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Another heart break ☒

#Episode 1

☒KELANIE ☒

Welcome to Glamorous Music High, where the top class students achieve their dreams. In Glamorous High, it's all about music with 54 music bands, you have nothing to ask for but these 54 bands are ruled by the 5 top bands, The Blooms, where I belong, Barbie G, The Flames, Stupids, and Stops.

There's a rule to belonging to these bands cause every band has a rival band. The Blooms and Barbie G, are two girls rival band. The Flames and Stupids are two boys rival band.

When a member of The Blooms and The Flames are dating, The Blooms can't sing with Stupids and The Flames can't sing with Barbie Girls, vise versa. But STOPS are my friends so they don't sing with Barbie G and Stupids cause am dating a FLAMES.

Crazy right?

Well that brings us to where we are today....

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☒MORNING ☒

"kelanie you'll be late for school" nanny Maria yelled from the kitchen

"I'm--- almost" I slid my feet into my shoes "done" then I shouldered my backpack and ran out of my room while glancing at my wrist watch

"Breakfast is---"

"I'm late nanny I can't eat now" I cut in

"You're always late and am so worried cause you have gastric ulcer and you barely eat"

"I normally eat in the school canteen" I pecked her on both cheeks

"Chau!"

"chau!"

I walked out to the compound and went straight to my car. My driver, Festus, was already standing beside the car

"Good morning miss" he greeted formally with a head bow and opened the door to the backseat. I entered the car then he jammed the door shut then got into the driver's seat and drove off.

⊠GLAMOUROUSMUSIC HIGH⊠

The car cruised slowly in the lot of the school and stopped. Festus alighted and held the door open for me and I got down after few seconds. He bowed as I got down then entered the car and drove off.

Another day in Glamorous

I took a deep breath and walked and walked into The Blooms music room. None of The Blooms were in school yet so I sat down and waited for then while I rehearsed the knew song we were working on.

"Kel!" Blue screamed as she ran into the music room

"what's it Blue?"

"Venire (Come)" she took my hand and dragged me out the hall way but Phoebe blocked us

"you don't want to see it" Phoebe said standing in front of me

"what's going on?"

"un' altra rottura del cuore (another heart break)"

"speak English Blue" I yelled in annoyance

"spiacente" she covered her mouth with her palms then said "sorry"

"what's going on?" I asked

⊠oh! my gosh!

"what's going on?" I asked as students were screaming

"it's Mabel" Phoebe replied

"what has... "

It's unbelievable

They look cute

"what's going on?" I repeated then looked up and saw Mabel walking in with Lancelot, my boyfriend.

Students surrounded them as they took pictures. Lancelot held Mabel on her waist and I felt my heart crumble.

"calmati (calm down)" Blue pacified

"you can't cry in front of them" Phoebe said as tears welled up in my eyes

"what's she still doing here?" Tristan scolded Blue and Phoebe then dragged me out

"Kelanie" Tristan called when we were in the music room

"The third heart break" I broke down

"Lancelot isn't worth your tears" Blue consoled then the other Blooms walked in

"I can't believe Lancelot did this to you Fiona said

"Mabel is such a devil" Zion snarled

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"did someone just call me?" Mabel smirked then walked in with the Barbie G

"does it hurt?" she drawled mockingly then the Barbie Girls burst into laughter

"don't cry little miss fancy pants I just started"

"you know one thing my momma always tell me?" Phoebe asked Mabel

"yeah, that The Blooms are doomed" Mabel blurted out and the Barbie Girls burst into laughter

"momma always said... " Phoebe said then The Blooms chorused "give your used toys to the less privileged"

"oh really? Everyone knows Lancelot is Glamour hottie" Mabel said tilting her head back and forth

"and Kelanie already used him to trash, face it Mabel you're a second edition"
Phoebe fired

"whatever" Mabel scowled with a wave of her hand "I have two last missions, winning Glamour Diva and taking the crown of Homecoming Queen from you Kelanie"

"let's see you do that"

"in no time dooms, in no time" Mabel smirked and walked out with the Barbie Girls

"Mabel is a shit" Tristan cussed when they were gone

"you got to move on from Lancelot, Kel don't let them see your weakness" Zion said

"Thanks girls" I faked a smile

"make that smile real" Fiona said and a smile broke from my lips

"Lancelot is a loser and needs a loser like Mabel so don't let those two get the best of you, don't let them see what you're not" Blue said

"you're all my heroes"

"enough of the drama" Ms Chantel said as she joined us

Ms Chantel is our manager and music teacher.

"Good morning Ms Chantel" we all chorused

"I heard the knees Kel" she said as she touched my cheek then smiled "you shouldn't let them get you down"

"it's her third heart break Ms Chantel" Zion sighed

"povero Kelanie (poor Kelanie) " Blur drawled holding her chest

"This is the reason why I said 'no dating' it's a distraction but you wouldn't listen. The Barbie Girls knows that love is your flaw and that's why they used it against you" Ms Chantel said then continued

"three years ago when Tony broke up with you, you lost Paris Voice Award to Shayne Gold cause it was your first heart break then I warned you but after one year, you fell for Eric, you wouldn't listen you dated him and boom!..." she demonstrated with her hands and we chuckled then she went on "he broke your

heart, you almost lost Glamour Homecoming Queen to Mabel but you were fortunate.

Then Lancelot came along and now it's one month to New York Night and you got another heartbreak.

We can't lose this competition different singing bands from around the world will be contesting. And this is gonna be your last relationship till you get accepted by Crystal Music" Ms Chantel concluded and left

"I think she's right Kelanie, you got to quit dating for now. It's like an annual heart break, three heart breaks within three years" Blue said

"Lancelot is not gonna bring me down" I said

"That's the spirit!" Fiona exclaimed "Blooms is not gonna be doomed because of two assholes"

"so our contract with The Flames is over" Phoebe sighed and fell back on her chair. She always had a crush on Frank but now that I broke up with Lancelot, every tie between The Flames and The Blooms is cut.

☒BARBIEMUSIC ROOM☒

☒MABEL ☒

"see ya" Lancelot said then pecked me on my lips

"bye boo" I waved as he walked out with The Flames

"Lancelot is hot as flame" Ivy said dreamily and earned a glare from me

"That was a nice idea" Ms Morgan our manager and music teacher commented

"yeah, getting The Flames to sing with us is gonna be amazing and I can get Miles" Caitlyn squealed

"The Flames made The Blooms popular now that we got them.... " Lara bite her lower lip and smirked

"They'll sing with The Stupids" Ivy said

"The Stupids are stupid" I snarled "and besides Lex is Phoebe's ex"

"that doesn't matter, as long as we're now gonna sing with The Flames, they get to sing with them" Caitlyn said

"The Stupids are The Flames competition and Chance is still Glamour vocalist"
Lara said

"Flames got more advantage" I insisted

"yeah I agree but kelanie is gonna break us once she sings with Chance"

"shut up! " I snarled "Kelanie can't break me"

"I'd like to see the look on Chantel's face" Ms Morgan said mockingly

"yeah, she'll get that 'Kel don't fail me' look" we all burst into laughter

"but Kelanie really loved Lancelot I wonder if she'll be able to move on"

"she better don't"

"enough of the gossips let's rehearse" Ms Morgan said and we were all like 'five more minutes Ms Morgan'

"no, no, pick up your instruments"

KELANIE

I walked out of the restroom and saw Lancelot coming out of the Barbie music room then he walked up to me.

"Kela..."

"wait!" I raised my hand "let me do the talking"

"I hate you so much Lancelot and it's over between us"

he scoffed "I dumped you Kel"

"it's Kelanie not Kel only reasonable people call me that"

he huffed loudly then proceeded to walk out on me but I stopped him

"you don't do the walking out, I do the walking out" I stated then walked out leaving him baffled

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☒Who'll rock the party ☒

#Episode 2

☒STUPIDSMUSIC ROOM☒

☒CHANCE ☒

"The news is viral" Lex said going through his phone "why on earth would Lancelot break up with her?"

"same reason you broke up with her" Ray said beating his drumsticks on the air and Sky joined him

"why would Kelanie always experience a heart break? she's the most beautiful and sexy girl in the whole of Glamourous" I said

"I guess she can't have everything" Sky said with a shrug then hit Ray's head with his drumsticks

"oh!" Ray winced in pain and held his head

"sorry my hand went loose" Sky chuckled and continued beating the air

"Am quite happy that we'll be singing with The Blooms now I really hate Mabel" Alaric said with disgust

"are you going to be comfortable with Kelanie around like 24/7?" I asked Lex

"sure, no grudges" Lex said

"Louis' party is tonight" Alaric said "we'll be performing

"All the top 5" Derek said and passed me a book "check this out

I collected the book and smiled. It was a drawing of Blue.

"it's pretty"

"you think she'll like it?" he asked.

"yes, it's really pretty you're a great artist" I complimented

"thanks" Derek said then took the book from me "I plan on asking her out tonight"

"you got advantage of Kelanie's break up" Alaric said

Derek smiled clicking his tongue "a lot"

"I wonder who will rule the party tonight, Blooms or Barbies?" I asked

"I trust Kelanie" Lex said

"who has a date for tonight's party?" Ray asked

"I planned on going with Lara but now... " Sky said and shrugged "I've got to find someone else"

"Mia agreed to be my date for tonight" Lex said

"maybe I should ask Kelanie to be my date, I've always admired her" that was me and my wishful thinking

"she's not going to accept, she just went through a breakup and she's gonna go with Tristan if she feels like having a date for tonight" Alaric said

"then I'll go by myself"

"Fiona would be delighted to go with you" Ray said with a wink

"no way" Alaric shouted "she's gonna be my date"

"no worries I don't like her anyway, I'll go with my mic" I said and picked up mic

"don't say it" Derek warned knowing what am about to say

I smirked "let's practice"

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Kelanie☒

☒ don't need nobody when you are mine

☒ just tell everybody that you are mine

☒ no no boy you're amazing

"fantastic" Ms Chantel applauded when we were done singing

"tonight is gonna be lit" Blue said keeping her guitar

"except we don't have dates" she added sadly

"That shouldn't be your problem, just think of beating those Barbie dolls tonight"
Ms Chantel said and we chuckled

"we haven't met with The Stupids yet" I said

"I already talked to Mr Justin" Ms Chantel said. Mr Justin is the manager and music teacher.

"when are we meeting?" Ivy asked enthusiastically
She's so crazy for Sky

"After lunch" Ms Chantel replied

"Grazio a Dio (thank goodness)" Blue breathed out "am so hungry"

"Me too" Phoebe put in

"me three" that was Zion

"don't eat too much girls, you're dancing tonight" Ms Chantel shouted as they ran out

"They are never going to listen" I chuckled

"aren't you going to join them?" Ms Chantel asked

"no, am not hungry"

Ms Chantel smiled and sat beside me "it's because of your break up isn't it?"

"am fine"

☒ can see it when you're sad
no you can't hide it from me
she sang and I chuckled then tears rolled down my cheeks

"don't do it" Ms Chantel hushed wiping my tears

"I really love him" I broke down and she hugged me

☒ am a beautiful girl who deserves a beautiful boy
who would know my worth
and know how special I am

Ms Chantel sang a line from my first single which I wrote when I broke up with Eric.

"where's the girl that wrote that song?"

I smiled and wiped my tears "am still here"

"you'll have to prove that tonight and forever now get your sparkles on"

"I won't fail you"

"you better don't" Ms Chantel warned jocularly then asked "what song would you be dancing tonight?"

"Rock rock rock my body all night" I sang

"I love that song it's dope but Ivy isn't really too good in it"

"Fiona has been teaching her"

"you girls have to practice when they return"

I got up and moved a few steps back "I'll just try some moves to get my mind off somethings" I said and did a triple front-flip

"impressive" Ms Chantel applauded then I did a side ways flip

"try this" Ms Chantel said and did a stand-up splits

"am pretty sure that's illegal" I said and she chuckled

"you can do it"

I breathed in and tried the move but it went bad and I fell with my face on the floor.

"you'll definitely learn it" she said and pulled me up

"huff... huff... huff... " Blue ran in panting and the other Blooms followed

"what's wrong?" Ms Chantel asked

"The Stupids sta arrivando (The Stupids are coming)" Blue said trying to catch her breath

"calm down Blue and speak English" I seethed

"The Stupids are coming" she squealed

"and what's so special about that?"

"De... D..." Blue was still stammering when The Stupids walked in and she fainted but Fiona caught her

"someone just...." Ray whistled and nudged Derek with his elbow

"what's wrong with her?" Mr Justin asked

"she normally pass out when she sees cute guys" Zion said and dragged Blue out by her leg

The Stupids chuckled but their eyes were on Derek.

"How you doing Kel?" Mr Justin asked

"am okay"

"sure?"

"as sure as this..." I did a back handspring

"I love your spirit" Mr Justin complimented

Lex picked up a drumstick and moved to the drum set
"not now" Chance said and dragged him up by his collar

"How you preparing for tonight?" Mr Justin asked

"I was thinking we practiced a song with the guys" Ms Chantel suggested

"we've got..." Mr Justin glanced at his wrist watch and did a mental calculation
"six hours to practice before the party so let's begin"

LATER IN THE NIGHT ☒

LOUIS PARTY ☒

"Louis really knows how to plan a party" Phoebe said dancing to the music that was playing in background

"the Barbie dolls aren't here yet" Fiona said searching around for them

Zion narrowed her brows and shot her a scowl "don't tell me you're missing them?"

"here they come" Blue squealed as the Barbie Girls drove in, in their barbie bentley. The paparazzi gathered around their car as they got down.

"I bet they're feeling like queens now" Zion scoffed

"there's a new headline in the school's gossips blog" Blue exclaimed going through her phone

I really hate those gossips.
I rolled my eyes "what's it?"

"who rocks tonight? Blooms or Barbies" Blue read out

I huffed loudly "they'll answer that themselves"

The Barbie dolls walked in and screams rented the air

"the students are voting" Blue said "Barbies already got 1k votes"

"and Blooms?" I demanded

Her jaws dropped "am afraid we got just 7"
The Blooms sighed

"the voting just began" I said confidently

"hey girls!" Chance greeted as The Stupids walked up to us

"oh my! goodness!"

I smacked Blue on her head then said "Hi guys"

"You're looking great" Chance complimented

"you're not looking bad either" I said

"can I steal you for the night?" Derek asked Blue

"please don't ever return me" Blue said dreamily as Derek took her hand and led her out

"we saw the votes, I think Mabel bribed the students" Alaric said

I faked a smile like I was okay but deep down, I was not "the party just began"

The Co ordinator climbed the stage and took the mic. He welcomed the guests and invited The Flames up.

As usual, The Flames ran out from different directions and they started performing one of their tracks "get off stage".

The crowd, mostly the girls were screaming and cheering as they danced and sang. Mabel's screams were the loudest.

I felt hurt seeing him perform and knowing he was never going to be mine again.

"I'll be outside" I excused myself and walked out

I was going to stay outside till they were done. Forgetting Lancelot isn't going to be easy.

The speakers were loud, I could steal hear his voice and tears started rolling down my cheeks. I brought out my handkerchief and wiped my tears but they kept flowing.

The music ended and the screams increased. The Co ordinator took the mic and called up The STOPS.

I wiped my tears and cleared my throat then turned to return to the party when I bumped into a guy and he spilled his wine on my dress.

"am so sorry I didn't see you coming" he apologized and brought out his handkerchief to clean the stain

I was so infuriated that I wanted to slap him but I controlled my temper.

"it's okay" I simply said and walked out

"we're next after STOPS what are we going to do now?" Phoebe asked

They were all panicking

"I think Mabel planned this so we can't perform" Zion said

"excuse me" A woman said walking up to us. She was a delivery woman

"there's a guy out there that asked me to deliver this to you"

"who is it?"

"I don't know but he left this note" she proffered me with a folded paper and it read

☒ sorry for ruining your dress

"how did he manage to make such a quick delivery?" Fiona asked in surprise

"thanks" Phoebe said and collected the dress from her

"sign here"

Phoebe took the pen and scribbled a signature on her clip board

"thanks"

"now let's go get you ready before we've called upon" she said and they dragged me to the restroom

MINUTES LATER

"How did he manage to know your size just by seeing you?" Zion asked as she zipped up the gown

"I don't know"

"unless he has been watching you" Fiona said then winked and I shot her a glare

"let's go"

We returned to the party and The Barbie Girls were already performing. soon it was our turn. We climbed up the stage and screams rented the air

" now that's a lot of vote" Blue said joining us

"I thought you wouldn't return" I chuckled and she winked

"let's go"

☒ Rock rock rock my body all night

☒ wanna see you after the party

The crowd joined as we all sang dancing away our sorrows till the music ended and The Stupids ran up the stage to join us for our song.

☒ don't need nobody when you are mine

☒ just tell everybody that you are mine

☒ no no boy you're amazing

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He smiled and touched my cheeks "you can always count on me if you need anyone"

"thanks"

"What class do you have now?" he asked

"Algebra"

"Too bad I have English now, I wanted to keep you company"

I smiled and gave his hand a warm squeeze "I'll be fine"

"Do miss me" he said with a wink then walked off.

I adjusted my backpack and headed for Algebra class. Blue was already in the class when I walked in. She's the only Bloom I normally have classes with.

"Hey!" she called sadly as I sat beside her.
They were all sad about last night

"How was your night?"

"cool till it doomed"

I chuckled and brought out my textbook "let's study before Mr big glasses comes in for the class"
She laughed and brought out her textbook.

LATER....

"Reasons I hate Algebra" Blue sighed as we walked out of the class.
Mr big glasses had given us a surprise pop quiz and she had done bad in it.

"It's just one subject" I said

"yes but my grandma won't let me go for summer camp if I fail Algebra again"

"We'll see what we can do during the exams"

"Thanks" she said with a beam "what class do you have now?"

"History but am going to the gym. How about you?"

"same but am going for the class I really want to go for the summer camp"

I chuckled silently at how sad she looked because of the camp "see you after class"

"chau!" she waved and plodded away
I watched her walk towards the History block then headed for the gym.

LATER....

IN THE CAFETERIA ☒

I ran into the cafeteria holding my stomach which was hurting me cause of my ulcer. I had fallen asleep in the gym and didn't wake up till my stomach started grumbling.

There's was already a queue of students in the counter so I hurried to the VIP order.

Thank God am a top 5.

I really don't understand what happened but I bumped into someone and his hot food poured on my body.

"Ouch!" all the students mouthed and I screamed cause of the burn

"Am so sorry" he apologized trying to calm me down

"Angelou" Chance called running up to us "what happened to her?"

"Kel" The Blooms called and ran up to us

"What happened to her?" Phoebe raged but he was speechless. I glared at him and ran into the restroom.

"does it still hurts?" Blue asked as they bath me with the hand shower

"Am better now but my skin is burnt"

"My grandma has a cream for burns I'll get it for you after school" Blue said

"Who was that guy and how could he be so careless?" Phoebe asked in rage. She really hates seeing me in pain

"You should've slapped him Kel" Fiona snarled

I chuckled and wrapped a towel around my body "That wasn't necessary. It was a mistake and nobody is above that"

"Mistake?" Blue asked and crossed her hands around her chest "a guy spilled wine on you last night and today, another poured hot food on your body"

"and you got burnt" Fiona added

"what if I say it's the same guy of last night?"

"don't say it cause am gonna kill him" Phoebe snarled

"but it is, I recognized him"

" he must be trying to get on you"

"get on me? I don't know him" I said and Phoebe scoffed

"am gonna kill him Kel"

"here, I got this from my locker, it's a good thing I always keep an extra cloth there" Zion said as she joined us in the restroom

I collected the bag from her "thanks"

"does it still hurt? I mean the burns" Zion asked

"am better now"

"Chance asked about you he said he's really sorry" Zion said

I pulled the gown down my head "He shouldn't be it wasn't his fault"

"He said the guy is a newbie and his friend"

"I never knew Chance would have such a clumsy friend" Phoebe said and rolled her eyes

"Phoebe" I chuckled and nudged her
I put my old clothes inside my bag and packed my hair up in a bunch.

"let's go"

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"Does it still hurts?" Ms Chantel asked noticing my uneasiness

"just a little cause am sweating"

"sorry for that. Can you practice?"

"even if I got burnt in my mouth I'll still sing"

Ms Chantel smiled "Good"

We all picked up our instruments but Phoebe was fuming.

"Am really fine"

"you can convince me to do nothing but Tristan isn't going to hear of it" she said and looked away

TALKING OF TRISTAN....

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☒TRISTAN☒

"You're still failing it" I scolded Paris "it's a D flat at the end"

"I'll try again" Paris said and started playing his guitar. This time he got it better. We've been practicing our song for NYN Music Award but he isn't impressive a bit.

"heard there's a newbie" Orlando said and stopped playing his piano

"This competition is more important than that newbie" I said

"You hate him cause he poured his food on Kelanie" Stephen laughed

"what? The newbie poured his food on Kelanie?"

"you didn't hear of it?" Stephen asked still laughing

"this isn't funny Stephen?"

"it is" Stephen laughed "you need to see your face"

I clenched my fists to punch Stephen but Paris who was sitting beside me held me back

"easy bro. It was in the cafeteria today and it was an accident"

"thanks for the info" I said and ran out

"Tristan!

Tristan!

Tristan!"

I ignored them and ran out of the class then I ran into Phoebe at the hall way.

"It's a good thing I met you" she panted. she was also running

"someone..."

"I..."

we began in unison then stopped "you go first"

"someone poured hot food on Kel at the cafeteria today"

"Stephen just told me" I said then asked "who's he?"

"A newbie who spilled drink on Kel's dress last night"

"Where's Kelanie?"

"In the library"

LATER IN THE LIBRARY ☒

"Tristan it was an accident" Kelanie said

"why are you defending him?" Phoebe asked irritated

"am not defending him and besides I don't know him but he didn't mean to"

"I hope he makes another mistake" I said and stormed out

Kelanie☒

"look what you've done" I scolded Phoebe

"what have I done? Am just concerned and I don't want some stupid newbie ruining your skin"

"it was a mistake" I insisted then she sighed and walked out of the library

"Better" I breathed out and faced the book I was reading

I read till I dozed off then woke up to someone tapping me gently on my back.

"Sorry for waking you" she apologized and I rubbed my eyes with the back of his palms.

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Love hurts ☒

#Episode 4

Kelanie☒

"It's alright" Tristan pacified and kissed my hair while I sobbed silently on his shoulder

"They're gone" he said then bent down and picked up the tray "let's go" he took my hand and led me out.

☒BLOOMSMUSIC ROOM☒

I sat at a corner staring into space while the others practiced. I couldn't stop thinking about Lancelot and the memories we shared together.

"here" Chance said and proffered me a handkerchief that was when I realized I was crying

"thanks" I faked a smile and accepted the handkerchief

"can I join you?"

I nodded and he sat beside me

"Why don't you join us, it will help to keep your mind off somethings" Chance said then I turned to look at the others. They were so happy as they discussed apart from the new guy who sat alone reading a novel.

"Am not the only one who isn't practicing"

Chance smiled as he gazed at the new guy "Angelou is a book worm and introvert"

"is he now part of The Stupids?"

"yes"

I sighed and looked away "I just need someone to replace me in The Blooms"

"no one can replace you" he said and gave my hand a warm squeeze

"How's your practice going?" I asked changing the topic

"With Angelou, victory in NYN is assured" he replied confidently

I smiled and spared Angelou a glance "he's gonna be reading New York Times" I laughed

"he's a great singer"

"Than you?"

"you'll see"

We remained silent, each thinking of his problem as we stared at nothing in particular.

"let's go join the others" he broke the silence

"you go ahead"

"c'mon Kel you ought to be strong by now, Blooms needs you we all need you"

I nervously flicked my long, light brown hair out of my eyes as I stood up "let's go"

"Kel" Blue giggled when she saw us then passed me a ball "we're playing catch"

"is this a field or a music room?" I asked

Blue shrugged then replied "both"

"are you okay now? " Tristan asked

I nodded "sure"

"it's goodnews" Zion said

"Let's practice"

"no way" they all sighed and fell back

"we don't have time"

"you always sound like Ms Chantel" Phoebe snarled and I rolled my eyes

"girls" Ms Chantel called as she entered the music room clapping "let's practice"

she added and I chuckled while the others frowned

The practice was finally over as I headed for the library. Chance was right, Angelou was a wonderful singer but something about him spelt 'sadness' he wasn't happy and it has something to do with why he's an introvert but Chance wouldn't talk.

I walked to the shelves and took one of my favorite novels from my favorite author L J Smith then I sat down on my table and continued reading The Vampire Diaries. As usual, I dozed off while reading in the library only to wake up to the chiming of the bell.

School was over.

I closed the book and shoved it into my backpack then shouldered it.

"you're here" Tristan breathed out in relief as I walked out of the library

"anything the matter?"

"not really, I was just worried that's all"

I smiled then started walking out as he followed "Whenever you want to see me just check on me in the library"

"my bad, I should've known" he chuckled

"my driver is here" I said when we were outside the school building

"alright see you tomorrow"

I laughed "tomorrow is Saturday"

he laughed too "I totally forgot maybe it's because I want to keep seeing you everyday"

I raised my brow and gave him a level stare

"Never mind" he said and slapped my shoulder lightly "take care"

"chau!" I waved

"chau? that's so girlish"

"I didn't ask you to reply with that and besides it isn't girlish"

he shrugged "okay chau"

"have fun"

"it isn't really going to be fun without you" he winked then walked off in a hurry. I chuckled and walked to my car then I bumped into Angelou or he ran into me.

"so sorry" he apologized

"not again" I rolled my eyes and stared at him

"Am in a hurry cause..." he trailed off then sighed "the bus already left"

I turned to see the school bus cruising into the road

"you take the bus?"

"yes"

"I could give you a ride"

he stared at me like a developed two heads and I felt embarrassed
"no thanks" he finally said

"You can only get a bus at the bus stop and it's far from here"

"I'll be fine thanks" he said and walked off.

I hissed and entered my car.

I was just trying to be nice. I thought and Festus drove off.

TRISTAN

"buddy" Luke called and threw a pillow at me

"it's Tristan not buddy" I corrected angrily as I threw the pillow back at him. Luke is my younger brother and he's so good at getting on my nerves.

"I've been calling you but you weren't answering" he drawled with pouted lips

"sorry I spaced out" I apologized "so what do you want?"

"how's my paper plane?" he asked giggling as he showed me a plane he made with paper

"good" I replied honestly "can you teach me how to make it?"

"am kinda busy now, maybe later" he said

I huffed loudly then walked to my room.

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Paper kites aren't my problem now, I just wanted to learn it cause Kelanie likes them. The only problem I have now is Kelanie. We've been friends since childhood when she moved into the neighborhood. Then I didn't like her till the day she helped me at the fun fare then I liked her and we became friends.

It was not till they moved out of the neighborhood that I realized I was in love with her. That was 3 years ago.

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3 YEARS AGO

"What's up with the long face" Paris had asked that fateful day

"N-nothing"

"seriously? it's been nothing since Kelanie moved out"

"am really fine"

"no you're not" Paris argued "I think you like her"

"Do I?"

he chuckled "you should tell her"

"she'll hate me she sees me as a friend and a brother I wouldn't want to ruin our friendship"

"she wouldn't hate you, she'll understand"

"how do I tell her?"

"girls likes flowers so go with a flower and tell her how you feel"

"I don't know" I sighed doubtfully

"give it a shot"

LATER....

"don't you think she'll hate me?" I asked when we were outside Kelanie's house

"don't be a coward, you can't hide your feelings forever" he said

"but I plan on"

he scoffed and rolled his eyes "just go in" He started pushing me towards the gate

"don't you think her parents would get mad if they see me?"

