

Chapter 53

By a twist of fate, Olivia found herself in Ethan's sight at her most discomfited moments.

It turned out that the Atkinses and the Carltons were family friends. The Carltons invited the Atkinses to hold shares in the Oakland Hospital. Calvin was helping Marina to scout for talents. And that was how everyone ended up at the event.

However, the guests were surprised that Ethan tagged along as well. His presence took the event to the next level. And the guests flocked up to greet him.

Calvin did not abandon Olivia even after Ethan showed up. He handed her some napkins, and their hands touched in a moment of frenzy.

It was warm indoors. So Olivia unbuttoned her down jacket to reveal a knitted white dress underneath. It wasn't her intention to pick that particular dress, because it accentuated her figure.

Lifting her head, she exposed her smooth nape. She looked lovely and doelike.

Ethan noticed the absence of the mark on her neck, symbolizing their faded love. One day, he would put their memories behind him.

Still, Ethan realized that he was not as cool as he

thought when Calvin held Olivia's wrist. And he stared intently at the motion.

Calvin immediately sensed his hostile gaze and looked up. But he only found Calista greeting Ethan. Confused, Calvin thought Ethan's hostility was an illusion.

He greeted Ethan with grace, "Mr. Miller, we were not expecting you! It's our honor to have you here. Marina, this is the gifted student that I mentioned — Olivia Fordham. Olivia, you should know Mr. Miller by now. And this is Mr. Miller's—"

Olivia shed her meekness and put on a thinly-veiled hostility. "I know. That's Mr. Miller's fiancée."

She had thought that she'd never cross paths with Ethan. But it didn't take them long to run into each other.

Calvin smacked his head and chuckled. "Oh, this is embarrassing. Every guest of mine must have known Mr. Miller and Ms. Carlton from all that media coverage on their engagement."

"I suppose everyone has heard about Mr. Miller's fiancée. But does anyone know who his ex-wife is?" With a laugh like silver bells, Everly approached the group. She had successfully sold off one of her properties just now.

She was a cheerful and carefree spirit and was pretty. She tied her pink hair into a bun and strutted over in

her stilettos. However, her pointed question was a rude shock to the guests around them.

"Everly, don't run your mouth! Mr. Miller doesn't have an ex-wife."

"Right! He's smitten with Ms. Carlton."

Everly was determined to even the score on Olivia's behalf. So she fearlessly walked up to Ethan and hissed, "They said you are smitten with Ms. Carlton. How should we describe what you've done to your ex-wife, then? Walking out on her?"

Ethan shut her up. "She's not worthy of mention."

With that, he made his way around Everly and Olivia, shocking the guests with his admission. However, he made it obvious that he wanted to drop the topic. Any sensible guest would tiptoe around it, unlike Everly.

Surrounded by starstruck guests, he glided into the venue. Nobody except for Everly noticed that Olivia was shaking indignantly.

Olivia had not expected Ethan to dismiss their past relationship with such heartlessness. She realized that her precious memories were not worthy of a mention for him and clenched her fists.

Meanwhile, Everly seemed apologetic for her botched attempt at humiliating Marina. It backfired when Ethan shut her down. She also knew that in Olivia and Ethan's divorce agreement, they agreed to keep their

past relationship a secret.

"Liv, are you feeling unwell? I'll send you home."

There was no point hanging around and humiliating themselves. That would only play to Marina's advantage.

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Everly was reluctant to suggest Olivia go home. But Ethan made it clear that he would side with Marina.

Olivia lost the competition when Ethan sided with Marina. With each word he said, he inflicted pain on Olivia. Olivia was too fragile at that moment to endure more hurt.

Shockingly, Olivia, who had been looking for an escape, chose to stay. She instructed Everly, "Didn't you bring a change of clothes? Come with me to the restroom. I'll change my outfit. It's rude to leave when the event hasn't started, don't you think?"

Everly was pleasantly surprised by Olivia's courage to stand up to Ethan.

On their way to the restroom, she kept grumbling, "Did you see Ethan Miller's wretched look just now? I almost punched him and tore him into pieces! He's the worst scumbag."

Olivia smiled helplessly. "Oh, Everly."

"Liv, are you sure you want to stay? He'll be acting all lovey-dovey with his mistress. He'll make you feel terrible because you still have feelings for him."

"You were the one who said that I would get over it one day, not to mention that the divorce was all his

fault in the first place. Why should I hide away?"

Olivia took the bag with the new dress and entered a cubicle. "Everly, you're right. Even if I only had a day left on earth, I'd live for myself."

She was startled by the dress that Everly brought along. It was bright red and revealing, but she looked sexy in it.

Everly swallowed hard when she saw her bestie in that red dress. "Wow, boob size does matter! That dress looks amazing on you!"

She helped Olivia to draw a red lip. Only Olivia could exude grace in that dress, which might look gaudy on other women otherwise.

The phrase "pure seduction " seemed to be created just for her.

"Let's go."

Olivia marched into the venue in her heels. She looked even more charming and smart in her pixie cut.

As expected, she became the center of attention when she showed up, making Calista scoff in jealousy. "That's too showy."

Soon, Olivia heard a familiar and calm voice around her. "Olivia."

She found Keith standing beside Calvin. She was surprised to see him there, but it made sense for

Calvin to invite him because he came from a family of doctors, just like Calvin. Keith waved at her. "Over here!"

Keith must have greeted her to save her from the awkward social situation. She'd only embarrass Keith if she turned him down.

Under Ethan's death stare, she calmly approached Keith and took a seat beside him. They had not seen each other for a while, and he felt relieved upon seeing her healthy appearance.

When most guests were busy groveling to Ethan, Keith gave Olivia his full attention and piled some nutritious foods on her plate.

She was too busy eating to notice Ethan staring at her.

Calvin certainly picked up the odd change in Keith's behavior. "Keith, I've never seen you so focused on a woman. Are you and Olivia ..."

One of the classmates, Bailey Blanchard, mumbled with a mouthful of food, "I heard Olivia took a leave from school to get married. Is she married to Keith?"

Once again, Olivia became the center of attention. She saw Ethan placing his fork on the table to stare at her.