

Chapter 26

Jason

Dating? What? What does it mean?

"Are you dating? Who are you dating?" I asked, feeling my mouth suddenly go dry.

"I'm dating Richard," she replied, her big brown eyes still wide as if she were afraid of something. Her small, upturned nose was red at the tip, as were her cheeks. Laura Thompson was ravishingly beautiful and was destroying me once again.

"With Richard, that friend of yours?" She nodded, answering my question. "Was that him you were talking to?" I pointed to her cell phone with my gaze, and she covered the device even more with her two hands close to her chest. She had said, "I love you," before hanging up her cell phone. So was it Richard she had said that to?

"Yes, it was him."

"But I heard a childish voice..."

"No! You heard it wrong, it must have been static. It was him I was talking to, he was inviting me to eat tacos with chicken and sauce filling. There was no childish voice!" I turned away from her in exasperation, rubbing my head.

How the hell was she already dating Richard? That scoundrel... I looked at her. "You don't love him, do you? You're only with him so you can make me stay away." I wanted to know, but she gave me a cynical smile.

"You're pathetic, Jason. The world doesn't revolve around you, you know? Richard and I have a past, we have a history."

"You and I also have a past!"



"And it was the most disastrous thing that ever happened in my life. If you happen to be proud of what you did to me, then you're a fucking troubled patient! I already asked you to stay away from me, so stay away, or I'll sue you for harassment, I swear!" She threatened me, and I took a few steps back. 1

For God's sake... Laura was so bitter and resentful, the harsh things she said to me and the way she rejected me hurt so much. Had it hurt her the same way as when I rejected her in the past? When the elevator arrived at the first floor, she passed me quickly, walking away from me as if running away. I let her go, having nothing else to do. 3

"Fuck! Holy shit, what a fucking son of a bitch!" I was foaming at the mouth, wanting so badly to punch that idiot Richard in the face.

"Wou! Can you calm down? Why are you so angry?" Terence said so as soon as he answered the call.

"It's all lost, Terence. It's all fucking lost!" I screamed in anger, heading to the building's parking lot.

"What do you mean? When Laura called me earlier, I could tell there was a gap. You just had to keep seducing her, Jason. What went wrong now? What did you do this time, you idiot?" He asked in a reprimanding tone. 1

"I didn't do any shit. She said she's already dating that son of a bitch, Richard! Fuck!" I kicked the wheel of my car out of anger and saw a scared woman who was opening her car door a few meters away from me. "What is it? What are you looking at, you fucking fat ass?" The woman was terrified, she quickly got into the car and drove off in a hurry. 4

"Now you can go around cursing strangers on the street, Jason? Unbelievable!" Terence lectured me.

"I'm angry! Everything was going so well until now, I knew Laura would give in, but that son of a bitch is getting involved!" 2

"Be smart, Jason. The only one you should be mad at is yourself for letting Laura slip out of your hands once, you big idiot! Can't you see? Richard Carter is playing, Jason. And he's even winning now while you waste your time swearing at old women in the street. Stop being a brat, for God's sake!"

"Shut up, Terrence! Fuck!" I let out a huge gasp, feeling completely condemned by his words. "What hateful!"

"You should stop and analyze the game now because there's still time to reverse it. Damn, this Richard is a real scoundrel, he doesn't waste time." My friend seemed to be dismayed.

"Laura said she and Richard have a history together."

"Most likely so, because they've known each other for a good few years." I sighed, leaning my forehead against the cold metal of my car, my head was boiling.

"Does Laura have a child?" I asked trying to analyze my chances.

"What? How do you know that? Did she tell you?" Terence looked scared. I knew he kept secrets from Laura.

"So she has a son?" I had heard a child's voice on that cell phone while she was talking in the elevator. "So the child is probably Richard's?"

"Yeah... Probably."

"Fuck! That's too big a disadvantage..."

"Immense."

"I'm fucked, Terrence."

"Are you going to give up?"

"I don't know, Terrence. She seems to hate me so much now..." It was



painful to remember the harsh words she threw at me earlier, but she was right as I had been so disrespectful in the past. 1

When she was my wife I was never satisfied with her, with the things she did for me, everything about her irritated me. Laura was simply annoying, and uninteresting with that sweet and golden way of hers that was very different from mine, that was when I met Kendall again and in just one weekend she made me fall into such a big mistake that I even believed that I loved her. Kendall was everything Laura wasn't, she had everything I missed about Laura. 2

At that time I found myself thinking that it had never been my childhood dream to marry a woman with dark hair because to me those women were unpleasant, but Kendall with her blonde hair made me think crazy things that everything was okay now, sweet deception. I broke my face and it was no small feat, I left my wife for fantasies and now here I was brooding in the corners having to be completely jealous because Laura was dating a nobody like Richard. The saying was true that we only appreciate something when we lose it. 4

And on top of that, there was the issue of their son. Fuck! Laura had started her life over and moved forward while I was stuck in the shit I did myself. Damn! But you could still fight, right? I should only stop fighting when I die.

"You want to know something, Terence? I'm not going to give up a damn thing. I'm going to keep fighting! Not only that, but I'm going to show that asshole Richard that this woman belongs to me!" 4

I heard my friend laughing happily on the other end of the line. "That's right! Now I enjoyed listening."