"Zion told me Kelanie's parents are on a vaca it's just her nanny"

"okay okay" I said nervously then took a deep breath and pushed the gate but it didn't open

"it's locked"

"then use the fence" Paris suggested

"what" I shouted

"you're shouting"

"of course am shouting how do you expect me to jump the fence Kel will hate me"

"she wouldn't, she'll love you more for taking the risk for her"

"okay, I'll try" I succumbed and handed him the bouquet "hold this for me then give it to me when I climb"

"okay" Paris collected the bouquet then watched me as I climbed up the fence. I got up the fence and sat on it.

"I made it"

"great now look for a place to land"

I nodded and started looking around for a safe place to land when I sighted Kelanie and Tony kissing. I got weak and hurt at the sight and fell off the fence into a bush of thongs.

"Tristan are you alright?" Paris asked pulling me out of the bush

"no" I replied in tears.

I was hurt from the fall and I was bleeding cause the thongs tore my flesh but what hurt me most was seeing Kelanie and Tony kissing.

"what happened?" Paris asked further

"just take me home"

I got home that day and my parents scolded me cause I didn't tell them where I went. My mum who is a nurse treated the injuries and gave me some drugs to subside the pain.

I regretted taking Paris' decision. If I hadn't gone maybe I wouldn't had seen Kelanie and Tony and I wouldn't had been hurt. The injury on my body didn't hurt like the one in my heart.

Kelanie visited that night to know how I was cause Luke had told her about my accident but no one knew what caused it and I didn't tell her. She kept talking about Tony asking her to be his girlfriend and she accepted. She was so excited as she told me about their first kiss and tears trickled down my cheeks.

"what's wrong Tristan?" she asked

"the injuries are painful" I lied cause I didn't want her to know about my feelings

"what can I do to help?"

"stop talking about Tony"

She didn't talk about him again till she left but she didn't cease to ask me why I didn't want to know about it and I didn't tell her.

⌘⌘PRESENT⌘⌘

After that day, know one knew about my feelings apart from Paris and I didn't tell her nor anyone, I just let it die but it wouldn't.

It kept growing every time I saw her and every time we spent together.

When I caught Tony cheating on her, I didn't tell her cause she was madly in love with him and she was preparing for Paris Voice Award. I didn't want her to lose focus but I was going to tell her after the competition.

That night, of the competition, she caught him making out with a girl from another school and he openly broke up with her.

She was so broken that she lost to Shayne Gold. I was there through all her pain till she became strong and just when I thought I had her, she told me she was in love with Eric even before I told her of my feelings for her.

Again I wanted her to be happy, I let her date Eric till he broke up with him Lancelot came along and now....

I just want Kelanie and I can't lose her this time, I won't watch another guy hurt her again.

But how do I open up to her?

SATURDAY AFTERNOON ☒

CHANCE ☒

"seriously? Angelou" I sighed and snatched his pencil from him

"give it back"

"not till you stop making paintings of Lisa, the entire room is filled with her pictures" I said and carried his canvas

"You can never understand" Angelou sighed and fell back on his chair

"I understand you but she's dead, you have to move on"

he closed his eyes and said "I might never move on, I feel her around me"

"she isn't around"

he got up and stared at me "you can never understand"

"I think you should go on a blind date" I suggested

he chuckled "that would be cheating on Lisa"

I huffed loudly "Lisa is dead and gone"

"she's dead but isn't gone"

"what am I going to do to get her off your mind?"

"just stop trying cause I can't"

"Angelou.... "

"forget it Chance, you're a good friend and I appreciate it" he cut in then walked out

I sighed as I watched him leave. Lisa shouldn't had died, she didn't deserve death, she should be here with Angelou they were so in love with each other.

Angelou ☒

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☒ANGELOU☒

"Thanks" I said when we were in the car

She smiled but said nothing as she hummed the music that was playing in the car.
"I'll drop here" I said when we got to a bridge

she pulled the car to a stop "why? but there's no building around"

"I live around" I said then got down "thanks for the ride"

She sighed and drove off in full speed.

I looked around and started my trek down to my house. I didn't want her to know where I live, no one apart from Chance was to know.

I strolled down the street till I got to a restaurant.

If there's anything I love so much, it's eating out.

I walked into the restaurant and sat down.

"what do I offer you?" a waitress asked me

"what do you have?"

"place your order" she gave me a menu

I went through it and finally said "water"

"what?"

"don't you serve water here?"

"we do"

"then get me water"

she looked at me to be sure I was sane and when I wasn't saying anything, she walked out and returned shortly with a jug of water and a glass cup.

"thanks" I said then poured out water in the cup

I can be really crazy

"am not the only one who loves drinking water" a girl said excitedly as she got to my table "can I join you?"

I glanced at her then at the empty seat before me silently

"thanks" she said and sat down like I asked her to

"water please" she signalled a waiter then turned to me "have we met before?"

"I don't think so" I replied curtly and gazed out the window

"okay, am Mabel by the way" she introduced and stretched out her hand

I scoffed and got up "I didn't ask you did I?"

"that's mean"

"I know"

"here's your order miss" the waiter returned with another jug and cup

"here's my bill" I slipped some notes under the tray and walked out.
I could hear her huff and stamping her feet.
She's a jerk. A real one.

"Angelou wait up" Tristan called running to meet me "we've been looking for you"

"is there any problem?"

"did I say we? I meant I"

"what do you want?"

"someone told me you make paper planes I was thinking you could teach me"

I sighed at the disturbance "let's go"

"your house or mine?"

"yours"

"okay"

MABEL

"You ain't concentrating" Ivy hurled

I hissed and turned to the Barbies "what do you want?"

"your attention" Caitlyn replied

"well that's not available" I said and got up

"you ain't helping at all Mabel, Glamour Diva is around the corner" Lara said

"it's my contest not yours" I seethed and walked out.

I wasn't in the mood to practice. Not after that guy made a fool out of me and the annoying waiter had the guts to laugh.

I entered my room and shut the door then fell on my bed.

"honey are you in?" mum called knocking on the door

"am in mum"

"your friends are leaving, they look upset"

"I don't care"

"okay but just in case you need anything Naomi..."

"am not a kid mum" I snarled and heard her sigh then she was gone.

I just need to be alone.

I brought out my jotter and pen and started writing. My list of destruction.

Steal Lancelot

Rock Louis' party

win Glamour Diva

Win Homecoming Queen

Win NYN

Separate Kelanie and Tristan

Am so evil

☒KELANIE ☒

"I'll be out nanny" I yelled from the sitting room

"but you just got back"

I chuckled "I know but am allergic to staying indoors"

nanny walked out of the kitchen and crossed her hands across her chest "you'll make a bad wife"

"I know" I laughed and ran out

I was preparing for my parents return and I was so excited about it cause it's been two years since they last visited.

"I'll drive" I told Festus and he gave me the car key
I got in and drove off to the mall. I was to shop with The Blooms.

AT THE MALL ☒

"How do I look?" I asked The Blooms when I walked out of the fitting room

"it's kinda baggy" Blue said and the others nodded

"whatever" I rolled my eyes and walked back to the fitting room

I could hear The Blooms giggling but I wasn't hearing what they were talking about. I pulled the dress and wore another one then walked out.

"how's this one"

"it's kinda tight at the hips" Phoebe said and I stormed into the fitting room.
They continued giggling as I wore another dress. This time I wore a pure lacy sleeveless blouse and sheer cut-out pants.

"how's this one?"

Zion squeezed her face "you wouldn't believe it but you look horrible in it"

"what's wrong with you girls?" I hurled and they flinched back

"chill girl, just try something nice" Fiona said and I stormed back to the fitting room and wore the dress I wore to the mall.

When I walked out, they were gone. I looked around but there was no sign of them.

I proceeded to walk out when a pail of paint poured on my body. I screamed and started running about frantically like a blind person as the paint covered my eyes. I stumbled on a table and fell with my face.

I groaned and made to stand up when a pile of banana peels fell on my body.

"Blooms!" I screamed and they all came running out and giggling

"Happy Birthday Kel!"

Wait!

It's my birthday?

"you'll have to get used to it, it keeps repeating every year" Tristan said walking up to me "here let me help" he stretched out his hand but I slapped it off and got up.

"Happy birthday" Chance greeted and wiped my face with a handkerchief. I looked like a bag of garbage

"Happy birthday to you.... " They all sang and I looked around and saw all the Blooms, The Stupids and even the new guy, The STOPS and other friendly singing bands. They were all complete in their numbers but only two people were missing.

My parents.

"make a wish Kel" they said when they were done singing

"I wish you all get out of my sight"

"that's not fair" Blue pouted

"it's fair" Phoebe said then turned to the crowd "we'll go with the cake"

"That's my birthday cake" I argued

"whoever said that" Fiona snatched the cake and they ran out

"we made our own cake" Chance prompted when I tried running after them

"and we made a more beautiful one" Tristan said and Paris pushed in a cake wagon

"Happy birthday Kelanie"

"thanks"

"wait till you see ours" Chance said then Ray pushed in their own wagon

"They're all beautiful"

"which will you eat first?"

"uhm.... " I bite my index finger thoughtfully and saw Angelou walking out. I think he's allergic to staying with people.

"Say something Kel" Tristan urged

"whoever catches me first" I said and ran out

ANGELOU

LATER IN THE NIGHT

I sat beside the swimming pool in Kelanie's house. Everyone was having fun in the party going on inside except me.

Today was supposed to be Lisa's birthday too.

I didn't wish I Happy Birthday in the cemetery today cause I got so emotional and ran off cowardly.

I brought out a paper and a pen and started writing

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE WORLD. YOUR ABSENCE HAS GONE THROUGH ME LIKE A THREAD IN A NEEDLE. EVERYTHING I DO IS STITCH WITH IT'S COLOR.

I folded the paper into a paper jet and threw it into the air as the wind carried it into the night.

Everything reminds me of Lisa especially paper jets, she thought me how to make them and she would always want me to make it for her. It wasn't easy teaching Tristan how to make it cause it felt like Lisa was there.

KELANIE

I need some fresh air.

I breathed out and weaved my way through the crowd till I got outside. I found a bench and sat down then a paper flew from nowhere and fell on my feet. I picked it up and turned to the direction it came from, Tristan was hurrying away into the building.

I picked up the paper and stared at the jet, it was neatly folded and it looked exactly like a jet. I took it inside and dropped it on my bed. I wasn't going to unfold

it, it was very beautiful.

I wonder who made it though my instincts tells me it's Tristan that's why he was running away so I wouldn't see him.

No, No,

Tristan wouldn't run away cause of an ordinary paper jet.
Ordinary paper jet unless it's not ordinary.

I dropped the jet and returned to the party.

"Great party you planned Kel" Ken said and gave me a thumbs up

"thanks"

"Someone is having fun" Mabel and her Barbie dolls giggled

"yeah, so much you can never enjoy in your life time" I fired back

"don't be confident Kelanie cause your dooms aren't here to help you" Mabel snarled

"whatever hefe" I said with a wave of the hand and proceeded to leave

"it's your party Kelanie entertain your guests" Mabel prompted

"what do you want?"

"a face off" she replied "let's see who the real idol and future Glamour Diva is"

"am not interested Mabel"

"of course you're scared"

"am not scared of losers"

"let's see who the real loser is" she smirked "let's go up stage"

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#Episode 6

KELANIE

Mabel climbed up the stage and whispered something to the co ordinator then she climbed down.

There's a new event

He paused and glanced at me and I nodded my approval. I wasn't going to be a coward to back off.

a face off between the celebrant and our idol Mabel

Cheers and applause filled the room as Mabel climbed up the stage. Blooms ran up to me and held me back when I was about to go up stage.

"did you plan this?" Phoebe asked

"no, she challenged me"

Fiona scoffed "and you're going to take it up?"

"am not a coward Fiona" I stated and went up stage

"may the best idol win" Mabel smirked and took the mic

**When nobody seems to notice I rock it with the best
When everything seems to be fading I live it to the fullest
Don't you know don't you know I'll make it to the end....**

She sang on dancing and swaying her hips to the rhythm of the music. When she stopped, I slipped the microphone from it's stand, and bent double, facing the audience. I held the pose while the beat came on then snapped erect at the first line:

Ruling the world is all I came to do....

The crowd joined me as we shouted

Rule, rule the world tonight

Blooms got me going up tonight....

At the end of the song the applause was solid and warm. I gazed at Mabel who was fuming.

She didn't expect to rock my own party. did she?

MONDAY MORNING ☒

I walked into the hallway and met a group of students gathered in a corner and staring at something as they talked in whispers.

"what's going on?" I asked a boy

"see for yourself" he said with a scowl and walked out

Here she comes

Students pointed at me and talked in whispers. I got scared as I walked to the wall to see what they were looking at. The last time this happened someone published a nude with my face making it look like I was really the one in the picture. But it wasn't in Glamorous, I left that school because of the incident and came to Glamorous.

"Kel Kel" someone called and I whirled around to see The Blooms walking towards me

"what's happening?"

"it's the list of band that would be competing for NYN" Blue replied

"and what's wrong with that? "

"The Reds would be competing" Zion replied

I was shocked at the realization that they were scared of Shayne Gold cause she is the leader of The Reds and she had won me in Paris.

"are you scared of Shayne?" I asked them and they were mute. I sighed disappointedly and walked out.

"Kel Kel" Tristan called as I sat in my chair in the class but I was absent minded

"kelanie" he yanked

"Tristan"

"you seem to be lost in whatever it is that you're thinking about"

"am sorry"

"is it about Shayne?"

"The Blooms don't trust me"

He reached out and gave my hand a warm squeeze "but I do"

"I failed them before"

"but you never failed them again" he said "it's true that Shayne wins virtually every competition she goes for and it's also true that I trust you"

"me too" Chance chirped in

"me three"

"me four"

All The Stupids walked in and stood round my table.

"We trust you Kel"

"thanks guys"

"The Blooms are crying they think you hate them now" Lex said

I chuckled lightly "go pacify them" then I noticed Angelou wasn't with them
"where's New York Times?"

Chance bursted into an outrageous laughter and I started wondering what was funny in what I said.

"he's reading a History on Blake Hasting"

"and what's so funny about that?"

"cause he thinks Blake was a werewolf while Blake was actually a vampire so he's trying to prove me wrong"

"Blake wasn't a vampire" I said pointedly

Chance stopped laughing and gazed at me "don't tell me am wrong cause I've been bragging about knowing his history"

"well you're wrong" I stated

"but he wasn't a werewolf either" Chance said hopefully

"he was human till he got attacked by a wolf as he returned from the forest. Deana Clark treated the wound with whortleberry and sallow bark, but it was deep and she was afraid.

After coming home, she cast the runes. Casting the runes means divining and she found out that Blake had turned to a werewolf" I narrated

"you're good in history" Derek commented

"Thank you"

"I guess I was wrong after all" Chance said with a shrug

"and I guess you should apologize to Angelou"

I walked to my locker to take my book for the next class. I was standing beside the locker when a paper jet flew to where I was standing and landed at my feet.

Another paper jet

I picked it up and threw it into my locker and walked to English class. I'll find out the pilot of these jets later or better still unfold it, maybe whoever it is, is trying to pass a message.

LANCELOT

"The Splitz are competing for NYN" Aaron exclaimed

"now that's a competition between Flames, Stupids, and Splitz" I said

"Stupids might be stupid but they're good and with that new guy, we gat a real problem" Miles added

"Angelou won Gotz Talent and he really got talent maybe we should send him out of the way"

"What about Chance?" Eric asked

"He might be dead before the competition" Seth said
"I really hate him, I might kill him before the competition"

Seth is a real bad ass

"I have a plan" Frank said and his voice fell to a whisper

MABEL

I gazed out the window as the History teacher was saying his nonsense. Angelou was sitting adjacent to me and the only way I could keep myself from staring was looking outside.

Many thoughts were running through my head. Glamour Diva was in a week time and the homecoming game starts immediately after the Diva is crowned.

What if Kelanie wins everything?

"Miss Beddingfield" The History teacher called and I looked up to face him

"What are you staring at?"

I didn't make a move to reply his question

"Maybe you should excuse my class"

I packed my books and walked out.

Best punishment ever.

I walked down the stairs and walked into Kelanie who was climbing up the stairs. She ignored me and continued walking but I held her back.

"Must you always be a pest?" she snapped

I scoffed and twisted her hand "I want you to sign out of Glamour Diva"

"You're a bitch" she yanked and pushed me.

I fell and rolled down the stairs then everything went blank

KELANIE

I got scared as Mabel passed out and wasn't moving. My heart was beating fast and I shook her violently. "Mabel! Mabel!"

A part of me was telling me to run away and pretend I have no idea of what happened but my conscience was pricking me

"what have you done?" The Barbies yelled from behind

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Another paper jet

#Episode 7

KELANIE

I got scared as Mabel passed out and wasn't moving. My heart was beating fast and I shook her violently. "Mabel! Mabel!"

A part of me was telling me to run away and pretend I have no idea of what happened but my conscience was pricking me

"what have you done?" The Barbies yelled from behind and pushed me out of the way

"Mabel!" They called repeatedly then students ran out

"What happened to her?" Lancelot asked as he made his way to where we were

"Kelanie pushed her down the stairs" Lara replied with haughty disdain

Lancelot turned to look at me but said nothing then carried Mabel in his arms bridal style "let's take her to the clinic"

"pray nothing happens to her" Ivy seethed and they followed Lancelot out. The students started walking out his groups and murmuring to themselves. I was really scared.

Why does everything go wrong in my life?

I plodded to the music room as tears welled up in my eyes. I was really scared.

"what happened?" Tristan asked as they ran up to me

"she... she tried attacking..." I choked on my tears and Tristan pulled me into a hug

"it's okay"

"They're not going to believe me" I sobbed on his shoulders

"We all know you aren't going to do anything to hurt anyone" Fiona cued

"and she kinda deserve it" Phoebe snarled and rolled her eyes

Tristan shot her a glare then she stormed out.

"Let's go sit down" Tristan said and took my hand

"Miss Louis"

I turned to see who called and met the principal staring at me from her glasses. Miss Morgan was standing beside her and glaring at me.

"to my office now"

"I didn't mean to, it was an accident" I pleaded

"you've always hated Mabel and feared her cause she's your competition and Glamour Diva is around the corner you'll do anything to get her out of the way" Ms Morgan seethed then I wiped my tears

No one believes me

"That's a lie Morgan, Kelanie wouldn't think of hurting anyone" Ms Chantel defended

"Then what do you call what she did to Mabel?" the principal asked sternly

"it was self defense ma'am she was just trying to protect herself"

"there's no evidence that Mabel did anything to Kelanie. Kelanie was just being wicked"

"that's a lie and you know it Morgan..."

"enough Chantel" the principal cut in "I don't care who's guilty but Kelanie shouldn't had pushed Mabel down the stairs which is an act of wickedness..."

I glanced at Ms Morgan who was smiling wickedly then turned back to the principal

"...you're suspended and is to return after two weeks"

"what? Glamour Diva is in a week time and she's competing" Ms Chantel shouted

"then she's no longer allowed to contest till her suspension is over, she has to learn her lesson" The principal stated with a note of finality

"we know you didn't mean to do it" Zion said as they walked me to the lot

"I trained so much for Glamour Diva and the homecoming game, I can't believe I won't be competing"

"you'll always be the best homecoming queen even though you don't compete and you'll always be our Glamour Diva" Tristan said

"thanks guys, I need to go now"

"we'll come after school to check on you" Chance said

"bye guys"

"bye Kel"

MABEL

"Ouch!" I groaned holding my head as I tried to sit up from the bed

"how you feeling?" Ms Morgan asked

"my head hurts a lot"

"you'll be fine"

"what happened to Kelanie?"

"she has been suspended and won't be competing for Glamour Diva" Ms Morgan replied

I smiled in relief "great"

"you need to rest"

"where are the girls?"

"practicing"

"they haven't even come to see me"

"they did when you were asleep"

I sighed "where's Lancelot"

"he just went out to get you something to eat"

The door opened and Lancelot walked in shutting the door behind him.

"here he comes"

"you're awake"

"My head hurts" I drawled and he touched my cheek affectionately

"sorry, you'll be fine"

"I know, as long as I won't be competing with Kelanie"

I sat beside me and opened the bag he was holding "here I bought you lunch"

"am not hungry" I said and hugged him from his side

"but you need to eat so you can take your drugs and get strong"

"there's no strength like having Kelanie out of the way, you just won't understand"

he touched my hair and said "I do"
but he wasn't really happy.

TRISTAN

"My life sucks" I sighed for the umpteenth time

"yeah" Orlando agreed then added "it started sucking twenty minutes ago when Kelanie left"

"I'll be going on suspension too" I said

Paris chuckled "you're giving yourself a two weeks suspension?"

"yep I don't mind pushing Lancelot off the stairs"

"then you're crazy" he blurted out "we have a big game, the homecoming and we've got to win it"

"I don't mind losing it Paris, Kelanie is going to lose hers"

"and you're gonna lose your mind if you don't get her out of it" Stephen stated

I sighed and looked away. They wouldn't understand. They just don't know.

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After school, I drove to Kelanie's house to keep her company.

"Good afternoon ma'am" I greeted her nanny with a head bow

"Tristan do come in" she stepped aside and I walked in

"is Kelanie in?"

"she's in her room. she hasn't come out since she got back and am worried cause she can be really crazy when she's hurt"

"I'll go check on her" I said and headed for her room.

I understand nanny's fear.

Whenever Kelanie is hurt she does many crazy things like when we lived in the same neighborhood. She had jumped down a tree and broke an arm cause she didn't get a gift from Santa.

And the other time, she threw a pill into her nose cause her parents missed her ten year old birthday.

She was a rich spoilt girl but I know she's changed and matured now.

"Kelanie!" I called knocking on her door

"Kelanie open up it's me Tristan"

The door creaked open and she walked back to the bed.

"Are you alright?"

"am fine Tristan you shouldn't have bothered"

"I know but I have to, you mean a lot... " I stopped myself from telling her she meant a lot to me

"is that a paper jet in your bag?" she asked pointing at the paper that was hanging

at the side of my bag

"no... " I scratched my hair nervously thinking of a perfect lie. I couldn't tell her it was a paper jet.

What if she asks to see it?

"it's not a paper jet, you know I can't make one"

"oh!" she mouthed "I've been picking paper jets lately. someone has been flying it to me, I thought you were the pilot" she chuckled

"I don't make paper jets" I insisted and hastily shoved the paper jet into my bag "I'll be leaving now but I'll come over later in the night"

"thanks for your company"

"what are friends for?"

LATER IN THE NIGHT ☒

KELANIE ☒

8:30 pm ☒

I laid on my bed after taking my bathe and having dinner. I couldn't sleep, I was waiting for Tristan or anyone to come over and keep me company before I do something crazy.

9:30 pm ☒

I tossed about in my bed. No one was coming and I was getting to my limit. I turned off the bed lamp and got out of bed, then I walked to the window and pushed it open.

I needed fresh air and the night was dark and cold with only the stars illuminating the sky.

☒ Everything reminds me of you even the cold distant night reminds me of our times together

☒ Forgetting you is not going to be easy, remembering me is not your thing

I wiped my tears as I continued singing. My life was gradually turning into a mess. I let out my breath slowly and turned to return to bed when a paper jet flew into my room.

I picked it up and whirled around to see who threw it. I gazed out the window but there was no sign of anyone. Just the breeze as it blew on the trees.

I brought out the other paper jet I had picked on my birthday and studied the two. Three paper jets but one was in my locker in school.

I unfolded the one I just picked and there was a clear write up

☒f you think you've lost it all, always remember the tree. It loses it's leaves and gets it back after that season.

Who is the pilot?

I opened the first one and also read it. Whoever this is, is sending it to me. But who could it be?

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The boy is mine ☒

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☒KELANIE☒

THE NEXT DAY ☒

"It's so romantic" Blue drawled dreamily when I told them of the paper jets. The Blooms had visited me the next day after school.

"Whoever is doing this really admires you" Phoebe stated

"I think it's Tristan" I said

"What makes you think so?"

"I saw a paper jet in his bag when he visited yesterday but he denied it wasn't a paper jet"

"makes him look suspicious" Zion said thoughtfully

"but Tristan doesn't know how to make paper jets" Blue reasoned

"Luke makes paper jet, it's possible he thought Tristan" Zion noted

"So romantic you got a secret admirer Kel" Blue said gleefully

"It could be a girl Blue" I snarled

"no girl will spend her time making paper jets for another girl unless she's a gay" Fiona said

"We have to question Tristan, I still insist he's the one" Zion insisted

"he's never going to admit"

I sighed and fell on the bed. I didn't really care to know who was the pilot cause no matter who it is, am done with men.

But the person might not really like me, like, like me.

"how's school going?" I asked changing the topic

"Boring without you" Phoebe replied and the others nodded

I chuckled "it's just been a day out of ten days"

"it's a century" Blue half yelled

"They're finding a replacement for you for Glamour Diva" Fiona said sadly

I faked a smile trying to hide my pain and sadness "any of you can go"

"It's gonna be you, Ms Chantel is working on it" Phoebe said

I shrugged and picked up my guitar "I just feel like singing"

"you got a lot of singing to do cause the guys would be coming over" Zion said

"Stupids?"

"yep" Phoebe nodded excitedly

"Lemme give you a piece of advice Phoebe" I began "don't fall for any of the guys"

"apart from Angelou" she said tilting her head

"What?" Zion shouted "I fell for him first"

"you didn't tell anyone did you?" Phoebe retorted

"you girls are crazy" Fiona yelled "the boy is mine"

"shut up Fiona!" Phoebe bellowed "I mentioned it first"

Blue tapped me "let's excuse them"

"right"

We tip-toed out of my room and shut the door quietly. Giving them enough time to exercise their madness.

"let's repeat the last line again" Chance said and we played the outro of the song we were practicing

"better, but some persons are distracted" he said and his eyes drifted to Fiona, Phoebe, and Zion who were fighting to sit beside Angelou.

Angelou shook his head then got up from where he sat and walked up to where I was sitting with Blue.

"can I sit?"

"sure"

he sat beside me and the three nations glared at me.

What did I do?

"We're good with the instrumental now, let's try the lyrics" Ray suggested

"okay let's try it" Chance agreed "Angelou you go with the solo"

Angelou nodded and adjusted nervously on his seat.

☒ just wanna feel the moment
☒ feel freedom being given to me
☒ open up my wings and fly...

I was lost in his voice that I didn't realize when it got to my turn to sing.

"Kel" Blue called me in a low tone and I came back to reality

"uhm... I totally spaced out let's begin again" I said
Angelou sighed and started singing from the beginning. Then it got to my turn.

☒ came to win tonight close my eyes
☒ and feel the moment tonight
☒ open up my wings and fly...

Angelou joined me with his angelic voice

☒ Fly... fly... shoot across the sky

The three nations were already drooling when we finished singing.
Chance was right, Angelou is really a great singer and I smell victory.

"That was excellent but still needs little practice" Chance applause

Angelou dropped his guitar and got up "I'll be outside"

He's allergic to staying with people. I just confirmed.

"Kel" Chance called and I realized I've been staring at the door since Angelou walked out.

"am sorry" I apologized in embarrassment

"who would you like to sing with? me or Angel?"

"Angel?" I asked quizzically

"Angelou" he corrected

I thought for a while then answered "You both have to agree between yourself"

"Am willing to surrender if you're willing to sing with Angelou"

"am willing to sing with him if you're willing to surrender"

Chance chuckled "you're playing smart in answering my questions" he threw his hands up in the air "I surrender"

"great"

"Mr Justin and Ms Chantel came up with a suggestion for your training..."

