

## S2 Chapter 26

### Samantha's POV

I definitely wasn't expecting that! Henry had just assured me he was mine, and then this girl shows up and throws herself at him. I recognized her. She was the same one who was all over him at the Social Club, but right then I wanted to scratch his eyes out and rip her chest off!

We left the mall, and I called Manu, who said she'd love to have me over. Melissa dropped me off at her place, insisting I could stay with her and Catherine, but I chose to stay with Manu since Catherine already had enough problems, and I didn't want to pile mine on top of hers.

I arrived and talked with Manu until late, and she advised me not to make things easy for Henry.

"Sam, you're too amazing to settle for anything less than an incredible guy, okay?" Manu said when she wished me good night. "It's good that you're off tomorrow. When I get back from work, we can do something together."

"It's a deal, dear Manu!"

The next day, I told my mom I'd preferred to go to Manu's house. She insisted on knowing why, and I just said I decided to take things slower with Henry. Shortly after, my phone rang with an unknown number. I answered and heard Alexander's voice - I almost hung up out of anger. But he insisted he only wanted to talk about the job offer, which did interest me.

After talking to him, I had a video call with the girls, and Catherine assured me it was okay to accept and it would be better for me. So I got ready to go to the mall to quit my job. I called my boss and said I needed



to talk to her. When I arrived at the store, I was immediately greeted by the snake pit.

"What are you doing here, you slut? It's your day off," Cynthia barked at me as soon as I walked in.

"You're calling me a slut? That's funny, because you're the one who can't see a man in this store without hitting on him. And let's not forget you're the one making out with other people's men in the stockroom," I said impatiently and heard a voice behind me.

"What did you say, Samantha?" Esther, the store owner, had arrived and heard what I said.

"Good afternoon, Esther. Could we talk in private?" I asked as I turned to her.

"Of course, let's go to the office, and you can explain everything." Esther pointed the way to the office and gave the others a stern look.

"Tell me, Samantha, what's been happening in this store when I'm not around?" Esther asked as she sat across the desk in the office.

"Look, Esther, I apologize, I should have said something, but I didn't want any trouble - the atmosphere here was already difficult enough." I began apologizing and told her everything that had happened since I caught Cybele in the stockroom with Romulus.

"My God, these three are turning my store into a sleazy motel!" Esther was beside herself. "I owe you an apology, Samantha, I didn't notice."

"You don't owe me anything, Esther, but I think you understand that I don't want to continue working here anymore. So I came to submit my resignation," I spoke confidently, knowing it was the best thing to do.

"I understand, but I think it's a shame. I will fire those three, but I can't dismiss everyone at once; I need to hire and train new staff," she sighed. "Is there no way to make you stay?"

"Unfortunately not. I received a good job offer in my field, and after everything that happened with my ex, I don't feel safe here at the mall anymore."

"I understand, dear. I assume you want to leave immediately."

"If possible, yes, Esther."

"Of course it's possible, Samantha! You're an excellent employee and a very determined woman. You deserve all the opportunities life gives you, and I won't stand in your way. But can you stop by accounting tomorrow to settle everything?"

"Yes, of course. But look, Esther, my friends and I will remain customers of the store," I said with a smile, being kind to this lady who had been so generous to me.

"Ah! That makes me happy. I'll change the morning team's schedule, you know the girls, and I'll train new staff and fire those three. You'll have no reason not to come here." She smiled, comforting me, and I left the office happy.

When I was almost at the store's door, I heard Cybele say:

"I hope Esther fired you."

"You know, I resigned because I found a job in my field, but she didn't want me to leave. Now, let me give you some advice: watch yourself, you b\*tch!" I said and left the store feeling much lighter.

I sent Alexander a message saying I could start immediately. He



confirmed and sent me an email with all the information I needed, telling me to start on Monday but requesting my presence at a meeting on Saturday.

I was excited about my new job.

I decided to go to the food court and grab a burger. I had just sat down to eat when I heard a familiar, relaxed voice calling me:

"Auntie, you beautiful lady!" I saw Enzo and three other boys who I assumed were his friends when I turned around.

"My adorable Enzo!" I stood up and hugged that sweet boy; he was truly charming.

"Can we sit with you? Or are you waiting for my uncle?"

"Of course you can sit, dear. I'd love some company." I smiled, and Enzo grabbed one of my fries.

"We'll go get our food then, just a minute."

Enzo walked away with his friends and returned shortly after with their trays. We chatted, and the boys made me laugh a lot. They were good kids.

"Auntie, my mom wants to invite you to our family Sunday lunch," Enzo mentioned.

"And I bet she doesn't know you're already telling me." I joked, but Enzo couldn't keep anything to himself; he was like an open book.

"Oh, auntie, she's going to ask my uncle to invite you."

"But I don't think I can go, nephew. Your uncle and I aren't together anymore."



"What did that idiot do? Tell me, and I'll fight him." I laughed at how protective Enzo became.

"I just realized your uncle isn't the one for me. But we're still friends, okay? I'll keep helping you with math."

"You better! But my uncle won't give up on you that easily, you know that, right?!"

After saying goodbye to Enzo and his friends, I went to Manu's house. For the rest of the week, I ignored Henry's messages and calls. And he was quite persistent.

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