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"Why are you staring at me like that?" Mia asked her best friend, Hailey. 1

"I rushed down here when I heard that douchebag broke up with you. I had envisioned you to be in your worst state but you seem okay and I don't know if I should be concerned."

"Chris meant the world to you. You even loved him more than you love me, your best friend. You would sacrifice anything for him in a heartbeat!"

Mia took two scoops of her vanilla ice cream before responding to Hailey who was seated beside her. "You should have seen me yesterday after the breakup. With the way I was crying, you would have thought my loved one just died. Last night, I was fortunate to have come across someone who made me realize I deserve better than Chris."

"And for your information, Miss. I have always loved you more than my ex. Men have come and gone in my life but you've been with me through thick and thin."

"I actually blame myself for being so weak and stupid. Despite all your warnings about giving too much to Chris, I chose not to listen to



you. I was blinded by love when he didn't even love me back!"?

Hailey gave Mia's shoulder a light squeeze. "I'm sorry for everything you had to go through, babe. And don't you dare call yourself weak because you're the strongest woman I know. When you love someone, you tend to love the person so much, including their flaws. You're not the one who lost, it's Chris who lost a wonderful woman. And yes, the person you met is right. You deserve better than Christoph."?

"I had honestly expected to see you crying your eyes out but I'm glad that's not the case. Though I don't like the fact that you look guilty about something. You shouldn't feel guilty about the failed relationship with Chris. I'm sad about it but I'm glad you all haven't gone past this stage. You know, it will be pretty difficult if you guys were already married or had given birth."?

Mia sighed, taking another scoop of her ice cream. She was glad Hailey bought a few tubs of her favorite ice cream on the way to her apartment.?

"I'm honestly over Chris and I have one person to thank. Am I mad at myself? Maybe a little. For channeling my energy, time and resources into a relationship that didn't mean anything to the person I thought loved me



beyond words."

"You have only one person to thank? Am I missing something?" Hailey asked suspiciously.

Mia sighed. "I don't even know if I'm meant to tell you this!?"

"Of course you should. We are best friends, remember??"

"I know. But this is something that should not be known by a third party.?"

"I'm not a third party. Now Spill!!!" Hailey commanded.?

After a few seconds of silence, Mia opened up to her.?

"Can you please wipe that smile off your face!" Mia groaned. She did her best not to go into details of what transpired between herself and Mr. Stranger but Hailey was smart enough to predict what had happened.

"Who knew my best friend could be a bad bitch?!" Hailey said with a bigger smile. "I think I'm proud of you babe. No better way to get revenge against Chris!?"

"Hailey!" Mia groaned.?

"At some point, being a reserved person gets tiring. I'm glad you met that stranger who



proved to you that Chris is nothing but a bastard."?

"But, are you for real? You didn't bother to know his first name at least?" Hailey asked.

"That was the essence of a one-night stand right? You move on as if the night never occurred. I'm not sad about not knowing his name because knowing his name would be the start of something that shouldn't exist. I'm just guilty because I never had a chance to thank him. My nerves got the best of me. The only thing I could think about the moment I woke up was disappearing and that was what I did."

"I hate that he might have a feeling that I used him. I've been trying to forgive myself all morning for that." Mia said, then stuffed her mouth with Ice cream, slightly cringing at the effect of the coldness on her teeth.

"Since you don't know his name, Do you think we should go back to the hotel to get details about him? You can describe him and maybe any of the staff will know who he is."?

Mia shook her head. "I don't think I'll ever be able to go into that place. There are good and bad memories. Besides, I don't think they will give out customer's information due to confidentiality."?



"I'll be fine. I just hope he doesn't think I used him and if he thinks that way, I hope he finds peace somehow and does not hate me. Besides, I'll never see him again so there's no need to be bothered." Mia said. Only if her heart could listen to her. She also had no idea if she would be able to forget her one-night stand with the sexy stranger.

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