"our training" I cut in

"our job is just to play the instruments which we can do with our eyes closed but you both are barely acquainted"

"where are you getting at Chance?"

"music agrees with the heart and two people can only make a perfect song when there heart agrees..."

"where are you driving at Chance?" I cut in impatiently

"They suggested you both go on a one week training alone"

"But I got suspended"

"not in school" he shook his head "a music suite has been rented for just the two of you"

"what?" shouted the three nations

"That's so gonna be boring" I said "he's gonna keep reading for the entire seven days"

"ten days" Lex corrected and chuckled

"you said one week"

"I meant ten days"

"I wanna solo for Blooms" Zion volunteered

"I sing better than you Zion, I should do the solo" Phoebe protested

"you both single horribly and Angelou needs a voice like mine" Fiona blurted out

"now I get what's happening" Derek laughed "it's Prince Charming and the three princesses"

"but Kelanie isn't quitting" Chance said

"she doesn't want to train. Right Kel?" that was Phoebe

I scoffed and turned to the guys "when is the training beginning?"

Chance smiled "Ms Chantel will tell you the rest"

I nodded in agreement.

If staying with the book worm would keep these three crazy girls from him then am gonna do it.

I can't let them fight over one guy.

MABEL

I walked out of the gym and headed to The Barbie Girls music room when I overheard Ms Chantel pleading with the principal.

I hid at a corner and eavesdropped.

"Kelanie has been practicing for this competition you got to give her a chance even if she doesn't return to school"

"I can't do that Ms Chantel, I've already picked a replacement for her"

"Kelanie has a reputation in the school that she has to keep"

"she should've known that before pushing Mabel down the stairs"

"she didn't mean to, it was an accident"

"enough Ms Chantel" the principal sneered and walked out.

Ms Chantel turned and saw me then I walked out.

When I got to the music room, The Barbie Girls were dancing. I took a seat and sat watching them.

"how was it this time?" Ivy asked turning down the volume of the music when they were done

"better but you girls need to put more effort if we're going to win NYN"

They grabbed bottle waters then sat down.

"we're trying our best Mabel" Lara said

"your best isn't enough" I spat out then asked "who's Kelanie's replacement for Glamour Diva?"

"Tonia"

I scoffed "Tonia isn't my competition"

"In all the nine persons competing, none is your competition" Caitlyn said

"I just wish Kelanie won't also be competing for NYN and Shayne is gonna die before then" I snarled

"Think of a way to kill her then" Caitlyn laughed and the others joined her but I was damn serious

TRISTAN

"Finally" I breathed out when I was done folding the last paper jets

"hey! buddy" Luke called straining his neck to see what I was doing

"it's Tristan and not buddy"

"whatever"

"you're so annoying just get out" I seethed

"how did you learn how to make paper jets?"

"Does that affect you in anyway?"

"maybe cause I should be the only one making them"

"Mum!" I shouted

"what's it honey?"

"I want Luke out of the family"

"that's not possible honey" mum said appearing at the doorway "he's part of us"

"Then am leaving the family" I shoved the jets into my bag and walked out

I was going to see Kelanie or better still, carry out some assignments.

"you'll be leaving tomorrow" Mr Justin said later that day

I sighed and looked around at nothing in particular. Just wanted to get my mind of staying with Kalonia.

"Are you okay with the idea?" Mr Justin asked me

I looked at Chance and the Stupids before reluctantly replying "Yes"

"The driver will take you there tomorrow, I already took permission from the principal"

"Be careful bro, Kelanie is a temptation I don't want you to come back screaming baby" Lex said and the others burst into laughter I scoffed and turned to Chance who was also laughing.

Do they really think I would be cheating on Lisa?

"It's all part of the training, makes the two hearts beat as one" Ray guffawed

"Stupids" Mr Justin called and they stopped laughing. He turned to me "I trust you to be responsible"

"These would do" Chance said zipping up my bag

"It's just ten days I won't be needing all that"

"You might be tempted to stay more at the end of the tenth day" he said with a wink I picked up a pillow and threw him

"You crazy"

"You just laughed" he gasped and I realized I was laughing

"You just laughed" he repeated and I ignored him as I hurried out

"You just laughed after so many months" he repeated following me behind

"I didn't" I denied

"You did"

"I didn't laugh"

"You did"

"You're going crazy Chance leave me alone I didn't laugh"

"Gosh! You laughed"

KELANIE

"I'll really miss your meals nanny" I drawled when I finished having dinner that night

"Should I come with you?" she asked laughing

"I wish you could, I might not be able to eat whatever the cook cooks"

"What if there isn't a cook?"

"I can't cook" I shouted

"Angelou will cook"

I frowned "He's going to cook only papers"

"Reasons I've been trying to teach you how to cook but you never wanted to learn"

"I regret now nanny" I pouted

"There might be a cook you never can tell"

"There would be no one to keep me company"

"I'll always call"

I breathed out and sighed "I don't think I can survive this, I wish it were Lancelot"

THE NEXT DAY

I woke up on time and got ready for my journey to loneliness.
The car arrived and the driver helped me carry my things into the car.

"Be safe" nanny had said and I nodded
I got into the car and the driver drove off.

"What about Angelou?" I asked during the drive

"He took a cab"

I expected that though. The dude might puke if he stays with us, I wonder how we'll both cope.

We arrived at a beautiful mansion and I got down. The driver carried my things into the mansion and to my surprise, the mansion was empty.

"Aren't there servants here?" I asked

"No just the two of you"

"But why?"

"I don't know miss, am only an employee"

"So you'll be leaving?"

"I'll be taking my leave now" he bowed and left

Am so doomed, I don't even know how to cook.

I carried my bag and took the stairs. There was no sign of Angelou. Maybe he's somewhere where there are books.

I got to a corridor and started checking the doors. The all had tags to them.

I kept on reading the tags till I got to the door that had the tag 'Kelanie'. I turned the knob but it wasn't opening. The door was locked and I had no idea where the key was nor who to ask.

I brought out my phone to call Ms Chantel but to my surprise, there was no service.

I dropped my bag and started walking around, searching for Mr Boredom and I found a door tagged 'Angelou'. I knocked but there was no reply then I tried the knob and it opened. I walked in but he wasn't inside. The room was big and beautiful and so tempting.

I walked to the table and luckily found a box written 'Room Key 007'. I opened the box and brought out the key then headed for my room.

I tried the key and the door opened.

The room was a 'Wow'.

Everything were pink and the bed was a comforter. With a pink and white canopy just like the one I have at home. I took my bag to the closet then had a quick shower and changed my clothes.

When I was done, I was already hungry.

Reasons why am doomed.

I went into the kitchen to grab something to bite cause I couldn't cook and I didn't want to even try.

The kitchen was stocked with food stuffs and so was the fridge.

I took a burger and sat on the kitchen stool then started munching on it.

"We could need some meal" Angelou said entering the kitchen

"Did you just talk?" I asked in shock

"Am not dumb kalonia"

I chuckled "It's Kelanie"

He rolled his eyes "I've been eating snacks since I arrived and my stomach needs a good meal"

"Am having stomach upset maybe you should cook" I lied

"But you're eating"

"I have ulcer Angelou and I have to eat"

"Then you should cook"

"You talk too much, is that why you never talk?"

He stared at me wordlessly then sighed "You can't cook"

"What do you mean?"

"You can't cook" He repeated and walked to the gas cooker

I scoffed "I'll be in my room" i got down from the stool and walked to my room. I really can't cook. It's unbelievable. Disadvantages of growing without a mother.

I sat on my bed and continued eating my burger.

I couldn't believe Angelou talked to me, he never did. I finished the burger and remembered I didn't take water then I went back to the kitchen to drink water.

When I got to the kitchen, Angelou was frying eggs.

I ignored him and walked to the fridge and took a bottle of water then I turned to return to my room.

"Could you help me whisk more eggs?" he asked when I got to the door

"Am really having stomach upset I need to rest if we'll practice today"

I needed to write a new song but each time I try to come up with something, I remember Lancelot and the songs we wrote together.

Amongst all my ex, I loved Lancelot the most and we shared so many memories together.

I dropped the book and tried to sleep. At first I couldn't but after thinking of I and Lancelot for a while, I finally dozed off.

ANGELOU

I finished preparing my meal of fried rice with spring vegetables and fried eggs. It was one of the meals I cooked best.

Lisa thought me how to cook, she was the best chef in the world.

I dished the food into two plates and kept Kalonia's in the dining then carried mine to my room.

After eating, I thought of the best thing to do to keep myself busy and the only thing that came into my mind was drawing Lisa but I wasn't with my drawing materials and the suite was a music suite with only musical instruments.

I dropped on my bed but got up immediately.

I was so bored.

I walked out of my room and went to the music room. There were lots of musical instruments but I wasn't interested in any.

I left the music room and went into the sitting room to watch a movie.

When Lisa was alive, I was never bored but since she died, boredom has been my first name.

I turned the television on and started scanning through the channels. None of the programmes going on was catching my attention.

I turned off the television and dozed off on the couch.

STUPIDS MUSIC ROOM

CHANCE

"What do you think Angelou and Kelanie are doing now?" Phoebe asked jealously Phoebe, Fiona, and Zion were all boiling in anger. I wish they knew the both of them hates the idea of being together and Angelou doesn't interact.

"I bet Angelou is reading now and Kelanie is singing" Sky chuckled

"The two will never get along and they won't be able to come up with any song idea" Alaric said

"Asking Angelou and Kelanie to sing together and sending them to spend some time alone together is the worst idea you ever came up with Chance" Ray said

"it wasn't my idea"

"We all know it was your idea" Sky stated

"Maybe it was, it's the only way Angelou will get used to her cause if he doesn't get used to her he won't be able to sing with her"

"What if he doesn't get used to her?" that was Blue

"He will, I just pray so"

"Keep praying Chance" Lex laughed

"What if they get along?" I asked

"They won't" they all chorused

"I think they will" Blue said

"And if they do, you all owe I and Blue twenty bucks each"

"Deal"

▣MABEL ▣

"Ms Delia wants to see with the girls competing for Glamour Diva" Ms Morgan said

"The others should go, am still recovering" I said leaning on Lancelot's shoulder

"You'll get disqualified"

"No one can disqualify me" I said confidently

"Ms Delia hates you and she keeps asking about Kelanie, she might disqualify you and get Kelanie back" Ms Morgan stated

I rolled my eyes and got up "Where are they meeting?"

"The music hall"

"See ya later Lancelot" I kissed Lancelot lightly on his lips

"I'll walk you to the music hall" he volunteered and we walked out together

IN THE MUSIC HALL

"...as a diva, you have to be confident and determined. Being a diva takes a lot of determination..." Ms Delia paused when she saw me. She was addressing the other nine girls

"Why are you coming now Mabel?"

"I was busy" I replied coldly and walked to the line

"Then leave"

I scoffed "am not leaving Ms Delia so continue with your lectures"

"I don't train rude girls, you all have to be like Kelanie"

"Mabel isn't strong so bear with her" The principal said from behind

"I thought Kelanie was competing where is she?" Ms Delia asked

"She was suspended and won't be competing again"

"But why..."

"continue with the others and forget about Kelanie" The principal snarled and walked out Ms Delia turned to me and shot me a glare

"I'll see you girls later" she said and walked out

I turned to the other girls "You girls dare compete with me?"

"Mabel, Glamour Diva is for everyone and..."

I slapped Tonia "Don't talk while am talking"

"How dare you?" Tonia snarled and slapped me back

"What's going on here?" the principal walked in and I fell to the ground pretentiously

"What did you do to her?" She asked Tonia

"I didn't..."

"She pushed me down" I feigned tears

"Tonia"

"She didn't push her"

"Quiet you all" the principal hurled

"How could you Tonia?"

"But I..."

"Mabel is still recovering from her fall and you dare push her"

"I didn't push her..."

"You're out of the competition, I'll find you replacement" The principal concluded then Tonia ran out in tears

"Now the rest of you" she turned to the other girls "I don't want enmity between you because of the competition, see yourself as sisters and whoever I get fighting will be out of the competition"

They nodded in understanding

"Now take her to the clinic"

"Don't touch me" I yanked at them when the principal was out

"I knew you were pretending" Selene scoffed

"Did I hear you talk?" I asked and they kept quiet

"You better not else you're out" I seethed and proceeded to walk out

"You will never be Glamour Diva" Lydia said and I whirled around to face them

"Say that again"

"Eat your shit Mabel, you're a loser" She added and walked out

"We'll see who the real loser is Sunday night" I shouted

"We'll see" said Portia and they walked out

I huffed loudly and sat on the floor. I have to win Glamour Diva and I'll do anything to win.

KELANIE

I woke up and plodded to the kitchen to get something to eat. I was really hungry and eating snacks wasn't an option.

I got to the dining and there was a closed dish on the table. I opened it and my mouth got watery at the sight of the fried rice with spring vegetables and fried eggs. I didn't bother to know if it was mine, I started devouring the food.

After ten minutes, I was done and cleared the plates then walked to the sitting room. Angelou was sleeping on a couch. I chuckled at the way he sprawled on the couch. I guess I wasn't the only one who was bored.

I sat on another sofa and turned on the television.

I was watching a movie when Angelou woke up. He stood up wordlessly and walked out but returned shortly with a note pad.

He still didn't say a word to me.

I focused on the television and he focused on his note pad, none of us was talking to the other.

He started playing piano in his note pad and the sound wasn't letting me hear the sound from the television.

I increased the volume of the television and he increased the volume of the piano. I increased the volume again to maximum and he increased his to maximum but his piano was higher.

"Angelou am trying to concentrate" I shouted

"We came here to train Kalonia"

I rolled my eyes "For crying out loud it's Kelanie not Kalonia"

"I don't care about your name just get your instrument"

"Fine" I turned off the television and walked to the music room then took a guitar and returned to the sitting room.

"Now let's practice"

"We can't practice here, let's go to the music room" he said

"You should've known of that before coming here to disturb me"

"I was trying to get your attention"

"Yeah cause you're dumb"

He sighed and got up "We shouldn't be fighting let's go practice in the music room"

I huffed and walked ahead to the music room.

"What's your idea for a song?" he asked me when we were in the music room

"I don't have any, what about you?"

"I was thinking we right a song about how lazy you are"

I opened my mouth to talk but stopped myself

"Say something" he urged

"We didn't come here to fight"

"Thanks for the reminder"

"I'll go get my music book" I said and walked out then returned almost immediately with a book

"I've been walking on this song titled shoot across the sky"

"sing it"

I took in a deep breath and started singing the words to the song

"I like the song, never knew you could come up with something nice" he said when I was done

"Cause you thought am bad in everything"

"Guess I was wrong" he said with a shrug

"What's your own idea?" I asked

Her name is Lisa

he sang

And she calls me angel

"Is that a song?" I laughed

"That's my idea" he said seriously

"For real?"

"Yea"

It's the second day with Angelou and five days to Glamour Diva. I really missed Glamorous and my friends and I really hate this stupid training. It's not like we're even training. I tossed my book under a pillow and got out of bed.

"Kalonias!" Angelou called knocking on my bed

I sighed in exasperation "What's do you want?"

"Can I use your music book?"

I slid my hand under my pillow and retrieve the book then walked to the door

"Here" I stretched out my hand and he collected the book then I walked back to my bed

"Uhm... Koinonia" he called again

"It's Kelanie" I shouted

"Sorry... Kelanie could you sing it again so I can get the tune?"

"Wait for me in the music room, I'll be out in a jiffy"

"Okay"

I sighed and fell on my bed

"Keloina" he called again and this time I didn't answer. Last time I checked, my name is Kelanie not Keloina.

"Keloina!" he called again and I ignored him

"Kalonias"

"are you doing this on purpose to piss me off?" I yelled

"Listen, it's just for NYN and besides your name is quiet difficult to pronounce"

I huffed and walked to the door "What do you want"

"The key to the music room"

"I don't have it"

"But you left the music room last yesterday"

"But I don't have it" I yelled and shut the door at my face

I heard him scoff then muttered under his breath "Witch"

"Did you just call me a witch?" I asked and opened the door but he was gone.

Right!

I have to tolerate this cause of New York Night.

My heart will beat only for you

"That was great" I giggled when we finished singing

"told ya I had better ideas than you" he boasted

Great! The song was his idea and so?

"Whatever!"

"Have you tried reaching the others?" he suddenly asked

"Yea but there isn't any service here"

"Same fate" he sighed "I really miss Lisa"

"Who's Lisa"

"Do you know of any way to sneak out of here?" he asked ignoring my question

"No" I shook my head "We aren't allowed to leave till the ten days are over"

He said in a whisper "It's more like a trap"

"It is a trap" I agreed

"and it had to be with you" he said in a low tone but I heard him

"Not like am enjoying it either"

He scoffed but didn't say anything and walked out

"Am starving" he said walking back

I took in a deep breath and suddenly became nervous. Last night, I had escaped cooking cause we had a little fight but not today and there's not way out to buy anything nor is there a way in to order.

"Go cook something" I said

He scoffed "Are you kidding me?"

"Look Angelou I need to practice more just cook for today"

"Just cook for today" he mimicked mockingly

"asshole" I muttered under my breath but lucky for me he didn't hear it

"you're cooking today" he stated and walked out

IN THE KITCHEN ☒

"what next?" I asked myself as a large pot of spaghetti was boiling on the cooker.

I took a large bowl and combined beef with bread crumbs, parsley, permasan, egg garlic.

I looked at the mixture and something I didn't know was missing.

Angelou walked to where I was and added a teaspoon salt and red pepper flakes.

Oh! Exactly what was missing.

Why did I forget.

"I didn't ask for your help, I know what am doing" I bragged and he walked out without saying anything.

Great! Now that I sent him away, what do I do next?

I paced about not knowing what to do with the mixture then Angelou returned.

"am starving, that's the reason why am helping you out" he said as he formed balls with the mixture.

This time I didn't say anything, I just watched him till he was done then heated oil in a pot and added the meatballs. He turned it occasionally until it browned on all sides then he transferred the meatballs to a plate.

He checked the spaghetti and brought the pot down.

"help me with the onion" he instructed and I nodded.

I took an onion and started slicing it.

"be careful" he said

"am good with this, I always help..." the knife cut into my skin and I yelled in pain

"look what you've done" he scolded and grabbed my bleeding finger

"does it hurt?" he asked and I nodded then he took the bleeding finger into his mouth. My eyes widened in shock and I looked up to meet his eyes peering into mine.

We remained in silence as we stared at each other till he withdrew.

"It would be fine now" he said and hastily dropped my finger. I stood transfixed watching him. I couldn't even feel the pain from the cut, I just watched him slice the onion then added it into the pot. He added crushed tomatoes and bay leaf then he seasoned with salt and pepper and brought it to a simmer.

"it would be ready soon" he said after adding the meatballs to the pot again then covered it

I looked down at my injured finger and that was when I realized it wasn't bleeding again.

"Thanks" I said but he was gone

⊠GLAMOROUSMUSIC HIGH⊠

⊠BLUE ⊠

"Girls keep practicing" Ms Chantel urged

"We miss Kelanie" I sighed

"Kelanie is practicing, you can't waste her effort of being locked up for ten days"

"She's not locked up" Fiona said pointedly "She's with my dream boyfriend"

"Don't start now Fiona, Angelou is mine why can't you understand that?" Zion fired back

"can you both stop being crazy for my man?" that was Phoebe

"He's mine..."

"I mentioned it first..."

"He'll never notice you..."

"Girls!" Ms Chantel called and they kept quiet "Can you three stop being crazy?"

"Fiona and Zion stated it" Phoebe accused

"Don't call my name" Fiona retorted

"Quiet!" bellowed Ms Chantel

"Angelou doesn't even know your names? Why fight over him?"

They didn't say anything but their silence was threatening.

"One more mention of Angelou, you're out of The Blooms for good" Ms Chantel threatened "You have to be focused, no distractions"

▣MABEL ▣

I sat on Lancelot's laps while Ms Morgan was teaching the others a new song.

"Shouldn't you be learning?" Lancelot asked me

"Is it a crime that I chose you over learning?"

"It's not a crime but this is for NYN"

I chuckled "you think your ex will win right?"

"It's not just Kelanie what about Shayne Gold?"

"I'll handle her"

He stared at me wordlessly

"What?" I yelled

"I don't want you to do anything wrong cause of the competition"

"Am not doing anything wrong okay, am just insuring my victory"

"Do it the right way"

I rolled my eyes then said sarcastically "Yes sir"

"Mabel!" Ms Morgan called and I whirled around to face her

"I think you should return to class now"

I scoffed and turned to Lancelot

"You should go" he said and pulled me to my feet

"C'mon Lance, this is the only time I have with you. You don't let me visit you and you don't visit me"

"I'll visit you today, I promise" he pecked my lips and walked out

"Lancelot is becoming a huge distraction to you" Ms Morgan said when I joined them

"Is it that obvious?" I asked chewing on my gum

"you don't focus on anything again apart from him"

"I know Ms Morgan and am not willing to change"

"What has come over you Mabel?"

I shrugged and blew my gum "Dunno"

she sighed then placed her hands akimbo "do you really wanna win NYN?"

"Of course"

"Do you wanna be Glamour Diva?"

"Of course"

"Then you gotta give Lancelot a break"

I chuckled "I don't think I can do that Ms Morgan and besides I don't need lectures to sing"

"Kelanie never felt above lectures and that's why she always wins and..."

"Don't compare me to her" I cut in

"But you're scared of her"

"I ain't scared on nobody Ms Morgan"

"Oh really?" she scoffed "What if Kelanie shows up Sunday night?"

"Am gonna defeat her" I said confidently staring into Ms Morgan's eyes but deep down, I knew Kelanie is my worst nightmare.

☒STOPS☒

☒TRISTAN ☒

"... Give me an A"

"A"

"Give me a L"

"L"

"The homecoming game is gonna be dope" Orlando said on our way to the basketball court

"I wonder the team that'd win?" Stephen asked

"Of course the Whales would" I said then joined the cheerleaders to say "That spells WHALES"

"SHARKS won last year" Paris said

"WHALES won two years ago"

"DOLPHINS won three years ago"

We all burst into laughter

"It keeps revolving round and round" I laughed

"Hi Stella" Paris waved to a member of the cheerleaders squad

"What you doing here?" she asked walking up to us

"We're going to the court" he replied

"Hi guys" she waved at us

"Hi"

Stella is one of the most beautiful girls in school and she's Paris' huge crush, member of Rock Of Ages and a transfer student

"See ya around" she said to Paris with a wink then walked out

"Did she just wink at you?" I asked Paris teasingly

"My lucky day" he said and we all laughed

☒ANGELOU ☒

I sat on the floor carving floral chains and colouring them. Lisa loved them and she always wanted us to make some for our babies when we were grown. But now, she is no more and there would be no more babies.

"Can I come in?" Kalonia asked and popped her head into the doorway

"You're already in" I said then she chuckled and walked in fully

"About the..."

"If it's about the morning incident the forget it" I cut in "Don't thank me"

"I wasn't going to thank you" she said

"Seriously?" I asked and looked up from the papers I was cutting

"You cross your fingers when you're lying"

she looked at her fingers and her index and middle fingers were crossed. She quickly separated them.

"It's okay, you're welcome" I said and went back to what I was cutting

"What are you doing?" she asked and sat beside me

"Floral chains" I replied and stopped cutting

"Did you stop cause am here?" she asked
I looked at her and she had this pain in her eyes

"No I..." I trailed off not knowing what to tell her

"It's okay I understand" she said and walked out shutting the door behind her.

I inhaled deeply and continued cutting. I wasn't comfortable around her nor anyone. I just wanted the ten days to be over so I can go back to being me.
Just me

☒KELANIE ☒

I dropped on my bed answer shit my eyes tightly. Why does Angelou act like he's

allergic to people?

How do I survive these ten days? It has just being two days and am already dying of loneliness.

I brought out my music book and a paper fell out. It was neatly folded and kept in between the pages.

How didn't I notice it?

I opened it and it read

☒n all the friends I've met, you're the one I won't forget.

Who dropped this in here?

I did a little thinking and it was only Angelou I've given my book since we got here but Angelou wouldn't had dropped it.

And the paper must have being there for days now cause the flowers beside it had already withered.

That means whoever kept it, did that before I gave Angelou the book and that was before this ten days in the jungle.

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☒ANGELOU ☒

I walked out of my room and bumped into Kelanie who was hurrying to God knows where. She muttered an apology and continued walking then I noticed a paper that

fell from her.
I picked it up and read then chuckled.
Someone likes her.
I folded the paper and shoved it into my pants pocket.

LATER ☒

"Did you see any paper lying around" Kelanie asked as she searched for the paper

"Or that you carelessly lost" I said without any concern

"I think I dropped it somewhere but I don't remember where"

"What does it look like?"

She sighed "It's a paper Angelou"

"I didn't see"

She bent down and started searching under the chairs while I faced the television and ate my pop corn.

"I remember now" she shouted and got up

"What again?"

"I think it fell when I bumped into you"

I shrugged "Dunno" and continued with my pop corn

"C'mon Angelou didn't you see a paper on the floor when I bumped into you?"

"I did see a paper but how sure are you it's yours?"

"It's obviously mine. Who else lives here?"

"Me" I replied

"Then is it yours?"

"No"

"That makes it mine"

"I don't think so" I argued "It's a paper without a name"

"It's mine give it back"

"You wouldn't tell me what it looks like and am sure the paper I picked isn't yours"

"Let me see it?"

I got up and proceeded to leave "forget it Kalnonia, it's not yours"

LATER IN THE NIGHT ☒

I sat on a sofa while Kelanie sat on a separate one. We've been avoiding each other after the morning incident and she isn't talking to me. I prepared breakfast and ate alone. She cooked her own breakfast but couldn't eat it.

Such a bad cook.

I ate snacks for lunch and so did she. I cooked dinner and ate alone though I kept hers but she doesn't want to eat it and she hasn't cooked hers.

☒You can't do this Leo

☒Am sorry Nina but it's the law

☒Leo is it because of Ziala?

Leo brought out a knife and stabbed Nina in her heart.
Kelanie gasped and shut her eyes as Nina slumped to the floor and spat out blood

☒Well done Leo

☒Ziala

☒You did well but the law needs your blood

Ziala brought out a dagger and stabbed Leo

☒Ziala

☒It's the curse

Nina burst into a evil laughter and turned into a witch.
Kelanie cuddled herself up in fear and shut her eyes as Ziala took Leo and Nina's soul

☒The curse

Kelanie screamed and jumped out of her seat.

"What's wrong?" I asked running to her but she continued jumping and screaming. I realized it was the movie and turned it off then she became quiet.

"You're scared" I chuckled

"No" she shook her hand "I got stung by a..." she trailed off

"Your fingers are crossed"

She separated her fingers and cleared her throat "Turn on the television"

"Sure" I picked up the remote and turned on the television.

Ziala was destroying the city with her evil power.

Kelanie sat down and faced the television.

Ziala turned into a forearm creature and put one of her hands into the chest of a child and brought out his heart.

"eww" Kelanie looked away and unconsciously cuddled herself up again
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I increased the volume and she started screaming as Ziala was cutting people into parts and eating them.

"Stop shouting it's late"

"I hate horror turn it off" she shouted then I turned off the television

"Go get yourself some courage" I said and walked to my room to continue the movie peacefully.

☒KELANIE ☒

I turned off the light and crawled under the covers. My heart was beating fast and i was really scared. I kept hearing footsteps like Nina was coming to eat me.

I got up with a start and I was sweating profusely. I turned on the light and sat up on my bed, gazing around.

I heard footsteps again and whirled around but I saw no one.

