

50 Chapter FIFTY

Theme: Initiation into Fatherhood 1

LOS ANGELES

DISNEYLAND AMUSEMENT PARK

There was nothing much more exciting like going to a fun fair with your child. "Dad! This is great fun!" Leroy grinned at his dad. After Ace Clark made sure that Leroy was fastened and that his back was flattened against the wall of the ride, Ace strapped himself in next to his son as well. Nothing is more fun than this because it made Ace remember the joy and excitement of his childhood.

"Dad!" Leroy grabbed his father's wrist when the ride was about to start.

"Are you okay buddy?" Ace Clark asked.

"Yeah dad I just wanted to hold you because mom always hold me until the ride starts." Leroy answered.

"Okay you can hold my hand." Ace ruffled the curls of his son's hair.

Ace Clark glanced over the crowd below and then he saw Ivy hanging around with her camera, she was taking pictures for a family. This isn't their first outing together, they had



gone to the beach and some other places since the past few days. Ace Clark had made time out of his busy schedules to be with them. He loved spending so much time with them.

Ace Clark bent his arm so that he could wrap his fingers around his son's hand and then they were off, spinning faster and faster. Leroy screamed out and Ace managed to turn his head to see his son laughing happily. Ace found himself laughing as well through the rest of the ride and while he was helping Leroy get unfastened from his seat.

"Let's go find mom after some rides!" Leroy danced beside his father excitedly.

And since their arrival at the fun park, bunch of people saw them together even as time passed, some stopped to probe a little and some whispered about them. Ace also saw some of his old friends from high school and college and he didn't make them work very hard before he introduced Leroy as his son which most of them are already aware of the past weeks. The moments he spent with Leroy and Ivy had also been the best of his adult life.

The truth was, Ace Clark was planning to start something with Ivy - A family. The family they all deserve and Ace was willing to get along with her for their sake. His plans to be with his

son seemed impossible with Ivy Rivera.

By the time Ace and Leroy were done with several rides they found Ivy standing near a wheel. Even though Ace had seen her, he still took in more of her features. She looked so beautiful in her jeans and expensive silk sweater.

"Mom!" Leroy ran ahead and gave her hug.

"Honey!" Ivy laughed and squeezed him tightly against her. She looked up at Ace as he approached and the smile on his face grew wider.

"How was it?" Ivy asked.

"It was good and fun." Ace Clark replied.

"Mom it was so fun!" Leroy exclaimed in excitement.

"I am so glad to hear that." Ivy Rivera held out a drink containers toward them. "Well I figured you both will be thirsty after all those rides." She said.

Ace Clark hand trembled as he reached to take the drink from her. And as his fingers brushed against hers a jolt of electricity ripped through him. "Thank you." He mumbled.

"So what should we do now?" Ivy asked.

"I want to have some more fun! I want to



play more games! Dad promised that we will play a lot of them today!" Leroy grinned.

Ivy glanced at Ace questioningly. "Sure I made that promise to him." He smiled.

Ace pressed the button to unlock the car doors, Ivy waited for Leroy to scramble into the back seat before she climbed in.

"Oh woah! I had a great today! Dad let's do it another time!" Leroy clapped his hands.

"I had a good time too!" Ace Clark giggled.

"I figured that out." Ivy looked at him with a smile on her face.

"It is always nice being with you and Leroy. And well I will consider it as my initiation to fatherhood. I missed all the sleepless night and dirty diapers so I don't want to miss anymore." Ace Clark said with sincerity in his tone.

Ivy didn't respond and also Ace didn't know what else to say. But Leroy broke the awkward silence. "Mom, I want to see those pictures you snapped at the park." He said.

"Sure you will get to see it honey but can we do that when we get home?" Ivy suggested.

"Okay mom." Leroy leaned back in the seat



and heaved a huge sigh of tiredness.

When Ace Clark pulled up in front of Ivy's house, he had expected her to make a run for the door like she used to again. At each return from their outings, she was always in a hurry to dismiss him but this time she stuck around for a minute, even after a sleepy Leroy headed inside. "Good night dad," Leroy mumbled.

"Good night buddy," Ace replied.

"Perhaps would you like to come in for a little while?" Ivy asked almost shyly.

Ace could feel his blood pumping through his veins, the rush of adrenaline you get from an arousal. The memory of the kiss on the porch from the other day came back to him.

"It's fine if you don't want to come in," She said when he didn't response to her question.

"I am coming in," Ace replied.

And then he climbed out of the car. Ace wasn't going inside Ivy's house because of his son tonight but he was doing it because he wanted Ivy.
