, I’m your waitress for the evening, my names Katherine but please, call me Kat.” A voice came from the entrance.

I look behind me to see the short, curvy brunette standing at the entrance. I inhale sharply but quietly.

“Just let me know when everyone is ready to order.” She finishes.

I could feel Cole’s sharp intake also and his arm that he hadn’t taken off my shoulder slid off and rested by his side.

“We’ll give you a call Kat.” Heath said winking at her. With that, Katherine left the room.

Surely not because he knew her. Just because he hit on anything that moved. Not because she is someone that used to go out with Cole. Surely not.

“Are we going to get our usual and share?” I asked Cole to take my mind off things.

“I’m more in the mood for the Moussaka tonight.” He replied not looking me in the eye.

“Hey, Addi, what do you recommend getting?” Clair asked me.

“The Dolmades is amazing.”

“Oo, sounds nice, is that what you’re getting?”

“No, I’m not that hungry. I’m just going to get the Courgette balls.”

Claire frowned at me. I was someone who was always hungry, would eat anything and jump at the chance to try a new cuisine.

‘Later’ I mouth at her.

The rest of the dinner went smoothly, other than Heath obviously hitting on Katherine it was just a normal dinner with friends.

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And Heath's actions assured me that they hadn't actually met before and he was just being Heath.

I was running over how it was all normal, nothing was different, when Jax and Claire walked up to me.

"Yo, time to catch up on our own. How bout we head out somewhere else? You know where to go for some privacy." He said excitedly, I couldn't help but grin at him, life was so much simpler when it was just the three of us. Now Claire and I are married and Jax says he married to his job.

"I know the best place to go, the view is amazing, especially at this time." I did know where to take them, a place not too far from the cliffs. Somewhere I had found while Cole was sleeping.

He knows I like to go for night walks, and I found this secluded little clearing that held a view of the entire night sky with the city lights twinkling. The water reflected the view and I would sit there for hours when I struggled to sleep.

“Holy hell Addi, how did you find this place?” Claire exclaimed

“You weren’t lying when you said the view was amazing.” Jax said, stunned.

I laughed at their responses.

“What, don’t believe what I say? Guys I’m hurt.” I feign while raising my hand to my heart.

“Oh shut it Addi.” Claire scolded, I laughed even more.

We spent the next hour just talking, I really wanted some time with just the three of us. I needed this. They didn’t know it but everything they had been doing was messing with my mind and I needed a break.

“Was there anything specific you wanted to talk about? You seemed off at the restaurant.” Jax asked, the light-hearted mood dropping.

“Yeah, there was.” I reply hesitantly, “I didn’t want what you two said to mess with me. I believed that what Cole and I had was strong and it wouldn’t break her. But Claire, I think you might be right.” I whisper.

“Hey, we didn’t aim to upset you. We are just both concerned. We don’t want this to end any other way.” Claire says pulling me into a hug.

“It just seems like he hasn’t changed all that much when you’re not around.” Jax said.

“Do you really believe he is acting different? Celeste actually said the same thing when she first showed up in our kitchen.”

“Oh, Addi, I know this is hurting you to even think about this considering your past. If you believe nothing is wrong, then there isn’t anything wrong.” Jax tells me, pulling me out of Claire’s arm and holding my face in his hands. I had no choice but to look inside of his stormy blue eyes.

“But I think there might be. That waitress tonight, Katherine, she was our waitress every time we have been at that restaurant. And every time we are there, like clockwork, Cole leaves before ordering and tells me to order our usual if our waitress arrives.”

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They look at each other and frown.

“But, I know this seems ridiculous, but the waitress never shows up, and I swear, whenever I think back, I swear that I see her follow him into the bathroom. He always seems so distracted there.” I finish.

“I didn’t want to say anything, but she did walk us to our table and was chatting away to Porter and Tammi like they were old friends. Before you showed up even Heath and Tyler were talking to her about things that hadn’t happened.” Claire says hesitantly.

At that, I am nearly ready to burst into tears.

“He said he has never been to the restaurant and didn’t know her when I asked.” My voice raising and breaking as I talk.

“Addison, walking through the market with Porter and Tammi, they were saying how often they would take Cole there when they were younger. How it was his favourite place to go when he was a teenager.”

I swing my face around to look at Claire, meeting her hazel eyes, I knew I looked ridiculous. The tears I had been holding began to flow down my face.

Why would he lie to me?

“Hey, hey, hey, maybe he just wanted to keep that place special between the two of you and didn’t tell you it was his favourite place. Maybe he wanted to make you feel special.” Jax quickly says to comfort me.

“Of course, that’s logical. But he said he would never lie to me.” I say, trying to get myself together. Thankfully I knew no one at the house would know where to look because I hadn’t told anyone of this place. “He promised me he would never lie because he knew about my past. He knew about James and even about Matthew.”

“Maybe he forgot about the place until he saw Tammi. And Porter there. There has to be a reason, I see the way he treats you. He does love you and wouldn’t intentionally hurt you” Claire says. I look from Jax to Claire, but I see an emotion flicker in his eyes but vanish just as quickly. I really need to stop looking too into these things.