IT'S THE CURSE

I heard Nina's voice and screamed then ran out of my room. I ran to Angelou's door

and knocked repeatedly then he opened it.

He was topless with a sweat pant and it was obvious I woke him from his sleep caused he had bags under his eyes.

"What do you want Kalonia?" he asked and I just stared at him not knowing what to say.

I couldn't tell him I was scared, he would just laugh at me.

"you're scared" he read the expression on my face and chuckled

"am not scared"

"good for you" he walked inside and shut the door at my face

I sat on the floor and rest my head on his door. I wasn't going to return to my room, Nina might appear and eat me up.

I started dozing off then lost balance and fell on the floor.

Ouch!

I rubbed my temple with my palm then got up in pain. It was past mid night and the sound from the night was really creepy.

I placed my head on the door again and tried to sleep then the lights went out and I jumped up and screamed.

A hand gripped me and I tried running but it drew me into a corner and the lights went on. I was in Angelou's room. Pinned to the wall and he was staring down at me with my two hands pinned to the wall.

He scoffed and pushed me aside then walked to the bed.

"The couch or the floor. Make your choice" he said then threw a blanket at me and I caught it

"Thank you" I mouthed inaudible and stood rooted to the floor. I didn't know which to choose.

The floor or the couch.

I sighed and spread the blanket on the floor. Angelou isn't a gentleman, he should've asked me to sleep on the bed while he slept on the floor or couch.

I laid on the blanket and shut my eyes but I wasn't sleeping.

Seconds turned to minutes, but minutes wasn't turning to hours. The night was slow and cold.

I felt something warm cover me then opened my eyes to see Angelou cover me with a bedspread.

"Thanks" I said to myself then dozed off.

THE NEXT MORNING ☒

I woke up to the smell of fried chicken. My stomach was grumbling, I didn't eat the previous night. I sleepily got up and started sniffing my way to where the smell was coming from with my eyes shut.

"Ouch!" I groaned as my head hit the wall then I opened my eyes. I was in the kitchen and Angelou was stir-frying chickens. My mouth got watery at the sight of the well fried chickens that were in the plate.

"Good morning" I greeted but he didn't reply nor act like I was there

"Good morning" I repeated and he still ignored me.
Am only doing this cause am hungry and I can't cook

"Angelou"

He finally turned to look at me

"Can I help?"

"Do you want to learn?"

I nodded

"Where's your pay?" he opened his palm

"What pay?"

"You don't learn for free you know"

"How much do you want?"

"Keep your money, you're going to teach me something in return"

"what's that?"

"I'll tell you when we're done"

I stared at him with uncertainty before saying "sure"

"Now take an apron"

LATER ☒

"Now what do you want to learn?" I asked Angelou that afternoon after practice

"Nothing"

"Huh?"

"Nothing" he repeated

"Okay can I ask you a question?"

"Let's play a game instead" he suggested

"What game?"

"It's called 30 seconds ask"

"You fudged that" I laughed at the name

"Perhaps but let's play it"

"What's the rule"

"You got 30 seconds to ask me whatever you want and at the end of the 30 seconds, I'll answer all the questions you asked, vice versa"

"Interesting I'll go first"

"Okay" he adjusted on his chair and faced me

"Why you staring at me that way?"

"30 seconds is gone" he said raising a timer that I never knew he had with him

"What do you mean? I haven't even started"

"But you just asked a question"

"It's not part of the game"

"I don't care I'll answer it" he began "I was staring at you so I can read your expression to ask you a question"

"That's not an answer" I said

"it's my turn" he stated and handed me the timer

"Can you set it?"

"30 seconds is gone" I giggled

"What do you mean? Am not even ready"

"Don't care, you asked a question and I'll answer it" I started "Yes I can set it"

"Your time starts now" he said and the timer started counting

"Who's Lisa?

Why are you such a book worm?

Who taught you how to cook?

Where..."

"Time up" he snapped "Did you even think before asking? You were too fast. Where do I start answering from?"

"Anywhere" I chuckled with a shrug

"Your first question, Lisa is my sister

two, I just love reading

three, Lisa taught me how to cook"

"Why do I feel like you're lying?" I asked doubtfully

"Cause you mind is lying to you" he blurted out then handed me the timer

"My turn

Can you cook?

Do you feel bad about Glamour Diva?

Would you do anything to compete? And if you would what..."

"Time up" I snapped

"That was too quick, 30 seconds isn't over"

"I didn't cheat" I stated but I cheated and I did that cause my time was too short and am sure he also cheated "Now answer"

"I can't

words can't describe how I feel about not competing for Glamour Diva. I feel like am gonna die..." I was getting emotional and I felt tears welling up in my eyes

"Are you crying?" Angelou asked and I shook my head then the tears came rolling

down

"Don't cry" he cooed andg pulled me into a hug "I know how it feels but you haven't finished the question"

I looked up to him and my tears changed to anger. Am crying and he cares about the stupid game

"You want me to continue answering?"

"If you want to?"

"I don't want to"

"It's okay by me but why can't you cook?"

"I grew up without a mum"

"dead?"

"Alive but as good as dead"

"And you dad?"

"same"

"No auntie, or sister, or..."

"Just a nanny" I cut in

"why didn't she teach you how to cook?"

"I was never interested"

"And now are you interested?"

I chuckled "Maybe"

He got up and said "I'll be in my room"

"cause there's no library"

"Yea"

"Are you allergic to staying with people?"

He smiled for the first time since I knew him, he smiled"Did you just smile?"

After 4 years, am scared am still going to lose her to someone else.

"I'll be fine"

"you've been saying that for the past three days, am getting worried"

"you don't have to" I insisted then shut my eyes. Mum sighed and walked out of the room. As the door slammed shut, a drop of tear slid down my cheek. I just wished I could die from the sickness.

Truly it hurts to love someone and not to be loved in return but what hurt the most is loving someone and not getting the courage to let the person know how you feel.

I fell into the two situations and my life is a mess now cause I love Kelanie.

"Son" the door opened and dad walked in

"am fine dad"

"you're not fine" he argued and sat on the bed "I told my dad the same thing when I was your age"

"You can never understand dad, no one will"

"but I do" dad said and touched my forehead "you need to see a doctor"

"I'll be fine"

"I once loved a girl from childhood but she never loved me back cause we were neighbors and she loved my elder brother. I died in silence till they broke up and just when I thought I had her, her parents sent her into a convent to be a sister"

There was pain in his eyes as the memory came back.

"I spent months in misery after she left but I got the chance to tell her about my feelings"

"Am sorry dad"

"but I finally met your mum and she brought so much joy to my life"

I thought of Kelanie and the pain she has brought to my life.

Will I ever find someone who would bring joy to my life?

"I always had the feelings that you were into Kelanie but I was never sure till I asked Paris and that was yesterday but am sure you'll get over it"

"it's this some kind of hereditary love deficiency?"

I chuckled "you might end up having Kelanie, you just can't tell"

"I hope so"

"can we visit a doctor now?" dad asked pulling down the covers

I dragged back the covers "no"

"come on son, you have to get better before Kelanie gets back"

"she won't be coming back for me" I said sadly

"you'll be fine. Just let her know how you feel"

THE REDS

SHAYNE GOLD

"How's your preparation for NYN going?" Vann, the leader of The Spiltz asked

"Going well" I replied and stretched my legs on his laps

"you're not my girlfriend Shayne"

"you wish" I clicked my tongue and turned to The Reds "How's it going?"

"No much competition apart from The Blooms" Rita replied

"what about Barbie Girls, Harmonies..."

"they aren't our competition" I interrupted Lewis

"There's a new guy in The Stupids heard he's dope" Mia asked

"We got so much competition" Vann replied with a sigh of exasperation

"Especially Stupids, Flames, Last Summer... I can't mention all" Tyler put in

"I just pray Rock of Ages doesn't show up. The world loves them" Gwen said

"I can't be scared of Kelanie and also be scared of Lauren" I said

"With Kelanie out of the way, our competition is less" Mia said

I took the glass of wine Vann was drinking and gulped it down.

"wanna smoke?" he stretched out a pack of cigarettes

"you sure know what I need" I said and took a stick

"here" he helped me lit it then dropped the pack

"aren't you smoking?" I asked puffing out a cloud of smoke

"I'll smoke from yours"

"you aren't my boyfriend Vann" I smirked

"you wish"

☒KELANIE ☒

"Three days to Glamour Diva. I bet the girls are training" I sighed

"you should be forgetting about the competition now. you still got NYN" Angelou said

"NYN is just one competition" I said "am losing but Glamour Diva and Homecoming Queen"

"all hope isn't lost yet"

"it's lost for me" I fell back to the couch and covered my face with my palms
"Mabel would be happy now"

"reasons you have to be happy"

"I can't be happy Angelou, I might not be able to sing on NYN"

"Maybe we should talk with the principal" Angelou suggested

"Ms Chantel already did but it's hopeless, she wouldn't listen"

"just forget about the competition"

I got up "let's practice we got just six days left"

"okay" he replied but made no move to get up

"Angelou"

he just stared at me wordlessly

"come on let's practice"

"do you know how much I hate practicing?"

I rolled my eyes and scoffed "then you shouldn't had agreed to come"

"you didn't want to come and so did I but we didn't have a choice did we?"

I stared back at him then he finally got up.

He walked passed me and brushed his hand on mine, shoving something into my palms.

I watched him disappear into the music room then I opened my palms and my eyes widened in shock.

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GLAMOROUSMUSIC HIGH

BLUE

It's two days to Glamour Diva and preparations were being made in earnest and so

was training for the homecoming game.

I watched the hall being decorated and I remembered Kelanie. No one has been able to reach them since they left for the ten days training.

"What are you thinking about?" Derek asked from behind

I jerked and whirled around "you scared me"

"am sorry"

"How're the guys preparing for the tournament?" I asked

"our best but we need Angelou"

"do you need him for everything?"

"he's good with sports and we gat to win this one"

"I get it" I rolled my eyes and looked at him. He was staring at me and I looked away shyly

"Blue" he called softly taking my palm in his "there's something I wanna tell you"

"hey! Derek" Lex called running up to us "I'll have to borrow him, it's urgent" he said and dragged Derek out without waiting for my reply.

Why now?

I muttered at the interruption. Just now I thought Derek was finally going to ask me out. Why did Lex have to interrupt?

"Dooms" Mabel called walking up to me with her Barbie dolls

"what do you want?"

"just to warn you to warn Kelanie"

"save your trash" I said with the wave of a hand and proceeded to walk out

Mabel dragged my hand and made me look into her face "you don't walk out on me"

"let me go Mabel"

"or what?" she dared tightening her grip on my hand

"You wanna fight?"

she smirked "am not gonna fight with you Blue am gonna beat you"

"bring it on, we'll both get suspended and you know what that means?" I ached my brows "badluck for you"

"Jerk" she cussed and pushed me roughly

"Bitch" I pushed her back

she removed her jacket "you wanna fight"

"nice invitation" I smirked and slapped her then Lara and Caitlyn ceased me

"fight me now" Mabel yelled and slapped me

."animal" I spat on her face and she slapped me again. Students started gathering at the scene and taking pictures. GGB.

"Bitch" Phoebe came from behind and dragged Mabel by her hair. Other Blooms came out and that was how the fight between The Blooms and Barbie girls broke out and we ended up in the principal's office.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

"am disappointed in you girls" The principal spat out but I was impatiently waiting for her to suspend all of us.

"you all know the punishment for fighting in the school..."

"we'll all get suspended" I cut in and Mabel shot me a glare

"Am not suspending any of you" the principal said

I couldn't stop myself from shouting "what!"
Why on earth did I fight?

"You'll all be forgiven cause the school can't dismiss students like you"

"but we fought" I protested

"you're all forgiven" she stated and Mabel smirked

LATER

"why didn't she suspend us?" I asked

"cause Mabel was involved" Ms chantel replied

"that's not fair, we fought and as punishment we should be suspended"

"what's your plan Blue?" Fiona asked

"I want Mabel suspended from the competition. If Kelanie can't compete then she shouldn't compete" I replied

"the principal can't suspend Mabel" Ms Chantel said

"why?" I demanded

"Mabel is her niece"

"I see"

DAY 6 ☒

☒KELANIE ☒

I paced about in my room after breakfast that morning. Tomorrow is Glamour Diva and an stuck in here with Angelou instead of preparing. I dropped on my bed and shut my eyes to suppress my tears.

Mabel finally succeeded in taking it from me. No matter how hard I tried, my tears rolled down.

I brought out my music book and started flipping through the pages till I opened the page I wrote the song I thought I'd be singing for the competition tomorrow.

I cried as I sang the words then the book fell off my trembling hands. I picked it up and the paper that fell from it. Angelou finally returned the paper yesterday and I was surprised cause he told me he lost it.

"Kelanie" Angelou knocked on my door and walked in immediately

"I didn't ask you to come in"

"I couldn't wait for you to" he said and leaned on the door

"what do you want?"

"You've been in here that you didn't realize it's afternoon"

"so?"

"it's lunch time"

"an in pain can't you understand?" I half yelled and he took his lower lip into his mouth without saying anything. Just staring at me like he was thinking about something.

"Your pain shouldn't affect my stomach" he finally said peering into my eyes

"why you staring at me that way?" I asked feeling uncomfortable

He muttered something inaudible and sighed "I've got other things to do like practicing for the tournament. Why must they lock me in here" he yelled bitterly and walked out

He reminds me of Lancelot but the only difference is that Lancelot cared about me a lot.

I laid on my bed and dozed off.

☒ANGELOU ☒

I finished my lunch then started writing a song I planned on teaching the guys for NYN. I couldn't focus so I closed the book and thought of Kelanie.

Everything about her reminds me of Lisa and I don't know why. I still love Lisa but I don't like remembering her cause the memories hurt but Kelanie brings everything back.

Just like Kelanie, Lisa was in so much pain when I first met her. Then, she was 11 and her mum died while trying to rescue her and both of them had died in the fire.

She would always run away from her auntie's house to the cemetery and cry all day.

I first saw her in the cemetery on the day my grandma was buried. She was sitting beside her parents grave and crying.

I wanted to talk to her but my sister stopped me. She told me that Lisa was a ghost.

What could a little girl of her age be doing in a cemetery?

The next day, I ran to the cemetery to see her and there she was, crying. I tried consoling her but she ignored me and wouldn't talk to me so I sat beside her and joined her in crying till evening then she went up.

We continued crying without talking to each other for one week before she finally talked to me. That was how we started, we became friends and would always go to the cemetery to cry together.

But now, I go to the cemetery alone to cry for her.

I got up from where I was sitting and walked to the window. It has always been Lisa and I'll always love her no matter what.

"Angelou"

I whirled around to see Kelanie walking up to me

"I found this" she opened her palm and showed me a necklace

I quickly touched my neck and Lisa's necklace was gone "how did you get that?" I asked

"it fell when you left my room"

"but it never comes out. I've never been able to take it off"

"I like it" she said admiring the necklace. Lisa had given it to me the day before she died and I've never been able to take it off.

"give it back"

she shook her head "I want it" then put it around her neck and hooked it

"take it off"

"I like it" she giggled. Everything about her, including her smiles coupled with the necklace she was wearing reminded me of Lisa

"take it off" I seethed

"okay" she pouted her lips "don't yell at me" then tried removing the necklace.

"it's not coming out" she said after series of trial

"what do you mean"

"I can't take it off"

I walked behind her and tried taking off the necklace then my eyes drifted to the tattoo behind her neck. Lisa had the same tattoo behind her neck.

Her mum tattooed the letter 'L' behind her neck and Kelanie also had the letter 'L'

Day 6

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ANGELOU

"I want you to forget about me" she said and took few steps back

"what do you mean?" I asked

"Angelou! Angelou!" I got up with a start and Kelanie walked in.
I've been dreaming all these while and I thought I was really seeing Lisa.

"I found this" she opened her palms and showed me a necklace.
I touched my neck and Lisa's necklace was gone, I suddenly remembered my dream. I took long strides to where Kelanie was standing then turned her back to me.

"what are you doing?" she asked and I tore her dress but the tattoo wasn't there.

She's not Lisa.

She whirled around and slapped me "idiot!" then stormed out of the room

What have I done?

I face palmed myself and slammed on the floor. How could I had tore her dress cause of a stupid dream.

What's she going to think about me?

What made me think she's Lisa. Lisa is dead.

I sat on the floor for a long time then headed to Kelanie's room.

"Kelanie!" I knocked on the door repeatedly but she wasn't responding

"just hear me out please it's not what you think"

I sighed in frustration then returned to my room. Am so doomed. What's Lisa gonna think of me?

I returned to Kelanie's room and continued knocking but she still didn't respond and the door was locked from inside.

"Kelanie please open the door"

I kicked the door out of frustration and sat on the floor. No matter the time she opens the door, she's going to meet me here.

3 HOURS LATER

"you can't die in there" I yelled and walked into my room to get a sleeping bag. My back was hurting from lying on the floor. I returned shortly and her door was left ajar.

"Kelanie" I knocked softly

"what do you want?" she asked from behind and I whirled around to see her carrying a tray of juice. She was just returning from the kitchen.

"am really sorry for what happened but believe I had no bad intentions" I paused to gauge her reaction and she was staring at me keenly, waiting to hear whatever thing I wanted to say.

"I just..." I interrupted myself "am sorry" I simply said not wanting to tell her about my dream.

"it's alright" she finally said after seconds of staring at me "am sorry for slapping you I over reacted"

"what am I going to do to make it up to you?" I asked and she beamed

"am starving"

"are you going to join me or should I cook alone?"

"I'll just sit on the at the kitchen table and watch you" she giggled

LATER ☒

"hand me the veggies"

She passed me the plate of veggies then placed her head on her cheek with her elbow on the table

"It will be ready in no distant time" I sat and joined her on the kitchen table

"you're not happy" I said and flicked her hair out of her eyes

"am good" she said but I could tell she was lying even though her fingers weren't crossed

"It's about tomorrow isn't it?"

"I can't believe I won't be competing tomorrow"

"sometimes in life we face disappointments but we just have to let go"

"This is the greatest disappointment ever"

"It's just a competition"

"in the space of one month, I lost Lancelot, Glamour Diva, and Homecoming Queen" she said close to tears

I walked to the stove to check the food "You just have to let go" I said sitting beside her again

She was quiet for a while then asked "what were you trying to check when you ripped my dress?" I voice fell to a whisper at the last statement and I felt uncomfortable with the thought.

"I had a dream that you had a poisonous bug in your neck and it was meant to kill you" I lied

"seriously?" she chuckled "you believe in dreams?"

"I just wanted to be sure you're safe"

She stared at me in awe and I regretted my statement

"uhm... It's not... just got..." I nervously scratched my hair thinking of something to say to lighten the atmosphere

"I need to use the bathroom" she excused herself and left.

LATER IN THE NIGHT ☒

☒am so sorry Ken but it's Finn that I love

☒Finn doesn't love you

☒He does and we're getting married

"so sad" Kelanie drawled and took a handful of popcorn and shoved into her mouth as she munched on it.

☒Finn is using you

☒he loves me and I love him, you can't change that

"Ken should just let her be she's going to regret choosing Finn" I spat out then shoved a handful of popcorn into my mouth

"it's finished" Kelanie muttered as she took the last popcorn. We sat together on a

sofa eating from the same bowl of popcorn.

"I'll go get more" I got up and walked into the kitchen then returned almost immediately with another bowl of popcorn.

Kelanie's eyes were fixed in the television as Ken held Hera in a tight hug. Thought she said she loved Finn.

"what happened?" I asked Kelanie and sat down but she was too lost in the scene that she didn't notice my presence.

Ken cupped Hera's cheeks in his palms and stared into her eyes.

☒ love you Hera

He leaned forward and kissed her. The air in the room ceased and the room became hot. I was scared to look at Kelanie. What if she's watching me and wondering why an so nervous.

The kiss was long and getting too intense. I just needed a distraction from the movie and Kelanie who was sitting few inches away from me.

I couldn't risk looking around so I kept my eyes on the television then dipped my hand into the bowl. I touched something strong and picked it but it wasn't moving. I turned to see what it was then met Kelanie's eyes staring at me. She was as nervous as I was. I looked at the bowl and it was her hand I was holding. She had dipped her hand into the bowl too and I grabbed it. We stared at each other wordlessly and the stupid scene wasn't ending.

No one was moving no making any attempt to and I fingers were entwined unknowingly.

She cleared her throat and I turned to the television, Ken was undressing Hera. Kelanie snatched her hand and ran out of the sitting room.

I breathed out in relief and turned off the television then ran to my room.

THE NEXT DAY (Day 7)

☒GLAMOUR DIVA COMPETITION ☒

☒BLUE ☒

"Am so nervous" the competitors said from different sides. Kelanie should be here but she isn't and I felt bad.

"Hi" Derek greeted and sat beside me "how you doing?"

"so not good" I replied

"no one is feeling good"

"this is so unfair, I hate the principal" I blurted out

"I wish Kelanie would just show up"

"it's one hour and the competition begins. Kelanie would be in tears now" I sighed fighting the urge to cry

"Blue" the principal called running to where we were sitting "where's Kelanie?"

"you suspended her or do you now have Alzheimer's?" I retorted rudely

"I need her now please where can I find her?" the principal asked ignoring my rude comment

"why do you need her?" Ms Chantel asked walking out with Mr Justin

"The president just called he said he wants her name in the list of the competitors" she replied

Ms Chantel scoffed "tell the president she's on suspension"

"I'd be risking the school" the principal said pointedly "the competition begins in less than an hour Kelanie has to come now"

I exchanged glances with Ms Chantel then nodded in approval.

☒KELANIE ☒

I finished taking my bath then sat on my bed doing nothing. Glamour Diva starts in an hour and it hurts that I won't be competing.

I got up and headed to the sitting room to watch the competition in television.

When I walked into the sitting room, Angelou was already watching a movie. When I saw him, I suddenly remembered last night and chuckled.

We really got carried away and the scene was so....

"when..." I was interrupted by the door bell and I exchanged glances with Angelou who was as surprised as I was. The door bell has never rang since we moved in. I made the sign of the cross and did a silent prayer as we headed for the door.

"Blooms" I squealed on seeing both The Blooms and The Stupids on the porch

"Kel!" she pulled me into a big hug

"I missed you girls"

"we missed you more" Ms Chantel said touching my cheek

"Ms Chantel"

Angelou was already exchanging slaps and hand shakes with the guys.

"how are the both of you coping?" Mr Justin asked and winked at Angelou

"let's go inside" I said and proceeded to walk inside

"we don't have time" Ms Chantel stopped me "the principal wants to see you"

I thumped on my chest "me?"

"let's go"

"Can someone tell me what's happening?" I asked as they dragged me into the school building

"just follow us future Glamour Diva" Phoebe said and they laughed

"Oh Kelanie" the principal called when we entered her office and dragged me to a seat "am so sorry for everything"

"what's going on?" I asked in utter confusion

"can you please compete today?"

"she's not just going out there to compete after what you and your niece did to her" Ms Chantel replied instead

"am so sorry" the principal apologized "we got less than twenty minutes and the president is already calling"

"Mabel has to apologize and you have to apologize before the entire school" Ms Chantel stated

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The winner is...?

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KELANIE

"am not gonna apologize to Kelanie" Mabel snarled and stormed out.
The principal has been pleading with her to apologize and it's ten minutes to the competition.

"am so sorry you have to forgive me for the sake of Glamourous" the principal pleaded

"It's alright" I said "I'll compete"

"Thank you so much" the principal exclaimed "get ready for the competition I'll send your name to the president" she said and walked out

"am happy for you" Blue said and hugged me

"me too" Phoebe hugged me

"me three" Fiona hugged me and all The Blooms hugged me

"don't I deserve a hug?" a familiar voice said from behind

I whirled around "Tristan" then hugged him

"I missed you?" he said patting my hair

"are you alright?" I asked noticing his mood

"am fine"

"he's not" that was Phoebe "he has been sick and hasn't been coming to school ever since you got suspended"

"is that true Tristan?"

"But am fine now" Tristan replied

"let's go get your outfit for the competition" Zion said and they dragged me out

"Am nervous" I said staring at my reflection on the mirror. My outfit was a killer.

"you don't have to be" Zion said and arranged my hair

"I don't know who called the president but am very grateful to that person"

"I think it's Tristan" Phoebe said

"what makes you think so?" Blue asked

"whoever called the president is someone close to him and Tristan's dad works for the president and Tristan's dad works for the president" Phoebe narrated

"let's go, we're five minutes late we'll talk about that later"

We walked into the hall from the back of the stage. The hall was crowded with Glamourousas and outsiders. Including schools that came for the Homecoming game.

The Blooms wished me luck as I walked up stage to join the other competitors.

☒ ..2nd edition of Glamour Diva held every four years...

The principal was addressing the crowd and I used the opportunity to look around and study the crowd. I caught Lancelot staring at me but he didn't look away.

We stared at each other till Mabel managed to steal his attention. I looked away and caught Tristan staring at me but he quickly looked away.

☒step out

The principal gestured and we started walking forward in turns. I was the last person cause I was the last name to be submitted.

When it got to my turn, I started walking confidently till I saw Angelou and our eyes met. I lost control and started losing my steps but I couldn't look away and I was surprisingly shy looking at him.

I got to the edge of the stage and stood with the others. Lydia was the first and she introduced herself and walked into the center of the stage. In few minutes time she was done singing and cheers rented the air. The rules was as before, nine girls only five gets chosen for the second round but only three makes it to the finals with one winner at the end.

Selene was next, she sang beautifully and I could see Mabel fidgeting though she pretended to be bold. Rita sang next and she wasn't too good.

Mabel was the fourth person and she was too good that I became scared. I glanced at The Blooms and they gave me a warm smile.

The competition continued till it got to my turn. I didn't have a balance again as I walked to the center of the stage. I thought I would fall any minute as my eyes drifted to where Angelou was. He was gradually becoming a huge distraction and I couldn't focus knowing he was watching me.

I shut my eyes and I tried singing but I forgot the words to the song I've been practicing for the past two years. Murmurs filled the room and I opened my eyes to see Angelou still staring at me. I looked away and glanced at The Blooms who were already worried. Ms Chantel fainted on Mr Justin's shoulder and Mabel was smiling triumphantly. I glanced at Angelou's direction again and he was gone.

I suddenly picked up my courage and started singing. Even if he was watching me, I couldn't see him.

When I was done singing, the applause were more of disappointment than cheers.

Ms Delia stepped out
It isn't over until it's over
She smiled at me and faced the audience

Let the voting begin

The hall fell into silence and the only sound that was heard was clicks from the computers as they voted.

Done

Ms Delia scrolled through her palm top and looked at me disappointedly.
Am screwed and it's all because of spending too much time with Angelou.

Lydia, Hadley, Portia, vivieka, and Bethany, you may leave the stage

My heart was already pounding.

For the first round, we have Kelanie in the fifth place
Rina in the fourth place
Isla in the third place
Mabel in the second place
And Selene in the first place

I was shocked at the result and so were others. I know I screwed up but Mabel... was a surprise.

☒ ..At this junction, we'll take five

"what was that for?" Blue asked when I walked to them

"I don't know" I sighed

"fifth place" Phoebe scoffed "it isn't like you"

"thank goodness you weren't evicted?" that was Zion

"you were distracted and Ms Chantel fainted" Fiona chuckled

"is it about Lancelot or... "

"stop it girls" I interrupted "I know I screwed everything up but I still got two rounds to go"

"we just want to know your distraction so we can keep it off cause it's obvious you were distracted"

"Am good" I said and walked out on them. I needed some alone time to think. I sat behind the stage and thought of what happened while I was on stage and what it meant.

There's no interpretation to it.

Ms Delia announced for the contestants to return to stage and I got up but a paper jet landed at my feet.

I picked it up and unfolded it.

☒You sang beautiful to me and you got first place in my heart.

I looked around but there was no one who could had been the pilot. I climbed up stage and joined the others.

Selene sang first and she did great that I almost lost hope. Mabel was second and she wasn't bad at all but being my rival I couldn't say she was good. Isla sang, then Rina and it was finally my turn.

I didn't look around cause I couldn't risk seeing Angelou as I sang. I sang better and I could feel it as cheers rented the air. When I was done, Ms Delia stepped out.

☒Let the voting begin

This time, the voting took long and I was scared as I prayed and hoped in my heart.

☒Done

Ms Delia clicked on her palm top

for the second round,

☒ Selene came out third place,
Kelanie second
And Mabel first

The Barbie dolls squealed and some crazy fans joined them
final round begins in thirty minutes

☒ THEBLOOMS MUSIC ROOM

"this is not going as planned" Phoebe said

"Am also disappointed in myself" I said sadly

"we're not disappointed in you" Tristan said from behind and walked in with the
guys both The STOPS and Stupids.

"what happened on stage?" Lex asked

"I don't know"

"but you were distracted"

I glanced at Angelou and he looked away "I don't know"

"Mabel is winning" Chance informed

"at least I still got second place" I said with a shrug

"You'll get kicked out of Blooms if you don't win" Phoebe stated

"for real?" I asked

"we are meant to Bloom and not gloom" Zion supported

"and Selena might not leave you with a third place" Ray noted

"I never knew Selene was a good singer" Paris said

"me too"

"There's still hope Kel" Blue said soothingly

"Thanks Blue"

"just don't disappoint us, we trust you"

TEN MINUTES LATER...

☒ Welcome back to the Glamour Diva Competition live in Glamour Music High. For the final round we've got

Mabel

Kelanie

And Selene

But there must be a winner

I took in a deep breath but didn't dare look around. Selene sang first and her song really got the audience singing and dancing. Mabel was next and I lost all hope of winning to her. The cheers were much much much that even The Blooms who were once confident got scared.

Mabel finished and it was my turn.

No matter how hard I sang, the audience weren't cheering. When the song was finally coming to an end, tears rolled down my cheeks but I managed to sing till the end.

☒ Let the voting begin

1 minute

2 minutes

5 minutes

8 minutes

15 minutes

I was getting weak in the knee already.

☒ This was a tough decision but the winner is...

My eyes caught Angelou staring and I couldn't take them off him. I didn't hear the name Ms Delia called and I didn't show interest cause The Barbie dolls were already performing and rejoicing.

"here.... " Tristan helped me down the stage "you tried your best"
I shut my eyes and let my tear stream down as he held me in a tight hug.

"it's not over" Blue pacified and I looked at the joyous Barbies

"let's perform next" Fiona suggested

"you girls can go on, am not in the mood"

"you okay?" Chance asked

I shook my head "no"

"wanna dance?" Lex asked

I sniffled "no"

The were just trying to cheer me up.

Tristan glanced at his wrist watch "we've got eight minutes left let's go"

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☒KELANIE ☒

"thanks" I collected a can drink from Tristan

Tristan let out his breath slowly and looked away "I wonder who's going to win tonight?"

"win?" I asked baffled "isn't the results out yet?"

"no the judges wanna cross check it first"

Angelou!

I was too busy staring at him that I didn't hear what Ms Delia said

"And I thought Mabel won" I beamed at the same time laughing at my mistake

"They're just performing but acting like they won" Tristan snarled

☒All the contestants to the stage

"I think the result is out" Tristan said

"I just hope Mabel doesn't win, it's better Selene"

We walked into the hall and I climbed up stage after Tristan bid me luck.

☒..It was a wonderful competition tonight and I appreciate your efforts. All the competitors...

The ten competitors were all standing at the edge of the stage as Ms Delia came up with the result.

☒On behalf of The Glamourousas and Glamour Diva body, and by the permission of the judges....

She paused and looked at us

☒ ..Am honoured to announce the third place of Glamour Diva 2 edition....

She observed another pause and stared at me

☒Kelanie step forward

Tears filled my eyes and murmurs filled the room. I made to walk out and accept my place but I couldn't move.

I swallowed a lump in my throat and proceeded to walk out but I fell.

"Kelanie!" I could only hear voices and see movements around me as everything blacked out.

☒ANGELOU ☒

I didn't move from where I stood, I just watched them carry Kelanie out of the stage. Tristan took her from a security man and carried her out, probably to the clinic. I was worried but I didn't want to let it show. I know how much this competition means to her but it isn't worth her life, it's just a title.

"This is bad news" Sky said from behind

"how's she?"

"I don't know" Sky replied

I took in a deep breath but my heart was beating fast, I was damn worried.

"Let's go check on her" Sky suggested

"let's hear the result first"

"it won't be announced till she's fine"

I sighed and followed him to the clinic. Kelanie was lying on a bed a a nurse male was attending to her. Tristan stood with the nurse and he was so worried.

It's obvious he loves her.

The Blooms, STOPS and Stupids were all there.

"how's she?" I heard Sky asking Phoebe

"The nurse said she was stressed out that's all" Phoebe replied

"Kelanie took this too deep" Zion said and ran her fingers through her hair

"she's asleep now, she needs lot of rest" the nurse said and walked out
Tristan placed his hand on Kelanie's head to feel her temperature.

"am really gonna kill all those who voted Kelanie out" he said bitterly

☒ ..Between Mabel and Selene...

"what's that?" Chance asked referring to the announcement

"I think there's a tie" Blue replied

"to hell with the competition and to hell with the winner" Phoebe seethed

☒ ..Five hundred thousand votes...

"I think that's Kelanie's vote" Paris whispered

☒ Mabel and Selene both had two hundred and twenty six thousand votes
The Blooms screamed and Kelanie jerked awake.

"are you alright?" Tristan asked her but she looked around in confusion

"Who won?" she asked

"you" The Blooms squealed and started screaming

☒ Got the wind breaking through my hair...

"That's Mabel singing" Fiona said

"To determine the second place, she had a tie with Selene" Derek explained

"and I thought I lost" Kelanie grinned then looked at my direction but quickly looked away

"I've always trusted you" Tristan said caressing her cheeks
"we all did"

"let's go get your price" Zion said enthusiastically and took Kelanie's hand

"The nurse said she needs a lot of rest" Tristan protested

"am fine" Kelanie giggled and climbed out of the bed. I walked out first and headed for the hall.

☒KELANIE ☒

☒ ..Congratulations

The competitors were awarded for their participation and I was really glad I won after everything. Selene took the second place and Mabel surprisingly took the third place.

And the award for Glamour Diva goes to Blooms Kelanie

I was given a bouquet just like others then a gold medal was worn around my neck.

"Glamour Diva" Gina whispered to me then wore a sash over my shoulder. Gina is the winner of Glamour Diva four years ago.

"Thanks"

Mabel stormed out while I received gifts from my fans and friends.

"am so happy for you" The Blooms hugged me one after the other

"we're gonna celebrate tonight"

The rest of the night went by in dancing and drinking. When it was almost midnight, Tristan drove me home in his car.

"Thanks" I said when he parked in front of the gate

"The pleasure is mine"

"am so excited I might sleep till eternity"

"don't say that" he said staring into my eyes and there was an awkward silence

"Good night" I finally said and proceeded to get down

"wait!" he prompted then held me back. I stared at him waiting for him to talk but he just stared back wordlessly.

After seconds of silence he said "never mind" but he didn't release me. The silence was weird cause I was eye locking with my best friend.

"Tristan" I called his attention to remind him of his grip on my hand

"sorry" he said and quickly released me "goodnight"

I nodded and my hand went to the door handle.

"one more thing" he prompted when I was about getting down

"what's..."

He leaned forward and pecked me on my cheek

"Goodnight"

I got down and slammed the door shut then I watched him drive out of sight. Weird.

I walked to the front door and knocked softly then a maid opened the door and I walked in.

"Kelanie!"

"nanny!" I shouted and hugged her
"you're back but ten days isn't over"

"it just happened" I shrugged

"wow!" she admired the sash "it's beautiful just like you but less than you"

"Thanks"

"My diva" she touched my cheek and I grinned "I'll prepare you something to eat while you change"

"it's late already and am not hungry"

"sure?"

"am full"

"music fed you?"

"yes" I nodded "I'll be going to bed now"

"Goodnight Diva"

I chuckled "Goodnight nanny"

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MONDAY MORNING ☒

☒GLAMOUR HIGH ☒

"Hi" Students waved from different corners as I walked down the hallway

"Glamour Diva" Selene greeted with a wave

"Hi Selene"

"how you doing?"

"am good" I replied then asked "you?"

"am cool" she shrugged and followed me as I walked to my locker "I wasn't expecting you in school today"

"why?"

"Thought you'd be tired"

I chuckled "I haven't been in school for the past one week"

"That's right you were suspended but thank God you came back"

"why?"

"I didn't want Mabel to win"

"if I hadn't come you would had been the Glamour Diva, you should hate me for that"

"nah... I only competed cause my mum forced me to. I just love singing not competing"

"you put up a big competition last night" I got to my locker and opened it to get my

books

"thanks"

I started bringing out my books "will you be competing for NYN?"

"no"

"why?"

"I love singing not competing" she replied then bent down and got up immediately

"here, you dropped this" she said proffering me with a paper.
I took the paper and went read it,

☒Roses are read,
Sky is Blue,
My love is true and it's only for you
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"where did this come from?"

"from your locker" Selene replied "I think someone likes you"

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☒Crazy right? ☒

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☒KELANIE ☒

"oh my! This is getting serious someone loves you Kel" Fiona said when I told them about the paper. Selene was also present

"Tell that someone that am not interested" I stated

"Just let him get hurt"

"that's not fair Phoebe" Selene chuckled

"They've been hurting her in the name of love" Phoebe said

"He could be different you just can't tell" Selene insisted

Phoebe scoffed "he could be worse you just can't tell"

Selene chuckled and stared at me "what do you say?"

"I can't love again Selene, the heart break is much and I've suffered a lot. Am not gonna give anyone a chance again"

She shrugged then said "If you wish"

"The homecoming game is on Wednesday" I said changing the topic then added "Too bad am not among the cheerleaders squad"

"You've done a lot Kelanie, there's nothing wrong in not being part of this one" That was Selene

"She's right" Blue supported

"I wonder who'll get the crown of homecoming king and queen" Fiona said

"I just wanted to be a queen" Selene drawled

"We all want to be crowned" I laughed

"It's gonna be you Kelanie" Selene said sadly

"You just can't tell" I said

"The homecoming king and queen gets a trip to Miami after NYN" Phoebe said

"Wow!" Selene mouthed with her hands on her chest "it could be me and my dream boyfriend"

"Who's your dream boyfriend?" Zion asked

Selene chuckled "I'd rather leave that unsaid"

"Hope it's not Angelou" Phoebe seethed

"dunno" Selene shrugged still smiling

"Phoebe stay away from Angelou" Fiona warned

"or what?"

Zion got up and charged at them "can you both stop going crazy for my boyfriend?"

"Do they like love one boy?" Selene asked

"isn't obvious?" I replied with a question

"let's excuse them" Blue said then we tip toed out.

AT THE CAFETERIA ☒

"a special order" a waitress said and placed a tray on my table I stared at the tray then turned to the waitress "who placed it?"

"Anonymous" she replied with a wink and walked off

Blue beamed "someone doesn't want you to starve"

The others had gone to get our food so it was just I and Blue left on the table. I removed the lid and BOOM! There was no food in the plate, just a paper

☒ MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN THAN ANY FLOWER,
MORE SWEET THAN THE SUGAR FIELDS OF KISUMU,
YOU ARE THE TOUCHSTONE OF MY POWER. ☒

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I looked at Blue after reading the letter and she was grinning.

"secret admirer huh?" she scoffed

"someone is already eating" Zion chuckled and placed a tray on the table and so did Phoebe and Fiona

"You already emptied the dish. Was it that delicious?" Phoebe laughed

"Here's the food" I said and gave them the paper
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"another secret admirer" Zion said when they were done

"We should investigate cause I think that whoever this secret admirer is, is the pilot of the paper jets" Phoebe said

"you can't find out who a secret admirer unless he opens up" Blue said

"Blue is right" I agreed

"let's just wait till he finally shows himself, he can't keep admiring in secret forever" Blue added

"What are you girls talking about?" Tristan asked from behind

"someone has... "

Blue covered Phoebe's mouth to prevent her from talking "never mind"

Tristan gave me a questioning look then said "I just came to say hi, am actually going to join the guys".

"okay" I nodded and he walked out to meet the guys at their table

"what was that for?" Phoebe asked when Tristan was gone

"How could you think of telling him about the secret admirer stuff?"

"Tristan is our best friend and part of us, there's nothing wrong with him knowing" Phoebe said demonstrating with her hands in the air

"There's something wrong" I said

"what's wrong?" Phoebe demanded to know

I sighed "never mind"

Phoebe rolled her eyes and her eyes drifted to Angelou who was leaving the cafeteria. "Are you still going to continue living with Angelou?" she asked

"no" I shook my head "we'll go get our things today"

"how was living with him?" Fiona asked

"not bad" I replied honestly

We faced our food till lunch time was over then we headed for our various classes. When school dismissed, I stood outside the gate waiting for Angelou so we would go get our things. A car was already arranged to take us there but it hadn't arrived yet and Angelou was nowhere to be found. I waited for almost an hour but there was no sign of Angelou nor the car. I tried entering the school to check on Angelou but the security men wouldn't let me in, insisting that there was no one left in the school.

I waited till it was very late in the evening and it was getting dark then I called Festus so he would pick me up but he wasn't answering. I shoved my phone into my pocket and started trekking home.

I hadn't gone far from the school when I felt I was being followed. It was late already and the street wasn't too bright. I increased my pace and the person did same. I got scared and made to run when a hand from nowhere dragged me into a corner.

The space was tight and our bodies were touching. I knew it was a guy cause his breath was on my face.

The person who was following me passed without seeing us and whoever dragged me muttered "robbers"

I quickly recognized the voice as Angelou's and it really was him when he asked "are you okay?"

"Angelou" I called "where have you been?"

"sorry if I kept you waiting, something came up and I had to leave school and it lasted till dusk"

I sighed "it's okay can we still make it?"

"sure let's go" he said and pulled me out that was when I realized his hands were on my waist all these while because of the little space.

"There's a bus stop..."

"let's trek" he said and walked off ahead

The walk was long and boring cause we weren't talking to each other and I got really tired.

"can't we talk of anything even if it's books?" I asked in frustration

He stopped and turned to look at me "are you tired?" he asked with his eyes on my shoes which I held in my hands.

"yes" I nodded

"here let me help" he took my shoes then squatted before me

"a piggy back ride?" I questioned

"just get on, am only being nice cause someone asked me to" he replied and I reluctantly got on his back. He slid his hands under my legs and held me firm. I felt tickles in my stomach but ignored it. It was weird, a piggy back ride from

Angelou. I never expected that.

He walked slowly but steadily till we arrived at the mansion. The driver who was supposed to take us there was standing at the gate. He chuckled and looked away when he saw us and I tried getting down but Angelou held me firmly and I didn't want to argue.

He entered the mansion and everywhere was surprisingly dark. Angelou put me down and I muttered a "thank you"

We walked into the sitting room and started groping frantically for the switch. I dipped my hand into my pocket and brought out my phone but it accidentally fell from my hand and smashed on the floor.

"be careful" I heard Angelou said then I felt his hand on my stomach. I froze at his touch as he traced it up to my chest. He probably thought he was touching the wall or something.

I didn't know how to react not to appear stupid but when his hand got to my chest, I screamed and fell on the floor in an attempt to run and BOOM!

He found the switch and the light came on. I was sitting on the floor with my hands supporting myself.

We stared at each other wordlessly with me not knowing what to say and him not knowing how to apologize.

"Am sorry" he finally said and walked out. I watched him climb up the stairs till he was out of sight then I got up and stared at myself.

Am so crazy to had screamed and fallen like that. It was a mistake, what was I thinking. I picked up my phone then went into my room and arranged my things in my box then waited for Angelou in the sitting room.

He came out with his bag and walked outside without saying anything to me. I got up then carried my bag and followed him.

"let me help" the driver offered then carried my box into the car.

Angelou was already sitting at the backseat and not wanting to sit with him, I sat at the passenger seat.

The car cruised into the street and I gazed out the window into the night.

Today was very stressful and I can't put everything that happened into writing. I sighed and my eyes went to the rear view mirror, Angelou staring at me and for the first time he didn't look away when I caught him. We held the state till the car came to a halt and I jerked back to reality.

I was home.

I got down and the driver helped me bring out my box while Angelou sat in the car.

"Thanks" I said to the driver

"Goodnight" he greeted and entered the car.

I glanced at Angelou and the dude was staring at me through the side mirror but this time, he looked away and the car drove off.

Crazy right?

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❏The Fight❏

#Episode_19

❏TRISTAN ❏

"I saw them he was giving her a piggy back ride" I yelled

"Kelanie?" Paris thought aloud, he wasn't going to believe that I saw Kelanie today with Angelou.

"I was scared this would happen"

"Kelanie can't fall in love with him just because she spent some days with him"

"seven days alone with a guy can change everything" I said

"just tell her how you feel before he does" Paris suggested

"Do you think she feels the same?"

"you gonna keep asking that question till BOOM! she starts dating Angelou" Paris yelled

"I don't want to ruin our friendship"

"loving Kelanie won't ruin your friendship but if you're still scared of telling her after so many years, I don't want you to come running to me when she accepts someone else"

I face palmed myself and fell back to the bed "I wish I had fallen in love with someone else and not Kelanie"

"your first and only love has had three loves and is about to have the fourth and you still love her" Paris laughed

"Love hurts"

"I agree" Paris said sarcastically but he wouldn't understand

"just do me a favor and get Kelanie out of your mind before Wednesday so you can concentrate on the game"

"if losing that game will make me get Kelanie then we're gonna lose it"

Paris burst into an outrageous laughter "what love turned you into"

I picked up a pillow and threw at Paris but he caught it.

"chill man" he laughed then asked "have you ever kissed a girl?"

I stared at him baffled at the question.

Have I?

Or maybe I have but am never gonna tell Paris, he's such a tease.

I got out of the bed and headed for the door "am out"

"you're not gonna tell me?"

I ignored him and walked out

Maybe I should tell Kelanie how I feel but how do I approach her?

Kelanie look, I've been having feelings for you but I've been scared to tell you.

No, that sounds lame

Kelanie I know you've been hurt a lot but I really love you.

No, she'll think am desperate

Kelanie amongst a million twinkle stars, is a beautiful moon that lights up the world and amongst a million girls is a Beautiful girl that lights up my heart and that girl is you.

No, she'll think am just practicing a line of poetry

There's something I've been meaning to tell you.

And when she asks 'what is it?'

I'll say 'I love no'

No, that's too forward

I ruffled my hair out of frustration and sat on the floor. Professing your love is too difficult.

"Buddy!"

I looked up to see the annoying Luke staring down at me.

"what do you want?"

"can you be quiet? Am trying to sleep"

"but am not saying anything"

"are you serious? Kelanie this, Kelanie that, Kelanie yes, Kelanie no, Kelanie..."

"I've been saying that loud?"

"did you think you were saying it to yourself?" he rolled his eyes and walked off.

What love has turned me into.

I returned to my room and Paris was about leaving so I saw him off to the door post and returned to my room. I dropped on the bed and drifted into a cool nice sleep filled with dreams about Kelanie.

THE NEXT DAY AT GLAMOUR HIGH

"The big game is tomorrow" Chance said to us. Everyone playing for the WHALES were present including the new guy Angelou. I kept on staring at him and he was staring back.

"Coach said we'll be having our last practice today at noon" Chance added

"and it's almost time" I said taking a quick glance at my wrist watch

"No distractions" Lex said mimicking coach

"those who have girlfriends break up with your girlfriend and those who have crush lock your heart" he would always say

"STAY FOCUSED" was his key word in every game

"Lex shouldn't be playing cause he's a woman freak" Eddy, one of the players said

"I might be but am not serious with any girl so what's gonna distract me?"

"a big fat ass" Eddy replied and Lex burst into laughter

"he's right Lex" Chance said "our opponents might send a big fat ass girl to walk

round the field you'll get distracted"

Lex placed his hand on his chest "don't worry guys, you can count on me"

"we're never gonna count on you Chance said jocularly

"But am not the only one, Derek is in love, secret feelings to be precise, the sight of Blue with another guy would kill him" Lex said

"I was staring at her while she was dancing with a guy from Famous but I was still singing without breaking" Derek said in self defense

"you cried when you left stage"

"I could still cry after the game"

He emphasised on the AFTER THE GAME

"We all got to deal with our emotional life" I said thinking about my feelings for Kelanie and what I'd do if I see her with Angelou during the game or if I remember the piggy back ride.

"coach might be waiting, let's go"

We all got up and headed to the field.

⊠KELANIE ⊠

"That'll bring us to the end of the class" the Algebra teacher concluded then walked out

"Finally!" I breathed out and turned to Blue "I'll be in the library"

"must you always be there? It's not like your life depends there"

I packed up my books ignoring Blue "see ya later"

"The guys are playing basketball in... "

I ignored her and walked out.

I miss the library and books. My second home.

TWO HOURS LATER

Done!

I closed the book and walked to the shelves to get another one.

It should... be somewhere... here... ahhh!

It's not here.

"what are looking for?" the librarian, Ms Veronica asked walking up to me "a novel I saw here yesterday"

"what's the title?" she asked going through the shelves

"Lonely Nights"

"that's my favorite" Ms Veronica squealed

I rolled my eyes "just tell me where it is"

"That guy, what's his name again?" she paused and started thinking "Oh Angelou. Yeah his name is Angelou"

"what did he do?"

"he took the novel this morning"

"isn't there another copy?"

She shook her head "no, it's just that one"

"but I need it"

"how urgent?"

"so urgent" I yelled

"don't shout you're in the library" she hushed

"I need the book for my test"

"then go meet him" she said and walked out.

Calm down Kelanie it's just a book.

I told myself cause I was really tensed about talking to Angelou.

I kept talking to myself and didn't see where I was going. I bumped into someone who was also in a hurry and we fell on the floor.

"ouch!" I groaned rubbing my forehead

"Did you get hurt?" a familiar voice asked and I looked up to see Tristan also sitting on the floor

"sorry, I wasn't looking" I apologized and we got up

"it was my fault I should have watched where I was going"

"don't take the blame Tristan I was so lost thinking of the best way to approach Angelou"

"approach Angelou?"

"for a novel he borrowed from the library"

"what's the title?"

"lonely nights"

"you don't have to stress yourself I'll go get it for you"

"I can get it myself"

"I insist" Tristan said firmly "wait for me in the music room"

I gave up and headed to The Blooms music room. Fiona and Zion were alone when I entered and I walked to the them, they were chatting and giggling.

"what's the gist?" I asked taking a seat

"weren't you there at the game?" Fiona asked

"no"

"you missed a lot of fun" Zion grinned "You needed to see Angelou in action during the game... "

"let me do the talking" Fiona interrupted "he's my boyfriend remember? So I should be doing the talking"

"Fiona must you... "

"Hey! Girls!" I cut in "Angelou isn't dating any of you and hr never might"

They stared daggers at me then Fiona asked "what makes you think so?"

"cause he's in love"

They gasped "with who?"

"you?"

"with books" I replied and they sighed in relief "he won't notice anything that isn't paper"

"he'll definitely notice me and I know that" Zion stated

"if only I was the one that went for the training with him" Fiona sighed

"what would you have done?" I asked "seduced him?"

"get him to fall in love with you or better still..."

"Kel" Blue and Phoebe ran in panting

"what's wrong?"

"Tristan and Angelou are fighting"

I gasped and ran out with the girls to the scene. Tristan and Angelou were exchanging punches while the students gathered taking pictures. I weaved my way through the students and ran in between them with The Blooms.

"what's wrong with you both?"

They didn't reply as they panted glaring at each other. The sides of their lips were broken and Angelou was badly injured beside his eye.

"What's going on here?" the vice principal bellowed

Angelou clenched his fist and punched Tristan. Tristan tried retaliating but I held him back and Angelou punched him again. Tristan pushed me out and another fight broke out.

Two security men ran in and seized them then dragged them to the principal's office.

"what happened?" I asked no one in particular

"I don't know" Blue replied "they were just talking and Angelou punched Tristan first"

"They didn't argue?"

"we didn't hear them arguing" Phoebe replied

"I don't want Angelou to get suspended" Fiona drawled

"who's gonna play for the WHALES tomorrow" Blue added

"The game isn't as important as having Angelou around" Zion said

"You girls are crazy" I snarled then walked off and Blue followed me.

We walked to the principal's office and stood outside cause we weren't allowed inside.

"What do you think led to the fight?" Blue asked

"I don't know. It's unlike Tristan he never have any misunderstanding with anyone"

"Angelou punched him first but Angelou wouldn't had done that if Tristan hadn't made a comment that hurt him"

"What comment would he had made?" I wondered

"Tristan and Angelou never talked, what could had brought them into talking?"

"Tristan offered to get a book I needed from Angelou"

"Then why did they fight?"

I sighed "I don't know"

The principal's door flung open and Angelou and Tristan stepped out. They glanced at us then both walked out without saying anything to us.

"let's follow them" Blue suggested then we trailed behind them as they walked into the restroom.

"what are they going to do in there?" I asked Blue in a whisper

"let's go see"

We tried taking another step when we started hearing punches and kicks and groans from the males restroom.

"they're fighting again" I gasped and we ran into the bathroom

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❏Another paper jet ❏

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❏KELANIE ❏

"what's going on?"

We pushed the two of them apart and Blue dragged Tristan out

"why are you fighting?"

"nothing" he replied bluntly

I scoffed "Angelou"

"we're good, just wanted to try out some martial skills"

"are you for real?"

"We're good you can ask Tristan"

"We're good" Tristan stated firmly when I asked him

"You both fought and broke your lips" I yelled "Angelou you broke the side of your eye"

"it's part of martial skill" Angelou said

Blue scoffed and rolled her eyes "you both can't be serious"

"but we are" Tristan insisted

I clenched my fist and punched Tristan

"ouch! What was that for?" he groaned

I grinned and shrugged "just practicing martial arts"

"yea me too" Blue clenched her fist and punched Angelou

"Ouch!"

"keep practicing" I said sarcastically and walked out with Blue

"they both don't want to say what transpired between them" Blue said

"maybe it's personal"

"maybe" Blue shrugged

☒CAITLYN ☒

"Mabel still doesn't want to come to school" Lara said when we walked out of English class

Mabel has decided not to return to school after she was defeated in Glamour Diva and we've tried talking her out of it but she's proving adamant.

"I don't blame her, she can't face the shame" I said

"What about the crown?"

"she won't get it" Ivy stated

"The principal is her aunt"

"the principal was her aunt when she lost Glamour Diva"

"Glamour Diva is by vote but homecoming queen isn't by vote but by merit"

I chuckled "you think Mabel merits it?"

Lara shrugged "she still has to be crowned else she won't accept to sing in NYN"

"She can't back out of NYN" I said and we walked into the music room

"Heard Angelou and Tristan fought" Ivy said changing the topic

"yes but no one knows the reason, they wouldn't talk" I said

"I don't care about them, they shouldn't be our problem now" Lara said

"What should be our problem?" I demanded

"Shayne, she'll be coming to Glamour today to witness the homecoming game"
Lara replied

"am kinda scared of competing with her" I admitted

"me too, she's so good" Ivy concurred

"exactly what am talking about" Lara snapped "we can't be scared of Kelanie and Shayne, one of them has to be gotten rid of"

"talking about Kelanie and Shayne, what about Lauren?" Ivy asked

"Rock of Ages aren't competing" I replied

"there's a rumor that they would"

"we can't lose out totally"

"we won't if Mabel stop being full of herself and practice" Lara stated

☒KELANIE ☒

"I'll be back" I excused myself then walked out of the music room. I needed to use the restroom.

"Kel!" someone called from behind and I whirled around to see a student running to meet me then I stopped and waited for him.

"Someone asked me to give this to you" He said and gave me a paper

"who?" I asked but he ran away without replying.
I unfolded the paper and read it.

☒Meet me in the garden

I tucked the paper into my pocket and went into the restroom. My instincts told me it was the secret admirer and he wanted to reveal himself. I finished using the restroom and headed to the garden.

When I got to the garden, the garden was empty and quiet and I didn't see anyone.

"I thought you wouldn't come" a familiar voice said from behind and I whirled around to see Lancelot staring at me with his hands in his pocket. He was so cute. The guy I've always loved, but it was unbelievable that he wanted us to meet.

"why do you want to meet with me?" I demanded

"you wouldn't had come if you didn't want to meet"

"I wouldn't had come if I knew I would be meeting with you"

He ran his hands through his hair and stared into my eyes. He looked pale "we need to talk"

"There's nothing there for us to talk about" I said and proceeded to walk out but he grabbed my arm

"There is"

"And what is that? About your girlfriend?"

"about us"

I scoffed "there's nothing about us"

"There's a lot"

"I don't want to talk"

"then just listen" he said out of frustration "please"

I snatched my hand from his "go on am listening"

"Kelanie I still love you and I want you back" he blurted out

I burst into laughter "you're bluffing"

"Am serious"

"you can't be cause we're over and done" I spelt out

"I was wrong and am really sorry but I can't stop thinking about you I can't believe that I even tried. You mean a lot to me and you know it"

"I don't care just go to your girlfriend" I yanked and walked out and he didn't try stopping me.

He was really weak and sad and I really pitied him but I wasn't going to take him back.

"Are you serious?" Phoebe asked when I told them about Lancelot

"I couldn't be kidding with that"

"He's such a loser"

"I really pity him, he looks sad and pale" I said with concern

"Don't tell me you plan on taking him back" that was Blue

"I didn't say so but he's so... " I trailed off and sighed

"You got to be kidding me" Fiona scoffed and shook her head

"that guy wanted to break you but now he's broken and wants you back you're thinking of giving him a second chance cause he looks sad" Zion seethed

"calm down girls there's nothing wrong in accepting your mistakes and being sorry..."

"KELANIE!" Phoebe shouted

"You can forgive him if you want to but you can't take him back. Maybe he's not happy that Mabel lost Glamour Diva so he wants to break you so you won't win NYN" Fiona said

"she's right Kel" Blue supported

I sighed "I just pity him that's all"

"don't pity. He didn't pity you when he broke up with you in front of the whole school"

"and you don't need a guy remember?" that was Zion

"am not a kid"

"That'll be after NYN we can't lose because of some gold diggers" Phoebe snarled

"Hey! Girls" Selene greeted and walked into the music room

"Selene"

She smiled "Having a chit chat without me?"

"You got to hear this" Blue said and pulled Selene to sit beside her "Lancelot wants

Kelanie back and she's planning to consider it"

"why?"

"cause she pities him. She says he looks sad and worried" Blue said
Selene gazed at me "it's that true?"

"I never said I was taking him back"

"but you pity him"

"there's nothing wrong with that as long as she ain't taking him back. She has
conscience you know and he's human, someone she once loved or could still love"
Selene said and The Blooms left their mouth agape in disbelief

"you're so crazy" Zion managed to say

"she's right" I said

"you both are crazy. Am telling it to your mothers" Fiona said and we all burst into
laughter

"My momma is late" Selene said

"oh!" Fiona exclaimed "am so sorry"

"it's okay it doesn't hurt anymore" Selene said all smiles. She's always smiling and
it makes her beautiful cause she has two deep dimples.

"Let's talk about boys" Zion said sitting up

"Great! Am in" Selene said

"Am not interested" I opted out

"c'mon Kel, you used to love boys talk" Blue drawled

"not now girls"

"Let's leave her out of the gist" Phoebe said then I got up and walked out. Boys
isn't my thing anymore. I just want to be me and survive without them.
I walked into the library and sat between two high shelves. I just wanted to hide
myself from the outside world and forget about my past.
I looked at the pile of books and remembered that I hadn't collected the book from
Angelou.

"I'll just read the summary later" I told myself then collected another book and started reading.

☒ANGELOU ☒

I finished reading the novel 'Lonely Nights' and decided to give it to Kelanie. This book has already cost lots of disaster that I don't want to remember. I got up from my table and went in search of Kelanie. I knew she was also in the library cause I had seen her when she came in. I walked to the direction she went and saw her sitting between two shelves with a book in her hands but she was fast asleep. She most have dozed off while reading cause she was sitting down on the floor.

I stood watching her as she slept, not wanting to wake her and not wanting to walk away. She was really beautiful, something I never wanted to admit but she really was and I admired her a lot.

Ever since last night after the competition, there's a flame in my heart that she managed to lit. A flame that has been quenched after Lisa died, only her voice and her smiles lit it.

I squatted beside her and tucked some strands of hair that were covering her face behind her ear so I can see her face more clearly. She was sleeping peacefully and she looked really tired. She moved her hand and lost balance but I caught her before she fell. Her head was resting on my palms and her weight was on it. Suddenly, she fluttered her eyes open and I flinched back at her gaze. She was visibly shocked and removed her head from my palm.

"I... I... came and..." I groped for the right words but nothing reasonable was coming into my head as we stared at each other. It was like a staring challenge. Out of the blue, a paper jet flew into out midst and landed between us. She picked it up and shoved into her bag.

"I have to go now" she said and got up but I remained in the same position

"The book" she pointed to the novel lying beside me

"you can have it"

She bent down and picked it up "thanks" then she was gone

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☒Busted ☒

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☒KELANIE ☒

I held my chest as I ran out of the library. My heart was beating very fast and I felt embarrassed about the way I was staring at Angelou. Whatever was happening, I was yet to understand.

Why I get so lost staring at him and why I couldn't seem to get him out of my mind no matter how hard I tried.

"Kel!" someone called and grabbed my hand, thinking it was Angelou, I flinched back and fell to the floor on my butt.

"Are you alright?" I looked up and realized it was Tristan

"am fine" I replied trying to act normal then got up

"you look tensed" he noticed

"am fine"

"You don't look fine to me. Are you been chased?"

"no" I replied

He took out a scarf from his pocket and wiped my face cause I was sweating.

"thanks"

He chuckled "you don't have to thank me"

"I'll be going now" I said hastily and walked off

I entered the music room and The Blooms were practicing with The Stupids but Angelou wasn't there.

I slumped down in my chair and shut my eyes.

"Are you okay?" Chance asked

"am okay just tired that's all"

He nodded then they continued practicing till Angelou walked in and my heart started racing.

"Perfect timing!" Blue exclaimed "now let's hear what you two came up with for NYN"

"am tired and can't sing now" I lied

How can I be tired when I just woke up from sleep. Angelou glanced at me cause he knew I was lying but he didn't say anything as he looked away.

"Then there's no need for us to practice and keep playing instruments. Am bored already" Zion said with a yawn

"I just need a cold bath" Phoebe sighed

"there's a bathroom in our music room. I could join you if you want" Lex said with a wink

"Let's play BUSTED" Ray suggested and The Stupids laughed except Angelou

"what's that?" Fiona asked

"just a game where you expose your greatest secret" Sky explained

"am not gonna play" I said

"everyone has to unless you're willing to make out with someone here" Lex smirked

"the game isn't as bad as you think. You're gonna love it"

"how do you expect me to tell you all my secrets?"

"you don't have to say it yourself, someone else is gonna expose you and you get busted" Chance said

"let's start" Lex said sitting up "I'll go first"

"alright"

"Derek has a huge crush on Blue" Lex blurted out

"you didn't have to say that" Derek told him in a whisper

"chill man, you're busted" Lex laughed

Derek glanced at Blue and quickly looked away. He was really embarrassed.

"who's next?" Fiona asked excitedly. She was loving the game

"Ray" Lex replied

"Chance kissed Selene at the party last night"

We all gasped and gazed at Chance in surprise.

"it was just a kiss nothing more" Chance said pointedly

"it's my turn" Fiona giggled
I wonder who she's gonna expose.

"Zion has a crush on Angelou"

"what?" The Stupids gasped and stared at Angelou who was also shocked

"did you have to say that?" Zion yelled at Fiona "we all have a crush on Angelou including you and Phoebe"

The Stupids gasped again and this time Angelou chuckled

"I didn't deny it" Phoebe snapped and charged at them

"This is gonna turn into a fight" I noted

"girls enough!" Chance bellowed "let's go on with the game"

"my turn" Sky said then shifted his gaze to me.
What's he gonna say?

"Kelanie has been staring at Angelou since he came in"

"what?" The Blooms gasped and the three nations shot me a deadly glare

"That's a lie" I said in embarrassment even though I knew I was staring

"I didn't expect you to admit" he said with a shrug

"it's my turn" Blue said and the game went on till school was over.
We all bade goodbye and entered our various cars except Angelou who loves trekking. I have no idea about his background. I rest my head on the head rest as the car cruised into the road then brought out my phone and logged into the school's gossip blog. There was a headline on a pool party held in honor of the new Glamour Diva but no one mentioned anything to me.

☒There's a party tonight

I texted The Blooms and Zion replied immediately

☒ didn't hear of it

☒ just found out

Blue texted

☒who's holding the party?

☒Caroline, and it's a pool party. Everyone will be attending

☒we can't afford to miss it

☒and we won't miss it. See you all by 8

I logged out and dropped my phone in my bag. I was really tired this time and I needed a long sleep.

"we're home" Festus said and I jerked awake. I had dozed off in the car and didn't notice we had arrived. He held the door open and I stepped out and walked inside.

"Good afternoon nanny" I greeted and kissed her on both cheeks

"you look tired" she observed

"am really tired"

"School is getting stressful everyday and it's really stressing out my diva" nanny said patting my hair like a kid

"I'll be in my room"

"should I bring your lunch to your room?"

"no, I'll eat when I wake up" I said and walked into my room. I tossed my bag aside and slumped on my bed with my feet touching the floor. I shut my eyes and drifted into sleep.

LATER ☒

I fell from the bed and screamed as I jerked awake. I massaged my back and glanced at the wall clock. It was already 7:42 pm. I rushed into the bathroom then had a quick bath and got dressed. I ate my meal then Festus drove me to Caroline's house.

We arrived shortly then I got down from the car and he drove out. I entered the

house and to my surprise everyone was on bikini and shorts.

"The changing room is over there" a girl on bikini said pointing to a closed door at a corner

"Thanks" I replied but I wasn't going to change. I hate going on bikini. I turned around to leave the party but The Blooms were standing behind me wearing bikinis.

"why didn't you mention that it was a bikini party?" I asked in rage

"we told you it was a pool party, how did you expect to have a pool party with your clothes on"

Why didn't I even think of that?

"but you should've reminded me"

"we knew you wouldn't come if you knew it was a bikini party and the party would be a disaster if you hadn't come"

"But am leaving"

"yea you should be leaving this party isn't for you"
I whirled around to see who spoke and Mabel was standing behind me with her barbie dolls all wearing bikinis with their arms folded across their chest.

"look who finally showed up" I chuckled "the big time loser"

She scoffed "that you won Glamour Diva doesn't make me a loser"

"I agree" I said sarcastically "it makes you a failure"

She raised her hand to hit me but Lancelot appeared from nowhere and held her hand "let's go you shouldn't be fighting"

"Bitch!" she muttered as he dragged her out

"You can't leave this party" Zion stated

"you got to put Mabel to shame again"

"I don't like this" I said referring to the bikini I was wearing

"it's a skirt and a half top, it's not exposing so what don't you like in it?" Phoebe asked half yelling

I sighed and looked away from the mirror

"let's go"

They opened the door and stepped out but I was afraid to come out.

What if Angelou shows up?

Of course he's going to show up the party is for everyone.

"Come out already" Blue dragged me out and all eyes turned to me

Great!

I hastily walked into a dark corner and stood

"Why being shy? It's not like you're naked" Zion yelled

"I'll be out soon"

"sort yourself out" Fiona said then they walked out. I sighed and wrapped my arms around my body. I was kinda cold but the cold was caused by fear. I started walking into the dark though I didn't know where I was going.

I'll just hide in here till the party is over.

"be careful" someone grabbed my hand and I turned in shock to see Angelou staring at me.

I got shy as he stared down my legs and I just prayed for the ground to open up and swallow me.

"let's go clean that" he said and I looked down at my leg which was covered with paint. I had accidentally stepped on it and I didn't even realize.

What was I even thinking.

He led me to a small lake behind the building and helped me sit on the floor.

"how did you know here?" I asked

"this place is like a home to me"

"you live here?"

"no but I grew up here"

I wanted to ask further but it was obvious he didn't want to talk. I put my leg into the lake and started washing it but the paint wasn't going out. He got up and walked into the lake then returned with a flower. He squeezed it and applied the

water on my leg.

"what's that?"

"I used it as soap when I was a little boy and used to come to the lake" he replied then continued applying the flower on my leg. When he was done, he poured water on my leg and the paint was gone.

"It worked" I giggled staring at my feet

"what were you doing there?"

"I was taking a walk what about you?"

"I was playing with my pet snake"

"pet snake?" I gasped

He nodded "it belonged to my grandma but after she died, I started taking care of it. It's really old and loyal"

"how old?"

"36"

I gasped "so I actually passed a snake"

"I saw you when you passed then I followed you so you wouldn't get lost"

"why aren't you in the party?"

"I hate parties"

"me too"

"but you're dressed for the party" he said and I got embarrassed remembering I was on bikini

"my friends forced me to come"

"it's beautiful"

"huh?"

"I meant the attire it fits you"

Why must he notice that

"thanks"

We remained silent as I looked around to be sure I was safe from a pet snake.

"Let's swim" he suddenly said

"I can't swim" I replied honestly

"I'll teach you"

"am really scared of water"

He smiled cunningly then shouted "Eliza"

"who's Eliza?"

"my pet snake, here she comes"

I screamed and jumped into the water

"it seems like you're scared of snakes than you're scared of water" he chuckled and pulled his shirt then dived into the water. There was no snake he just tricked me.

I tried swimming but I couldn't and I was drowning

"I'll teach you" I felt his hand on my waist as he pulled me up

"I can't swim"

"yet you came for a pool party"

"I didn't plan on swimming"

"they would have dared you to swim in the pool" He said and went under the water

"Angelou" I called looked around but there was no sign of him

"over here" he waved from the other end of the lake

"How did you get there?"

"I swam so swim over"

"am gonna drown"

"Fine" she finally succumbed and we headed to the dressing room

"There isn't a pet snake here right?" she asked when we got to the dark corner

I chuckled softly "There is but she doesn't bite"

She shuddered and drew nearer to me.

We got to the pool and there was no one there apart from the cleaners that were putting the place in order.

"Where's everyone?" Kelanie asked in surprise

"I think the party ended and everyone left"

"damn it? How do I go home?"

We walked up to a cleaner and he told us the party ended about thirty minutes ago.

"let's go check for your clothes first"

We headed for the dressing room and Kelanie walked in while I waited outside. She walked out shortly dressed in the clothes she came with.

"let's go, I'll take you home" I offered then we headed for the main building. I went inside and returned almost immediately with a car key.

"you own a car?" she asked and I chuckled

"it's not mine"

"then you can drive?"

"am a driver" I replied and we walked to a red car that was parked under a tree.

"you sure you can drive?" she asked again, this time in fear as she entered the car

I got in the drivers seat and turned to her while I fastened my seat belt "are you scared of death?"

"a lot" she snapped "I still have to get married and have kids, I can't die yet"

"you're crazy" I laughed and started the engine

"drive carefully"

"maybe you should teach me" I said looking at her while driving out of the compound

"please face the steering"

"you're really scared" I said and sped out

"slow down" she said and I increased the speed

"we're gonna die" she shouted

"just direct me"

She fell back to the seat and shut her eyes, praying silently I guess. I slowed down but she didn't notice cause she was so engrossed in her prayer as her lips moved silently. I couldn't help but stare at her to get a perfect picture of her face. She was abominably beautiful and I kinda wished she was mine but loving again wasn't an option.

I looked away and faced the steering cause I was loosing focus staring at her. After some minutes, I arrived at her house and pulled the car to a halt.

"Kelanie!" I called but she was already asleep and her lips had stopped moving.

"Kelanie!" I called softly and her lips moved softly but she wasn't saying anything. All I wanted to do at that time was to steal a kiss but I couldn't. She's gonna kill me and Lisa's gonna think am cheating.

"Kelanie!" I called again and she started chewing on her mouth. I chuckled and leaned forward then kissed her lightly on her lips. It was soft and tempting, I wanted to continue kissing her but I didn't want her to wake.

I got down and walked to the passenger seat then carried her out in my arms. She stirred then opened her eyes sleepily and shut her eyes immediately. I rang the doorbell and an elderly woman opened immediately looking worried.

"Good evening ma'am"

"What happened to her?" she asked worriedly ignoring my greeting then stepped aside for me to come in

"She's fine just sleeping" I replied then walked inside

"Take her to her room" she said and laid me up a flight of stairs. We entered a room then I dropped her on the bed.

"I'll be taking my leave now"

"Thank you so much my child"

I nodded and taking one last glance at Kelanie, I walked out and headed to my car.

THE NEXT DAY ☒

I sat on my canvas painting Kelanie as I sang the words to my old song.

"Son of a macaroni!" A familiar voice exclaimed from behind and I whirled around to see Chance staring at me with his mouth wide open.

"you didn't say you were coming"

"what are you doing?"

I turned the canvas so he wouldn't see what I was painting "am painting"

He walked towards me and turned back the canvas "you're painting Kelanie"

"a look alike" I corrected

"This is Kelanie"

"The painting looks like Kelanie doesn't mean it's Kelanie"

"You can't lie to me Angelou I know you more than anyone else"

"It's a painting of Kelanie and I plan on giving it to her as a present for her victory in Glamour Diva" I lied again

"You're lying"

"Damn it Chance! What do you want me to say?"

"Why are you painting Kelanie?"

"cause am bored and I felt like painting her"

"you should've painted Lisa, that's what you always do"

"I just felt like painting her and there's nothing wrong with her"

Chance scoffed not believing a thing I said "remember what you told me when you

first drew Lisa?"

"Lisa and Kelanie aren't the same person. I loved Lisa doesn't mean I love Kelanie"
I yelled not even sure of myself

"Remember what you said when Lisa died?"

"stop reminding me of all those things people change"

Chance placed his hand on my shoulder and stared into my eyes "I need a painting of Selene"

I laughed "I thought you were going to say something serious"

"it's a good thing you're back. I mean the old Angelou and not the one who vowed never to draw anything that isn't Lisa. You can now paint for me again starting from Selene"

I chuckled "you're insane"

"Today is the big game, get ready" he said and walked out.

I faced the painting "Why am I drawing you? Maybe because you're natural and remind me of nature. Something Lisa always loved"
I walked out to my room to get ready for the homecoming game.

✂GLAMOUR HIGH ✂

✂KELANIE ✂

"Your dress is beautiful" Fiona squealed admiring the gown I was wearing

"Thanks, yours isn't bad either"

"Where were you all through last night?" Phoebe queried

"I was around" I replied not wanting to tell them I was with Angelou

"where on earth is called AROUND"

"am not a kid, I know how to take care of myself. I didn't leave the party" I stated

"Good for you" Zion states sarcastically

"we just wanted to be sure you were alright cause we left without seeing you" Blue said

"am sorry" I apologized "I didn't mean to be rude"

"it's all right but when did you leave the party?" Fiona demanded

"When I realized everyone was gone"

"Who drove you home?" Phoebe asked and I suddenly remembered that Angelou carried me in his arms last night and I pretended to be asleep so he wouldn't put me down.

"I took a cab" I lied

"okay"

"Hey girls!" Selene greeted walking up to us "You all are looking gorgeous, who's going to get crowned?"

"You're looking amazing Selene and I won't be surprised if you get the crown" I said sincerely but deep inside I was praying for the crown

"Thanks I hope my crush thinks the same of me today"

"who's your crush?" Phoebe asked

"it's better left unsaid" she giggled revealing her dimples "let's go see the game it's about to start"

We walked to the school field and sat in the front row to get a better view. The game was about to start and it was soccer first. Whales VS Dolphins. The players walked in and Chance led The Whales while Lancelot led The Dolphins, Angelou wasn't playing.

"why isn't my boyfriend playing?" Zion asked

"MY BOYFRIEND isn't playing cause he's a substitute and he's leading basketball" Fiona fired

"you guys shouldn't start a fight here" Selene snapped and they went silent.

The game began and within twenty minutes, The Dolphins scored one. The game continued till the first half was over and the score board read 1 : 0. The second half started shortly and Angelou switched places with another player. I got up and went into the restroom.

"Hey!" someone called coming out from the females

"Hey!" I called back

"you don't recognize me" she chuckled "am Shayne by the way"

"Shayne Gold?"

"Yep, nice meeting you after so many years" she studied me from head to toe then said "you changed a lot Glamour Diva"

"you too Paris Voice"

She chuckled "My boyfriend is waiting see ya in NYN" she walked out.

I watched her as she walked out of sight then I entered the restroom. She had gotten very beautiful over the years.

I returned to the stadium and the score board was reading 1 : 3.

"what happened? It has just been few minutes since I left" I said and sat down

"my boyfriend just scored am so excited" Fiona giggled

"you needed to see him Kel" that was Zion

They continued talking about Angelou till the game came to an end with The Whales scoring 3 goals and The Dolphins scoring 1.

"Nice game man" The Whales exchanged handshakes walking out of the field

"I'll be with the boys" Phoebe said and ran towards them

"Wait for me Phoebe" Fiona shouted running after her

"I wanna go too" Zion ran out too

"They're all boyfie" Selene chuckled

"So crazy not boyfie" Blue corrected

"Am hungry" I complained

"me too let's go to the cafeteria"

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"I ran into Shayne today" I said while we were eating

"What?" Blue shouted dropping her spoon. She was so crazy for Shayne and Shayne was her idol

"where's she?"

"I don't know but she's here in Glamour"

"Was she mean?" Selene asked

"no, she was surprisingly friendly unlike in Paris Voice"

"She's grown now" Selene said and continued eating

"I'd like to see her" Blue said

"None of The Reds is dying to see any of us, why on earth would you be dying to see Shayne" I asked in disgust

"Cause she's super super super hot and she's my idol" Blue replied

"Kelanie is more hot and beautiful than Shayne" Selene defended "I don't envy a thing in her"

"I do"

"If you do then you better join her on her table cause she's right behind you" I said pointing to Shayne who was sitting on the next table with her friends and a cute guy who I guess is her boyfriend.

"Perfect" Blue squealed then carried her tray and walked to Shayne's table

"Don't feel bad about it" Selene said then reached for my hand and gave it a warm squeeze "Shayne isn't better than you"

I was already close to tears cause my own friend and band member prefers Shayne to me.

"am fine"

"Then eat" she said then I faked a smile and continued eating.

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The basketball started one hour later but I didn't go to watch cause I was still feeling bad and ashamed to go out knowing Blue would be following Shayne like a goddess.

"you shouldn't deprive yourself of watching the game because of me" I told Selene cause she refused to go for the game without me.

"I can't leave you alone" she said
Screams were heard and it was obvious a team scored.

"I wonder who's winning" Selene said

"I want The Whales to win" I said

"me too"

We said nothing else as we faced our phones. Another screaming was heard and I became eager to see which team was winning.

"Go... Whales go" the cheerleaders sang

"it's The Whales I knew it" Selene giggled. I just smiled and started to imagine Angelou in the game and how cute he'd look playing basketball.

"What are you thinking?" Selene broke into my thoughts and I realized I was smiling sheepishly

"nothing"

"how honest is that?"

"hundred percent" I replied

LATER ☒☒

"Go Whales go" The Blooms sang running into the music room

"we won" Phoebe squealed with her hands raised up in the air

"Angelou is an angel, am gonna marry him" Fiona drawled

"Why didn't you watch the game?" Blue asked and I just glared at her

"we were busy" Selene replied

"There's are two more games then the Homecoming King and Queen would be announced" Zion said

"what game?" Selene asked

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They swam steadily underwater till no one could see them again.

"What's Selene up to?" Zion asked jealously

"And the winner is... " Selene swam out "Selene"

The females shouted and ran to help her out of the water while Angelou remained underwater. We ran to check what was wrong with him and he was swimming peacefully underwater.

"You just made us lose and you're swimming happily down there" Chance yelled. Angelou swam out and pushed his hair back

"You didn't expect me to win her" he said then glanced at me "wanna swim?"

"no" I shook my head

"why did you remain underwater?" Lex asked

"I don't see why I should be competing with her"

"I wanna swim" Phoebe said and started taking off her clothes

"Phoebe don't...." I tried stopping her but she pulled down her skirt and the boys looked away

"what are you doing?" Blue asked her in a whisper

"taking off my clothes" Phoebe replied nonchalantly then packed her hair up and dived into the water

"I wanna swim too" Zion shouted and also started taking off her clothes and Fiona followed. They took off their clothes and dived into the water.

"I think am done swimming" Angelou and swam out

"What?" they shouted and I chuckled

Angelou walked out and Chance gave him a towel

"The homecoming king and queen are about to be crowned" Ray said then we proceeded to walk to the hall

"wait" Phoebe prompted "what about us?"

"swim" Angelou replied and we laughed then headed to the hall while Angelou went to get dressed

"Where's Selene?" I asked looking around

"I don't know" Blue replied

☒ ..And the award for the homecoming king goes to...

She paused and observed a momentary silence

☒Chance Brown

"oh my gosh!" I exclaimed with my hands covering my mouth "it's so unexpected" I hugged him and so did Blue then he ran up stage

☒ ..Congratulations Chance

He nodded then faced the crowd

☒and the homecoming queen is no other than Selene Adams

Selene screamed from wherever she was and ran up the stage

☒congratulations Ms Adams

"am so happy for her even though I wanted to be the homecoming queen" I said excitedly

"I think Chance has been her dream boyfriend all these while look at the way they're smiling" Blue said

"a trip to Miami with him. Sounds romantic"

I tapped Blue and pointed behind her "someone wants to see you" Derek was standing behind her and signalling me to get her attention.

"what does he want?" she asked me in a whisper, obviously nervous

"Maybe a kiss" I replied her with a wink then pushed her to him

"hi!" she waved shyly then Derek dragged her out knowing she was shy.

"Hey!" someone called into my ears then I jerked around to see Lancelot staring at me

"what now?"

He brought out an envelope and gave stretched it to me "I came to give this to you" he said weakly

"what's that?"

"just take it" he said and he was really weak like sick

"Are you alright?" I found myself asking

"am fine" he replied then shoved the envelope into my palm and walked out. I opened the envelope and there was a white paper inside then I brought out the paper. It was a hospital report and it said Lancelot had kidney cancer though it was in its early stage cause he just started contracting the diseases. I was shocked cause the Lancelot I knew wasn't a drug addict. I folded the paper and made to put it back into the envelope when I saw a small paper in the envelope then I brought out the paper and read it.

☒ don't expect anything from you now but your forgiveness. I was wrong and I really regret it now, if I hadn't broke up with you maybe I wouldn't go into drinking and ruin my life.
Am so sorry.

Tears were streaming down my cheeks when I finished reading and I almost fell but someone caught me.

"Are you alright?" Angelou asked bringing me to my feet

"no" I shook my head in tears then fell on his shoulders and cried my eyes out.

LATER IN MY HOUSE ☒

"He'll be fine" Fiona consoled

"I don't think so. He's gonna die" I sobbed

"There's a huge chance that he won't die as long as he treats himself" Zion noted

"I just want him to live and go back to who he was and I'll do anything to insure that"

"even if it means going back to him?" Zion wanted to know

"even if it means going back to him"

I stared into space as I remembered how we used to be and how in love we were. I can't lose him that way. I can bear losing him to someone else but not death.

"He'll still sing in NYN so let his girlfriend take care of him" Phoebe seethed

"you don't understand"

"you are the one who isn't understanding anything Kel. That guy dumped you for your rival after you suffered two heart breaks. He didn't care if you were going to survive that one so why should you care about him?"

"I understand that you hate him Phoebe but it's not all about revenge" Fiona said calmly and I suddenly wished that Blue was there but she was still out with Derek.

"what if she had been the one to go into drinking? She was the one who suffered the heart break and not him" Phoebe went on

"Lancelot used to be our friend, when did you hate him like this?" Fiona asked

"when he broke up with Kelanie" Phoebe replied

I hugged my pillow tight and faced the wall. I should care about Lancelot, he's human and he's sorry.

THAT NIGHT ☒

The Blooms left after we had dinner then I returned to my room and sat down on the bed thinking of the best way to handle Lancelot. Forgiving him is an option but getting back together with him isn't an option.

A paper jet flew into my room through and landed on the floor. I got up and picked it up then unfolded it and it read.

☒Just wanted to wish you goodnight.

I ran to my window then looked around but saw no one.
How long will he keep hiding?
I thought then went back to bed.

THE NEXT DAY AT GLAMOUR HIGH

"NYN is in a week time" Ms Chantel said and started her usual sermons about us making her proud and putting The Barbie dolls to shame. I was present but I wasn't listening as I stared at Angelou from the window and thinking about Lancelot. Angelou turned and saw me then burst into laughter. It was weird cause I've never seen him laughed before and the first time he did was to laugh at me. I frowned at him and he laughed more. I got angry and turned to Ms Chantel then she gasped

"What happened to you?"
The Blooms whirled around and all burst into laughter

"why are you all laughing?" I asked and gazed at Angelou who was no longer laughing

"you got poo on your hair" Blue guffawed then I brought out my phone and checked my reflection. A stupid bird pooped on my hair.

I stormed out of the music room and ran into the restroom to clean myself up. It was sticky and disgusting.

I bent my head on the basin and turned on the tap then I washed my hair with soap. It took a long time before the poo went out. Though not all.

I dried my and went to the hair stylist.

She blew dry my hair with a hand drier then packed it. She brought out a new hair band and put on the hair. A paper was attached to it so I brought it out and it was a note from my so called secret admirer asking me to meet him at the lot.

"who bought this hair band?" I asked the hair stylist

"Anonymous" she replied and walked out

Seriously? Is anonymous now the name of a person?

I left the saloon and headed to the lot but there was no one in sight. I walked

further and saw Lancelot sitting lonely in his car. It couldn't be Lancelot. I walked on and saw Angelou sitting on the bonnet of a car and playing piano in his phone. Just when I was about to walk up to him, my eyes drifted to a corner and saw Tristan pacing about restlessly.

Now, who am I meeting?

Angelou is out of the question cause he can never be the pilot but some part of me wished it would be Angelou.

Then who is it between Tristan and Lancelot?

"looking for something?" Angelou asked breaking into my thoughts "or someone?" he added and I realized he was now standing close to me but I didn't notice

"Someone who flies paper jets"

He gave a lopsided smile "whoever flies that"

"someone has been... " I cut myself shut "never mind"

"I can help you" Angelou said then pointed to Tristan "do you see that guy over there?"

I nodded

"he has been flying paper jets around"

My heart started racing "Tristan?"

"yes"

"but Tristan doesn't know how to make jets"

"I thought him"

Unbelievable

Why Tristan?

"see ya later" he said then walked out

I kept staring at Tristan not believing Tristan was my secret admirer but didn't tell me. He looked at my direction and our eyes met. He was sweating nervously.

"Tristan!" I acted normal and walked up to him

"Hey! Kelanie"

"Are you reading for a pop quiz? You look nervous"

"you too"

"me?" I touched my forehead and I was sweating like crazy

"Am sorry for the way things turned out... " he trailed off "I don't know how to begin"

"I understand"

"You do?"

"I do, I've been getting your jets" I chuckled nervously

"What do you have to say about it?"

"I don't know" I sighed

"I know you've been through a lot but am scared of keeping my feelings to myself and watching someone else have you"

"Someone else?"

"I've always loved you even before you started dating Tony but I felt you would see me as a bad friend for loving you"

"And you kept it to yourself all these years?"

"I was scared of losing you and am still scared I'll lose you now"

"It's okay" I said and hugged him "You'll always be my bestie and I appreciate your feelings for me"

"Thanks for your understanding I thought you would hate me"

"I can't hate you but am not ready for any relationship now"

"I know, I just wanted to tell you in case you ever wanna try love again am always here"

"Thanks"

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"I was just passing by"

"but you stood watching them"

"what are you insinuating?" I asked cause I knew the guy was up to something

"nothing" he shrugged then asked "how are you preparing for NYN? It's in a week time"

"the question should be 'How are we preparing' not me"

"our job is just to play the instruments no big deal"

"and my job is just to sing. No big deal"

Chance smiled "Am happy for you"

"how?"

"you coming back"

I hissed and looked away. Chance is going crazy and I know exactly what he's talking about but it can't be true.

"You know what makes me happy the most?"

"what is it?" I asked with less concern

"my trip to Miami with Selene"

"Have fun"

"of course I will" he chuckled "you'll be alone"

"I've always been alone"

Chance gazed at me for a while then burst into laughter

"why are you laughing?"

"nothing" He guffawed then walked out

He's crazy

I got up and trailed behind him till he got to the balcony then he stopped and gazed down the outside.

"How long do you plan on hiding up here?" he asked without turning to look at me

"As long as forever"

"You can't hide your identity forever and you can't run away from who you are"

"Not now Chance"

"What if you ever have a girlfriend and she wants to visit you, will you bring her up here?"

"First, I don't plan on having a girlfriend, and second, if I ever do she's not coming up here"

"You'll bring her up here if you really love her"

"I'll bring her up here if she's Lisa"

He sighed and kinda got mad "can stop bringing up her topic? When will you realize that the dead is the dead and the living are living?"

"I don't plan on realizing that" I stated adamantly and walked out

"You'll come to realize that" he shouted after me but I wasn't ready to listen to his sermons.

☒KELANIE ☒

Tristan loves me. That's so unbelievable and weird.

How can you fall in love with your bestfriend?

I don't think I can love him back but I don't want to hurt him at the same time. He has never being in love with anyone but me but I loved others without realizing it and now it's too late.

I don't love him and can't date him out of pity. It's totally not an option.

I can never bring myself to love him cause he's my bestfriend and he's totally friendzoned. Bestfriends don't date.

A knock came on the door and it didn't sound like the crazy Blooms nor my nanny. I ignored it and it came again.

"Nanny?"

The knock came again.

I got up and went to get the door. When I opened the door my parents were standing before me after so many years.

"Mum? Dad?"

"Oh! My angel look how big you've grown now" mum squealed and hugged me but I didn't hug back instead I asked

"what are you doing here?"

She pulled away then held me shoulders "we're your parents and this is our home. We came to see how our baby is" dad replied and I blinked rapidly to suppress my tears

"Am not your baby" I hurled and yanked mum's hands off my shoulders

"We are really sorry for everything and we promise to make it up to you" mum said

I huffed and tears trickled down my cheeks "You think money can buy everything?"

"We made you comfortable got you cars and everything you need. What more do you ask for?"

"Parental care and love but I never got that as a child. Now am grown I can take care of myself I don't need you again" I stated then walked in and slammed the door at their face

"We're really sorry just open up and listen to us" mum pleaded but I just sobbed quietly on my pillow. I've always cried like this ever since I was a little girl and had no more and dad to come back to.

"We just wanted to give you a comfortable life that's why we worked so much" dad said

"we promise not to leave again"

I didn't reply them then they left to God knows where.

Later that night, nanny brought dinner up to my room cause I refused to come down for dinner. I didn't want to see my godforsaken parents.

"Are you alright?" nanny asked patting my hair while I ate and I shook my head

"You have to forgive your parents so you can be fine"

I opened my mouth to talk but shut it back and continued eating.

"I know they hurt you but their back for good and won't be leaving again"

I didn't say anything as I continued eating.

"Hear them out please"

"Am done eating" I said and dropped the spoon

"Isn't the food delicious? You haven't eaten anything"

"you're ruining my appetite with talks about the people that gave birth to me"

"Am sorry but those people are your parents"

"were my parents" I corrected then fell back to my bed

"please eat I promise not to talk about them again"

I gazed at her wordlessly then got up and continued eating. I finished my meal then she left with the tray and I locked my door not wanting my parents to come in. I took off my clothes then entered the tub for a cold bathe.

THE NEXT MORNING ☒

I rubbed my tempo with my palm as I got out of bed. I slid my feet into my pink flip flops and plodded into to bathroom to shower and get ready for school.

THIRTY MINUTES LATER ☒

I was done dressing for school then I shouldered my bag and walked out of my room. I locked the door then glanced at my parent's closed door. It felt the same way it has always been, like no one was there for me.

I took in a deep breath and descended the stairs. Nanny was pacing to and fro worriedly when I got to the kitchen.

"Good morning nanny" I greeted then sat on the breakfast table and she passed me a cup of coffee

"You look tensed"

"am fine. How was your night?"

"Great" I replied then drank from my cup

"where are my parents?"

"Well... Something urgent came up and they didn't want to wake you and due to how urgent it was... they couldn't wait so... " she trailed off

"they left?"

"am very sorry"

I swallowed a lump in my throat and ran out of the house ignoring my nanny's calls. I ran out of the compound and the security men didn't try stopping me. They understood why I was running away cause it wasn't my first time of running after each time my parents leaves.

I ran a far distance then stopped and sat by the road side and continued crying.

"It's okay" a familiar masculine voice coo then pulled me to his shoulder. I fell on his broad shoulders and continued crying without looking up to see who it was. He wiped my tears with a handkerchief then started singing softly.

☒she said don't cry I got your back
☒I'll be there to catch you when you fall
☒I'll be that someone you can depend on
☒that someone you can confide on
☒that someone to catch you when you slip

I got up and stared at Angelou then he stopped singing
"Please go on"

"you're not going to cry again?"

I hastily dried my tears "am not"

☒carry you when you fall
☒make you happy when you're sad
☒make you smile when you cry
☒correct you when you go wrong

"Am done"

"You didn't sing it till the end" an elderly woman who had been listening to him from behind said

"That's the only part I know"

She smiled revealing a set of old decayed teeth that were once white an attractive

"my husband used to sing it to me when we were younger and in love like you both"

I and Angelo exchanged glances then turned to the woman and I asked

"can you sing it granny?"

"yes"

"please sing it"

She cleared her throat then started singing in an old crooked voice

And love you till the end

She's my soulmate and my companion

"I don't know that line" Angelou said when she was done

"it's was so romantic then, you wanna hear our love story?"

"Not today granny, we're late for school" Angelou replied then took my hand and dragged me up

"I'll be quick I love telling young couples my love story so they can learn from it" she prompted

"You're making a mistake granny we aren't a couple" I said

"oh!" she mouthed "am sorry but you look like a couple"

"we aren't"

"you should be a couple"

"But we aren't" Angelou repeated

"Why?"

I exchanged confused glances with Angelou then turned to the woman "we're in a hurry"

"you already said that before" the woman sighed "am old but I can hear properly why must your generation be so disrespectful? Back in our days, we respected elderly people a lot. Wanna know why?"

We shook our heads "no"

"sit, am gonna tell you"

"you scared me"

"am sorry I didn't mean to" he apologized and I just nodded

"Let's go to school"

"Right, the old woman already left"
We boarded a cab and headed to school.

"mind if I talk to Tristan?" Angelou asked when we got to the school

"you don't have to I'll talk to him myself"

"Sure you don't want me to explain that nothing is going on between us cause that's what he thinks"

"I'll talk to him" I insisted

"Alright" he said then added "see you later" and walked off

I sighed running my fingers through my hair then headed for The Stops music room.

"Hey!" I greeted softly as I popped my head into the music room with the rest of my body out. Tristan was alone and he looked devastated.

"Hey!" he greeted back then I walked in fully

"you don't look good"

"Am okay"

I smiled and sat beside him "what are you doing?"

"Thinking about the best way to make you love me back"

I got chocked at his reply and I couldn't talk or even look at him.
What do I tell him?
I can't possibly love him back.

"Am sorry" I managed to say

"there's nothing to be sorry about" he smiled weakly but the smile was filled with so much hurt and pain

"do you like him?"

"who?" I asked like I didn't know who he was referring to

"Angelou"

"I just see him as a friend" I replied

"The same way you see me right?"

"Tristan I never knew you liked me all these while and now... " I trailed off

"And now?"

"I don't think am ready to love again besides you're my bestfriend

"and am friendzoned?"

"That's not what..."

"it's alright" he cut in "I wasn't expecting much either" he got up and started walking out

"Just hear me out"

"And get hurt at the end" and he walked out of the music room slamming the door shut behind him.

I let out my breath slowly in utter confusion. I didn't know what to do and dating Tristan wasn't an option.

I haven't told The Blooms yet but they're so gonna side with Tristan if I tell them or they might not, I just don't know. I don't want a boyfriend and I can't promise to date Tristan when am ready.

What if I fall in love with someone elsr then?

"Finally" Zion exhaled entering the music room "I've been looking for you and Tristan told me I'd find you here"

"Is anything wrong?"

"You don't sound like you, are you alright?"

"am fine"

"I met Tristan and he looked sad I can bet he was crying but when he saw me he pretended to be fine and wiped his tears and now you're here also looking sad.

What's going on?"

"I don't know about Tristan but am fine"

"Sure? You can tell me"

"Why were you searching for me?"

"oh! That's right" she chuckled "we're having an emergency rehearsal"

"why?"

"Ms Chantel will be traveling tomorrow and won't be returning before NYN so she wants to hear us for the last time"

"but NYN is in four days time she can always wait till the competition is over"

"she can't"

"I don't think I can sing now"

"this is the perfect time to sing cause you're really emotional now"

I sighed and followed her as we walked to The Blooms music room.

"Where have you been?" Ms Chantel asked as we entered the room

"around" I replied and Angelou walked in

"You guys have been lazy lately because of the Glamour Diva and homecoming game and you haven't been practicing for the big show"

I sat down as Ms Chantel went on

"let's practice" she concluded

THIRTY MINUTES LATER ☒☒

"One more time" Ms Chantel said when we were done singing for the seventh time

"you've been saying that over and over again" I said cause I was really tired of repeating the song

"I want you to be perfect" she replied emphasising on the word 'PERFECT'

"We're going to keep practicing till that day even in your absence" I said even though I knew I was lying. We'll never be able to practice in her absence and Mr

Justin hasn't been in school for a week now.

"I can't trust you on that. Blue still isn't getting the note of the chorus and making the piano sound off key. Zion and Phoebe aren't playing the guitar well and you aren't harmonizing with Angelou"

"I don't believe you. You used to say we were perfect"

"not today so practice"
And we practiced till school was over.

"I can't move" Blue cried sitting still behind the piano

"my hands are hurting" Lex cried out as he came out drum set

"I might die before NYN, my back is aching me" that was ray as he put down his guitar

"me too" Sky and Alaric added also putting down their guitars

"Am sleepily" Chance yawned

"me too my eyes are heavy" I joined

"Let's go home" Derek said and got up and we also did

"see you tomorrow" we bade goodbye and left the school

I waited outside for Festus but he wasn't showing up and I was really tired. I sat down on a bench and put my headphones on.

"Mind if I keep you company?"

I removed my headphones and looked up to see who spoke. Angelou was staring down at me with his hands in his pockets. I felt butterflies in my stomach as he proceeded to sit beside me without my consent.

"What are you still doing here?" he asked

"Waiting for my driver" I replied and asked "what about you?"

"just hanging around"

"you act like you don't have a home" I blurted out and he gave a lopsided smile

"maybe I don't"

"you can go over to Caroline's house or better still stay with your pet snake"

"I would have but she died last night"

"sorry about that"

He chuckled "it's an old snake Kel"

"when did you learn how to pronounce my name?"

"I just pronounce whatever comes into my head, it's up to you to say whether it's correct or not"

"that makes you clumsy" I said and he frowned

"really?"

"yes, you can't just say whatever comes into your head, you have to think that's why you have a brain"

He gave me a square stare then said "I should've known" but he didn't shift his gaze and I started shifting back unconsciously.

"Have you sorted things out with Tristan?" he asked

"I have" I replied then added inaudible "I think"

"He really likes you"

"I know"

Angelou swallowed hard and stared into space as his countenance changed.

"Wanna share why you were crying in the morning?"

I nodded then went on to tell him about my parents.

"you really love them" he said when I was done

"They are my parents"

"Reasons why you need to forgive them"

"That's almost impossible" I said then glanced at my wrist watch "what's taking my driver so long?"

"are you in such a haste to go home?"

Do I ever want to go?
I just hope Festus doesn't show up

"No" I replied "am just worried about him"

"or about yourself?"

"I couldn't be much better" I said truthfully

"We've spent almost two hours here you must be hungry"

"I am, a little bit"

"There's a restaurant across the road I'll treat you to lunch" he offered

"Let's go dutch"

"I won't do that when am eating with a lady" he objected then sang

Put the bill on me

"I love that song, it's one of my favorites"

"Really?"

"yea sing it"

"am horrible at singing" he replied as we got up and headed for the restaurant

"That's a lie"

"I don't know the lyrics to the song"

I frowned and didn't say anything again till we got to the restaurant. We walked to an empty table then Angelou pulled a seat out and helped me in.

"I'll place the order"

"you don't know my choice"

"Then I'll get my choice" he walked to the counter and started placing our order. I couldn't help but stare at him.

I know of it's wrong but I kinda admire him. It's not a crime right?
I looked away so he wouldn't catch me staring.

"My choice" Angelou said and placed two trays on the table then sat brown opposite me

"Sandwich and tea? Seriously?"

"Just eat it"

"like I have a choice" I shrugged and we started eating

"wanna tell me about your family?" I asked in the course of eating and he was visibly shocked

"not today"

"okay"

We continued eating till we were done.

"you're still hungry" Angelou noticed "I'll place another order"

He walked to the counter and returned almost immediately with a bottle water.

"do you expect me to eat water?"

"it'll full your stomach" he said and sat down

"I don't think so" I said and proceeded to get up but he grabbed my arm

"where are you going?"

"to get myself something to eat"

"don't be stubborn just drink the water" he said and tried dragging me down but I didn't bulge

"let me go"

"no"

We started dragging and my eyes drifted to Tristan who was standing outside and staring at us. Angelou traced my eyes and also saw Tristan staring at us. He released me and I sat back on my seat watching Tristan as he strolled into the restaurant to where we sat.

"mind if I join?"

I glanced at Angelou then Tristan and down to the empty seat between I and

Angelou

"sure" Angelou replied and Tristan sat down. He stared at Angelou for a while then me.

"Why are you still here?"

"Festus hasn't come yet" I replied

"You could've taken a cab or called me to drive you home"

"she wasn't alone" Angelou said

"That doesn't make here her home" Tristan retorted

"You don't have to argue about it, am fine" I chirped in cause the atmosphere was getting hurt between the two

"I'll take you home" Tristan said then dragged me to my feet

"you haven't finished with your water" Angelou prompted then Tristan collected the bottle

"she'll finish it in the car"

"what about me? I also need a ride home"

Tristan scoffed "are you trying to get on my nerve?"

Angelou shrugged and stood up "I don't think so"

"guys not now" I said

"Look" Angelou pointed outside "your driver is here"
I glanced outside and Festus was really at the school gate talking to a security man.

"I have to go" I said and pulled my hand from Tristan's grip then hurried to the door but suddenly remembered that leaving Angelou and Tristan alone was a total bad idea. I hurried back to where they were standing and took their hands.

"we have to go" but they weren't moving and I couldn't pull them
"seriously? What's wrong with you two?"

"take care of yourself" Angelou pecked me on my cheek then walked out

"Tristan" I called softly cause it was obvious he was about to melt into the ground

"see you tomorrow" he said and also walked out
I sighed and left the restaurant then walked to my car.

"sorry for keeping you waiting" Festus apologized and opened the door to the backseat. I said nothing as I got in thinking of the mess I found myself in. Festus jammed the door shut then entered the drivers seat but the door to the backseat flung open again and Angelou got in.

"mind if I join you? I really need a ride"

For real?

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NOW TO ALL OF YOU FEELING SORRY FOR TRISTAN.
KELANIE ISN'T GOING TO END UP WITH ANGELOU OH!
WHAT ABOUT MY LANCELOT?
YOU'RE HAVING PITY ON TRISTAN AS IF ANGELOU IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT.
ABEG EXTEND YOUR SYMPATHY TO ANGELOU.

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☒KELANIE ☒

The drive home was the most boring one I ever had. Angelou was lost in the novel he was reading and didn't even say a word to me and everything I said, he replied with gestures. I placed my head on the head rest and slowly dozed off.

"We're home" Festus said jerking me wide awake
We had arrived home and Angelou wasn't in the car again.

"Where's Angelou?"

"I dropped him along the road"

I sighed and got down. I had slept for long after planning on finding out where Angelou lives.

"Good evening nanny" I greeted and slumped on a couch

"you look exhausted" she said worriedly

"that's school for you"

She walked into the kitchen and returned with a glass of milk

"Thanks" I gulped down the milk and dropped the glass on the table

"your mum called she's really worried"

"I don't care"

"she's getting sick and..."

"She wasn't there when I was sick" I cut in "all those sleepless nights I was in pain where was she?"

"She's very sorry and she's willing to make it up to you"

"I don't need her" I stated and ran to my room

My phone started ringing immediately I got to my room. I glanced at the caller ID and it was an unknown number.

☒Hi

☒This is Kelanie...

☒are you home?

I quickly recognized the voice as Angelou's

☒How did you get my number?

☒ I was actually using your phone in the car. No crime right?

I rolled my eyes and dropped on the bed

☒when did you leave the car?

☒when you were asleep

☒you shouldn't have left without telling me

☒Are you sad?

I felt butterflies in my stomach at the way his voice sounded

☒ can't be

☒just wanted to say hi

☒you're hanging up?

He chuckled

☒maybe

☒okay

I wasn't really happy about it

☒get ready for NYN, we're leaving in two days time

I nodded even though I knew he wasn't seeing me then the call ended. I blew out air from my mouth and hugged my phone to my chest. I was surprisingly happy about speaking with him and it gave me feelings better left hidden.

THE NEXT DAY AT SCHOOL

I skipped all the classes I had for that day as I stayed in the library doing nothing in particular.

"Hey!" Selene greeted and sat beside me

"what are you doing here?"

"Nothing"

"Or you're sad about the news"

"what news?"

"you haven't heard?"

"Just hit the nail on the head" I was running out of patience

"Lancelot has been in coma for the past two days and his parents flew him to Jamaica for treatment"

"How did you know?"

"Richard told me"

Richard is Lancelot's younger brother and he also attends Glamour High.

"What about Mabel?"

"She's less concerned and am really sad about Lancelot" Selene replied

"I don't want anything to happen to him"

"me too" Selene said then started searching her bag "Richard asked me to give this to you he said Lancelot was writing on it before he passed out" she handed me a paper

I collected the paper and hastily unfolded it

My joy and happiness started when I met you and my sadness and pain started when I left you. I know it's too late but I just want you to know that I still love you and will always.

I know that am dying but I don't know where I'll go from here. I just want....

"He wasn't done writing" I said amidst tears

"It's alright" Selene consoled "he'll be fine"

"I don't think so, I just want to see him"

"Nothing is gonna happen to him"

"I don't think so, I want him to live"

"If he ever lives, are you going to forgive him?"

"am going to" I sobbed then she wiped my tears

"Richard will be leaving for Jamaica by 1pm"

I checked my phone "that's in thirty minutes time"

"you wanna go?"

I nodded in tears "I wanna see him again before it's too late"

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"sure you don't wanna tell them?" Selene asked as we snuck to the lot

"they would kick against the idea and we don't have time"

We entered Selene's car and drove out of the school. Richard was waiting outside the airport when we arrived. We had called to tell him we would be going with him. He led us to the runway then we entered his family jet.

"I hope you forgive my brother, that's the only way I can get him back" Richard said as the jet took off.

✂JAMAICA ✂

We walked out of the airport into a waiting car that took us to a memorial hospital where Lancelot was admitted.

We arrived at the hospital and an elderly man welcomed us then led us to Lancelot's ward.

"You have few minutes to spend before the doctor comes" he said when we got to the door then he left

"You can go in" Richard said not making any move to go in

"you're not going?" Selene asked

"I can't bear to see my brother in that state"

"He'll be fine" I soothed but I wasn't sure of that myself.

We entered the room and tears welled up in my eyes on seeing my once agile Lancelot lying on a bed and surviving with a life supporting machine.

"He's... he looks... " Selene choked on her tears and pulled me closer cause I couldn't stand by myself again

"I can't believe this" I sobbed "I want him back, I want him to be fine"
I placed my hand in his closed palm and held him tight.
"promise me you're going to come back. You're not going to leave me like this"

I kissed the back of his hand and shut my eyes as tears rolled down my cheeks.
"You can't die
You promised to sing with me in NYN
You said you'll give me the trophy. You can't do that lying here"

"This is all Mabel's fault now she's happy and he's dying" Selene wept bitterly

"I don't want to lose you like this. I can lose you to someone else but not death"

"Everyone says the same thing" someone said from behind and we whirled around to see a nurse standing beside us

"Am Deborah by the way" she introduced "am in charge of him"

"He'll be fine right? Nothings going to happen to him"

"that's what we're praying for but we aren't sure till he wakes up from coma"

"He's gonna wake up right?"

"Heard you're the reason he's like this, maybe you should bring him back"

"How do I bring him back?"

"There's a chapel in the first floor you could pray to God"

I nodded in tears then dropped Lancelot's hand
"I'll be in the chapel" I said then proceeded to leave

"If he ever wakes up and gets better..." she prompted when I got to the door "will you take him back?"

I stopped on my track but didn't turn "if that's what will make him live, then I don't mind giving him a second chance. Everyone deserves a second chance" I replied truthfully and walked out with Selene

"Were you serious about your reply?" Selene asked as we headed for the first floor

"Am going to do it all he has to do is to wake up, I don't mind who gets hurt" I said referring to Tristan

We got to the chapel and Richard was already praying there with his mother and

little sister. We went to a corner and knelt down before the altar. I can't remember the last time I prayed but am gonna do it till dawn if that's going to bring Lancelot back.

LATER

"We have to return the girls are already calling" Selene said when we were done praying and sitting on a pew. The Blooms has been calling but we ignored their calls.

"Am not leaving till Lancelot wakes up"

"He's going to be fine, I believe it"

I sighed and touched my grumbling stomach

"Are you hungry?" Selene asked

"Maybe but I don't want to eat"

"It's getting late and we have to join the jet else we're stuck in Jamaica"

"When is the jet leaving?"

"soon, Richard will inform us before it leaves"

My phone started ringing and it was Angelou calling.

"Are you going to answer that?" Selene asked cause I've been ignoring other calls. I sighed then rolled my eyes and answered the call

☒Hey!

☒You don't sound cheerful

☒am in my worse state of mind

☒where have you been?

☒travelled to Jamaica to see someone

He didn't say anything again

☒Hello

↳ your ex?

↳ yes, he's sick

↳ okay

His tone wasn't cheerful anymore

↳ How was school today?

↳ Normal. When will you be returning?

↳ Tonight I guess

↳ okay, see you in school tomorrow

He hung up

"he's weird" I sighed

"You shouldn't had told him you went to see Lancelot"

"There's nothing wrong with him knowing"

"Your friends don't like him after he broke up with you"

"Angelou has no reason to hate him"
Selene shrugged and said nothing again.

"The jet leaves in forty minutes" Richard said joining us "Thanks a lot. Your presence meant a lot to my brother"

"You don't have to thank me, Lancelot is also important to me"

"Even after what he did to you?"

"Even after what he did to me"

"I just pray he wakes up and watch you sing in NYN, that was all he wanted before he went into coma"

"we'll come see him some other day. Take care of him" Selene said to Richard

"take care of yourselves too. Mr Flynn will drive you to the airport" Richard said then pointed to a man who was standing by the door

"At your service miss" he gestured

Mr Flynn led us to the lot then we entered a car different from the one we came with and headed for the airport.

LATER

"Am really tired" Selene exhaled in exhaustion when we drove to my house

"Me too, I just want to sleep for a long time"

She pulled the car to a halt in front of my gate "we're here"

"Thanks for today you made everything possible I owe you"

"you don't owe me. What are friends for?"

"Thanks" I greeted and alighted from the car "Goodnight"

"you too" she nodded and drove out

I wiped out invisible sweat from my face then walked towards the gate. I saw a shadow following me then I whirled around and Angelou was walking behind me with his hands in his pockets.

"What are you doing here?"

"did I scare you again?"

"maybe"

"How's he?"

"Not fine" I shook my head

He brought out a book and proffered it to me "I came to drop this"

"What's that?"

"Phoebe said you'd be in need of it when you return, she waited till very late then left"

"and you waited?" I asked then took the book

"I'll be leaving" he turned and started walking away

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Love Triangle

#Episode_27

ANGELOU

I couldn't fall asleep that night as I thought of Kelanie and my new found feelings for her. At first, I didn't want to accept my feelings for her cause I felt I would be cheating on Lisa but I've come to realize that the dead is the dead and the living are living. My feelings are growing but am scared to let it show and the feelings are gradually killing me now cause Tristan also loves her and her ex wants her back and it's obvious she wants her ex.

Maybe I should talk to Chance about my feelings. I discarded the idea cause he's going to suggest I open up to her but I can't open up to her cause she's going to turn me down. She doesn't even like me.

I tried shutting her out of my thoughts but I couldn't, her picture couldn't get out of my head. I just wished everything the elderly woman said would come true but it was almost impossible.

THE NEXT MORNING

GLAMOUR MUSIC HIGH

"Am nervous" The Blooms said to themselves when Mr Justin finished enlightening us on what the NYN would be all about.

The competition was in two days time and we'd be leaving for New York tomorrow. Kelanie wasn't excited about the competition the way she used to be and it was because of Lancelot's condition. It was obvious she's worried about him.

"Angelou" Chance sought my attention and I faces him
"I've been calling you but you seemed lost staring at Kelanie"

I sighed and glanced at Kelanie for the last time then dragged Chance out.

"I have a confession to make" I said when we were outside the music room

"you like her?" Chance asked like he was reading my thoughts

"I can't help it"

"she's beautiful, no one can help it"

"That's the last thing I thought I would accept"

"There's nothing wrong in loving again, what's wrong is keeping it to yourself cause you'll end up losing the person" Chance said

"Am going to transfer after the competition"

"Why? Did anyone find out who you are?"

"no" I snapped "no one but you knows who I am and no one is going to find out unless you tell them"

"Then why are you leaving?"

"I can't continue loving Kelanie in silence"

"Then you tell her"

"And get turned down"

"she's not going to turn you down"

"She's still worried about her ex and I don't want to fight with Tristan. I can't drag a girl with two guys"

"you're right but she's going to love one of the three"

"and that one isn't me, I know that"

"Give it a try"

"you know how much I hate being turned down"

"The same way you thought Lisa was going to turn you down but she didn't"

"Kel... "

"Hey! Guys!" Kelanie called walking up to us

"Mr Justin wants to speak with you" she said to me I glanced at Chance and walked out

☒KELANIE ☒

Angelou walked out after I told him Mr Justin wanted to see him.

"How's Lancelot?" Chance asked

"He's not fine" I replied sadly

"you sound worried about it"

"Lancelot is my friend, I ought to be worried cause he's dying"

"He's your ex" Chance reminded

"I know but I care about him"

"After he broke up with you, you still care about him?"

"Weird right?" I rolled my eyes

"Love isn't weird"

"Do I still love him?" I asked myself loudly

"You care about him means you love him"

I didn't say anything again as I searched my heart if I really loved Lancelot.

"What if I still him?"

"then give him a second chance" he replied and added

"I'd advise you don't love him?"

"why?"

"nothing" he shrugged "just thought it should be over between you already and besides he's still dating Mabel"

I didn't want to talk about the topic again then I asked "How're you preparing for your trip to Miami"

"you know that feeling when you finally embrace the one you love?"
I smiled cause I knew where he was heading to

"That's how it feels. Going to Miami with Selene is a dream come true"

"You like her?"

"I love her"

I smiled "Selene is nice and..."

"did I hear my name?" Selene walked in

"unless you go by the name nice" I replied and we laughed

"Hi Chance" she greeted with a wave

"Hi Selene" Chance greeted back and I nudged him with my elbow

"I have to check on something" I lied and walked out after winking at them.

I entered the music room and Blue was telling Fiona, Zion, and Phoebe something as they giggled.

"... it was so romantic and..." she brought her voice low in a whisper "we kissed"

Fiona, Zion, and Phoebe squealed and hugged themselves.

"I wish Angelou would look at me that way" Zion said dreamily flapping her lashes

"Me too" that was Fiona

"am tired of fighting, I just wish he picks one of us" Phoebe said

Angelou

I thought about last night and how my heart was racing.

"Come join us" Blue said tapping the space beside where she sat

"what's the gist?"

"Derek finally confessed that he loves me and asked me to be his girlfriend" Blue giggled

"am happy for you" I beamed and hugged her "did you accept?" I asked disengaging from the hug

"yes"

"wow!" she mouthed and her sides "Blue has a boyfriend"

Fiona, Zion, and Phoebe joined me as we sang

☒Blue has a boyfriend

☒Blue has a boyfriend

☒Blue has a boyfriend

"stop it" she guffawed but I continued tickling her

"hope you don't get a baby" Zion said and we burst into laughter

"Babies are cute" Blue grinned

"don't tell me you're already making babies"

"no way Phoebe" Blue snapped "we're not making plans for that now"

"I really want my own Prince Charming, am tired of being a damsel in distress"

Fiona said

I walked out of the discussion and headed for the library. Lessons weren't going on cause different bands were preparing for the competition.

I sat on the floor at my favorite spot and started reading a book I borrowed from the library.

"Hey!"

I looked up from the book and saw Tristan staring down at me

"Midnight Dreams" he read out the title of the novel "sounds interesting can I read?"

"maybe when am done"

"when will you be done?"

I chuckled "I don't know, I just started"

He smiled then sat beside me "Where were you yesterday?"

"I got sick and went home" I lied

"why didn't you tell anyone? We were all worried"

"am sorry, I didn't want to bother you guys"

"How are you feeling now?"

"Better" I replied

"Have you heard about Lancelot?"

My countenance changed on hearing his name. Pictures of him lying on his sick bed came into my head and tears welled up in my eyes.

"Are you alright"

"Am fine" I looked skyward and blinked rapidly to suppress my tears

"Am sorry if I said anything wrong"

"it's not you" I sobbed then he pulled me to his shoulder and hugged me tight

"if it's about Lancelot then believe me he's going to be fine"
I nodded and continued crying on his shoulder.

☒TRISTAN ☒

I felt tears rolled down my cheeks as Kelanie cried on my shoulder for another guy. It was the worst feeling ever. Loving someone and not get loved in return.

"He'll be fine" I consoled but deep down in me, I didn't want him to ever be fine again

"Am sorry" she said and pulled away from the hug. I looked away and wiped my tears. I didn't want her to know I was crying.

"I shouldn't be doing this, am very sorry" she repeated and wiped her tears hastily

"you don't have to be sorry, am used to it" I said
She took my hand and hugged me

LATER IN THE EVENING ☒

☒ANGELOU ☒

I huffed loudly and pushed my table down when I remembered seeing Tristan and Kelanie together in the library earlier at school. It was hurting more cause I've finally accepted my feelings for her. It shouldn't be hurting this much but it was and I needed to leave Glamour before this stupid love gets the best of me.

I got up and walked into the kitchen, Chance was cooking and dancing. He was really happy cause Selene professed her love for him though she haven't accepted to be his girlfriend yet. I sat on a stool in my mini bar then took a bottle of wine and a wine glass.

Chance came from behind and snatched the glass from me just as I was about to take a sip.

"What's wrong with you?" I yelled

"Am over excited" he giggled and gulped the wine

I huffed out loudly and stormed out of the house

"don't be late for dinner" Chance shouted as I slammed the front door shut. He was becoming too annoying and I think it's high time he stopped visiting.

I hit the street with my headphones on and a cup of banana milkshake. I found a bench by the park and sat down. A girl was also sitting on the bench and shaking her milkshake.

"hey! Come out!" she scolded the cup

"it's finished maybe you should get another one" I told her then she looked at me with her big goggles

"really?" she asked and shifted her gaze to my hand "can I have yours?"

I stared at my milkshake then gave it to her.

"Thanks, I really love these" she said excitedly and started shaking the cup. I nodded slightly then shut my eyes and listened to the music that was playing in my headphones.

"Butts up!" I heard someone commanding rudely then I opened my eyes and Mabel and her crew were forcing the milkshake girl out of the bench. The girl got up frightened and scurried away.

"What's wrong with you?" I yelled "you just scares her"

"she's dirty and am keeping the city clean" Mabel replied rudely pointing at the big signboard that read:

KEEP THE CITY CLEAN

"Maybe you should start from your dirty mouth. The city would be clean if you

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Feelings

#Episode_28

MABEL

"I don't need you to win" he yanked my hand off and walked out

"I'll get you" I scoffed and walked out with The Barbie Girls

"we'll be leaving for New York tomorrow and we still don't have a guy to sing with"
Lara said

"It's all Lancelot's fault, he could've waited till NYN is over before dying" I seethed

"he's not dead" Ivy stated pointedly

"I know but he's going to die anyway"

"We could talk to the guys" Caitlyn suggested

"The Flames won't sing while their leader is lying on his death bed" I said "the competition is now between The Blooms and The Reds. I really regret snatching Lancelot from Kelanie"

"we could still beg the guys" Caitlyn insisted

"How?"

KELANIE

And everything just reminds me of you
Pick me up when I am down
Lift me up above the ground
Give me victory oh victory
Make the world my stage and...

"I always miss that line" I muttered under my breath and fell to my bed
"You can't lose this Kelanie, you can't"

I told myself then picked up my phone and called Angelou

☒Hi

Why did I even call him?

☒Never mind

I said and ended the call but Angelou called back immediately. I practiced a little speech and answered the call.

☒I was just... Just wanted to know...

☒Am at your gate

☒what?

I got up and ran to the window then gazed outside and Angelou was really standing outside my gate.

☒what are you doing here?

☒Just thought you would need some help practicing the lines cause you're good at nothing

Perfect timing

☒Am good with the lines but you could use some help

I ran out and started climbing down the stairs still on the call. I was scared he would vanish if I ended the call and I really needed his company

☒Am good with mine so since you're also good, I'll be taking my leave

☒No

He chuckled

☒Are you trying to tease me?

I pushed the front door open and ran into the compound

☒What would I gain in doing so?

☒An award for teasing me

☒ That isn't necessary

I got to the gate and signaled the gate keeper to open the gate

☒ You finally made

He smiled broadly when the gate was opened

☒ did

☒ can I come in?

☒ sure

He walked inside then gazed around

☒ you got a beautiful house here

☒ Thanks

☒ You live alone?

☒ With my nanny

☒ sorry I forgot

☒ It's okay, am not a kid to worry about the absence of my parents

☒ Beautiful

He said when we entered the living room

☒ shouldn't we end the call already? It's weird talking on the phone when we're together

☒ I'll end the call when I deem necessary

☒ cool, would you mind following me to my room? I kinda love practicing there

☒ don't bite

☒ Follow me

I led the way up the stairs then into the room

Is your nanny home?

He asked standing outside my room

Would you go back if she isn't home?

I wouldn't, I just wanted to know

She's sleeping

He shrugged and entered the room

Bed or couch?

Bed if you don't mind

I don't

We sat on the bed and he ended the call.

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"you finally deemed it necessary" and said and he just chuckled

"I love it when you smile, it gives you a different personality"

"what kind of personality?"

"a regular kid and not some grouchy old man"

"am not a kid"

"but you look like a grouchy old man when you're all serious looking"

"I don't normally smile and keep a cheerful face"

"why?"

"it's girly" he replied "real guys don't do that"

"real guys are friendly and nice and sweet and lovely and..."

"are you describing yourself boyfriend?" he cut in

"I'm describing a real guy"

He shook his head "you can never describe that cause really guys always change"

"for better or worse?" I wanted to know

"both"

I stared at him thoughtfully for a while and it turned into a long awkward staring challenge. "Let's sing" he said into the silence and looked away "got any instrument here?"

"just my voice if you don't mind"

He chuckled "I guess it's two voices one song"

"or two voices one heart"

He arched his brow and gave me a level stare

"let's just sing" I said and folded my book into a microphone.

☒ There's a star trying to shine inside of me
☒ But I need someone to trust someone to hold and make it shine
☒ If only you could be my hero I'll make it shine

He took my hair brush and held it like a microphone as he sang

☒ I'll pick you up when you're down
☒ I'll lift you up above the ground
☒ Give you victory oh victory
☒ make the world your stage and make it shine

I shut my eyes and let the music flow

☒ oh make it shine
☒ Everything reminds me of you
☒ I'll pick you up when you're down/ pick me up when am down
☒ I'll lift you above the ground/ lift me above the ground
☒ I'll give you victory oh victory/ give me victory oh victory
☒ make the world your stage and make it shine
☒ make the world my stage
☒ I'll make the world your stage
☒ If only you would be mine
☒ please be mine/ I'll be yours and you'll be fine
☒ please be mine/ I'll be yours and you'll be mine

I fluttered my eyes open and Angelou was staring at me emotional as we sang.

"Why did you stop?" he asked cause I stopped singing

"I got carried away"

"by what?"

I wanted to say 'by your stare' but instead I said "I lost the next line"

"you can't go there and forget the lines"

If you don't go there and stare at me like the lyrics is written on my face.
"I'll try my best not to but the lyrics..."

"it flows" he cut in

"I know"

"Your brain needs to rest" he said and dropped the hair brush "How's your cooking skills now?"

"Improving"

"so you finally admit that you were a bad cook"

"I wasn't a bad cook" I protested "I just didn't know how to cook"

He laughed "what's the difference?"

"Not knowing how to cook doesn't make me a bad cook"

"Then what does it make you?"

"Someone learning how to cook"

"You really got an answer to every question" Angelou said

"I think so" I bragged

"Let's test that"

"test what?"

"your IQ"

I touched my head and he laughed

"you can't touch your brain but you can test it"

"How many seconds are there in a year?"

"That's a tough one" I said thoughtfully and started counting

"60 seconds makes one minute
120 seconds makes two minutes
1...80 seconds makes 3 minutes right?"

He rolled his eyes "don't tell me you plan on counting that till the end of one year"

"How else do I arrive at the answer?"

"Dumb ass" he knocked my head
"we've got 2nd of January
2nd of February
2nd of March...
2nd November
2nd December"

"oh" I nodded in understanding

"you should've told me"

"you should've known"

"that doesn't make me a dumb ass"

"prove it" he dared "if three bananas gives you 30. one coconut and two bananas gives you 25. one coconut, one banana and three cucumbers gives you 75. How many does one banana, one coconut and one cucumber, gives you?"

"How do you expect me to answer that when I can't see the fruits?"

"just picture it in your head"

"all I can picture now are notes, notes, notes, and music note" I said demonstrating with my hands raised up in the air

"You're dumb"

"I always get good grades"

"doesn't mean you're good psychologically"

"but am good academically"

"Without the basic skills of a woman" he scoffed "you need help"

I was getting pissed "you need to get out of my house"

"you're not sending me away are you?" he asked with a lopsided smirk that threw me off guard

"Why are you here?"

"To help you practice"

"you were already at my gate before I called you"

"I don't agree"

"you were"

"I disagree"

"but you were"

"I refuse to agree"

I picked up a pillow and threw at him "you're a talkative"

He threw the pillow back at me and I fell hitting my head on the bed post.

"Shit!" I cursed under my breath and my hand went for a shoe that was lying on the floor.

"Don't do that" he warned

"or what?" I dared then positioned the shoe to throw at him "say your last prayers"

He got up and dived for the shoe. I tried moving back but he caught me in time and pushed me back to the bed with him lying on me.

"Gotcha" he smiled triumphantly holding my hands above my head.

My heart was racing really fast as he felt his weight on me and his breath on my face. He searched my eyes for words my mouth couldn't say and I felt butterflies in my stomach.

"Thought you were a fighter?" he chuckled still searching my eyes

"Release me and I'll show you how much of a fighter I am"

"push me off"

I clenched my fist and gathered all my strength but I couldn't move his hair.

"you need to work on your self defense"

"you're trespassing"

"How?"

"pinning me down in my room and on my bed"

"Am a gentleman, I can't take advantage of you"

I wanted to speak before I heard someone clear her throat then we turned to the door to see nanny staring at us quizzically. Angelou quickly pushed himself up and I got up in a haste.

"Good evening ma'am" he greeted

"continue" nanny said with a look of you're-so-dead then walked out and shut the door.

"see what you caused" I accused

"she looks friendly and nice and understanding she probably wouldn't think anything"

"Her looks differs from her attitude"

"Then I think I should be leaving" he said and got up to his feet

"you can't be serious" I rebuked

"you're not going anywhere till you clear this mess"

"see ya" he waved and ran out of my room

"where do you think you're going?" I shouted and ran after him

He ran down the stairs but missed his way and ran into the kitchen. Nanny was cooking and she dragged him by the collar to the grass cooker.

"you don't run in the house carelessly" she rebuked

I paused and tried tip toeing back to my room but she caught me.

"where do you think you're going?"

"to get a spoon" I raised my shoulders and walked to the shelf

"Get an apron" she instructed Angelou who was already shaking like a leaf and I gave him an apron

AN HOUR LATER

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I belched in satisfaction after emptying my bowl of casserole.

"You eat too much" Angelou said half way into his own bowl

"I could help you if you want" I stretched my hands to his bowl but nanny hit me with a grease spoon

"ouch!" I yelped and turned to look at her. She was standing behind us like a soldier on guard. Angelou chuckled and continued eating.

"I'll be in my room" she finally said then headed for the stairs

"it was nice having you Angelou" she added and ascended the stairs

"Finally" Angelou breathed out and dropped his spoon

"I knew you were full but scared to say it"

"your nanny is nice but stern"

"that's what I love about her"

He smiled and got up "it's high time I left"

"I really enjoyed your company"

"Me too"

"hope you don't mind coming around often"

✂JAMAICA ✂

✂LANCELOT ✂

I tried opening my eyes but they felt heavy and difficult to open. I moved my hand but it didn't move, I felt stiff like I was tied to a bed. I tried speaking but something was attached to my face preventing me from speaking. I gradually fluttered my eyes open and it didn't take me long to realize that I was in a hospital.

"Lan!"

I slowly turned to the direction of the voice and Richard was staring at me teary eyed

"You're awake" he shouted and ran out of the room

I was confused and couldn't fathom what was happening till Richard returned with two doctors and our parents.

"Lancelot" mum shouted and tried running to my bed but one of the doctors held her back

"you may leave now" he pointed to the door and they walked out reluctantly
The doctor did some few check ups then removed the oxygen mask that was covering my nose and changed my drip.

"How you feeling?"

"Numb" I replied weakly

"can you move?"

I tried raising a finger but couldn't "I don't think so"

The doctors exchanged glances then lowered their heads. My heart started racing, I thought I was going to die.

"you'll be fine" one of the doctors finally said then they walked out. They shut the door behind them and I watched them through the glass door as they spoke to my parents.

"how's my son?" my mum asked worriedly

"He'll be fine, we're doing our best and we'll do our best to save him"

"what's our stand now?" dad wanted to know

The doctors shook their heads then one said "follow me to my office"

Mum gazed at me through the door before reluctantly following the doctors and dad while Richard entered the room.

"Lan" he called taking long strides to my bed

"how are you feeling?"

"not good, I can't move a finger"

"You're just waking up from coma, you'll be fine"

"I don't think so, I think am paralyzed"

"paralyzed?"

"what did the doctor say?"

"he said you'll be fine"

"what did he say about my condition?"

"nothing. They just promised to try their best"

"oh God" I cried and tears trickled down my cheeks "what have I gotten myself into"

✂GLAMOUR HIGH ✂

✂ANGELOU ✂

The next day in school was so hectic and there were no classes as the bands competing for NYN prepared to leave for New York.

"How you doing?" Chance asked with a slap

"good"

"am kinda nervous about this whole New York thing"

"Why?"

"what if we lose?"

I rolled my eyes "what if we win? You just can't tell just hope, believe and you'll see"

"I agree but still nervous cause Selene would be present"

"you've always been singing when she's present"

"that was before I told her I love her. You get it?"

"you like confessed your feelings for her?" I asked in shock

"yea what's wrong with that?"

"that was fast"

"I've been in love with her for three weeks and you call it fast?"

"you should've waited to be sure what you're feeling is love"

"it's love I can feel it. I don't like hiding my feelings"

"Good for you" I said with a thumbs up

"what are you doing about your feelings for Kelanie"

I covered his mouth and looked around in case someone heard him "don't say it loud someone might hear you"

He pushed me off "but no one did so answer me"

"I plan on burying it"

"burying what?"

"my feelings" I replied sharply "I just want it to die then I'll bury it"

"but why? Give it a try"

"it's hopeless she doesn't want to love again and if she can turn down her best friend, who am I?"

"it's weird dating a best friend"

"am still not giving it a try" I said adamantly

"NYN brought these feelings and by the time it's over, I'll leave and bury it. I'll never see her again"

"I'll really miss you. Where do you plan on going from here? Luxembourg?"

"no way" I snapped

"am not returning home"

"then where?"

"somewhere far from home where no one knows me. Like here

"I wish you'll return home someday. Your people are missing you"

"not now Chance I've got work to do"

"You're not busy and it's time you embraced the truth"

"shhhh!" I hushed then pointed behind him

"look who's coming"

He glanced over his shoulder and I ceased the opportunity to run away while he was distracted staring at Selene who was walking up to him.

I breathed out in relief when I got to the empty balcony of our music room. I needed some alone time to think about things that didn't consist of Kelanie nor my family.

"Hi!" someone greeted and I whirled around to see the girl with big goggles from the other day

"Hey!" I greeted back

"little miss milkshakes"

She chuckled sweetly

"That's a cute name as long as its coming from you"

I raised my brows with a look of 'Seriously?'

"am Angelou by the way"

"I know"

"how did you know"

"you're my secret crush and I had to sneak up here to see you"

"that's right how did you get up here?"

"I followed you"

"have you been stalking me?"

She shrugged "I think so"

I shook my head "what's your name"

"my bad" she chuckled "am Stephanie"

"nice name"

"Thanks" she blushed

"what do you want from me?"

"I wanna be your friend"

"What?"

"I might be clumsy, tattered, poor, nerdy, dumb, not classy, but I wanna be your friend" she said not cheerfully

"I even have your name tattooed on my chest across my heart see!" she dragged up her blouse revealing her chest and I quickly shut my eyes

"Am sorry"

"it's okay just bring it down" I said with my eyes still closed

"am descent"

I nodded and opened my eyes and she was really descent.

"Stephanie or whatever it is you call yourself..."

"Stephanie" she interrupted

I sighed "you can't be up here when you know you aren't a student. What if you get caught?"

"you could hide me and sneak me around, I've always wanted to see what it looks

like inside Glamour High but am too poor and my parents can't afford the fees so you could give me a tour"

"you're loquacious"

"I know but please don't hate me I wanna be your friend"

"I don't hate you"

"that makes us friends right?"

"am gonna take you on a tour round Glamour but you have to promise not to disturb me again"

Her smile faded "am I disturbing you friend?"

"yes I mean no"

"I understand" she sniffled "am poor that's it"

"it's not because you're poor it's..." I was still talking when she burst into a loud wail "don't cry someone will hear you" I pacified but instead she cried louder forcing me to draw her near and console her

"that's enough be a good girl, friends don't cry"

"really?"

"yes"

"alright am sorry for crying" she sniffled and dried her tears

"Thank you"

"now my tour"

Gracious Goodness!

MINUTES LATER....

"... and the 3 library..."

"you haven't showed me the second library" she interrupted

"what? You've said that hundred of times and I've shown you hundred of times"

"That was the first library"

"Forget the library let's forge ahead" I said and she reluctantly followed me as we climbed the third floor to the fifth bloc

"She's beautiful" Stephanie gasped at the picture of Kelanie pasted on the wall as the 2nd Glamour Diva

"is she this beautiful in person? She must be a goddess"

"she's really beautiful but let's continue before someone gets us" I said and dragged her out

"can I see her?"

"No"

"But why?"

"She's not part of the tour"

"I wanna see her"

"you can't"

"but I want to see her" she pouted and stopped walking

"what's it now?"

"look down there" she said and pointed down the students on the first floor "am gonna shout 'I love you Angelou' and jump down if you don't take me to her"

"go ahead and jump"

She smirked and removed the jacket she was tying over her mini skirt and climbed up the rail.

"am gonna scream now and jump"

"you're not"

"I LOVE YOU ANGELOU" She screamed and jumped but I caught her

"are you crazy?" I panted as I pulled her up

"I told you I was going to jump".

"and you just succeeded in attracting attention" I yelled pointing at the students who were gathered and taking pictures

"am sorry but can we run now?"

"no way, am not going to run round the school with a crazy person. They'd think am going psycho"

"but am gonna get caught"

"you're already caught. Look they're taking pictures because of your craziness"

"you don't get... "

"Princess!" someone bellowed and some men ran up to us

She sighed and took off her goggles "came over"

"you might be mistaking her for someone else but this crazy girl can't be a princess"

"are you okay?" they asked ignoring me

"am fine must you follow me about?" she asked irritated

"what's going on here?" I asked

"call me" she simply said and gave me a card then walked out with the men but not before blowing me an air kiss and someone else caught it.

Who knew the crazy girl was a princess and beautiful without goggles?

I still have to find out.

I gazed around at the retreating students then walked to the music room (Blooms) The Blooms and Stupids were already set when I got there and Mr Justin was addressing them.

"where have you been?" Chance asked in a whisper

"around"

"with a missing princess?"

"I don't even know her"

"your pictures are on social media all thanks to GGB"

"Chance!" Mr Justin seethed and we kept quiet.

He finished with his tutor then we all entered an arranged limousine to the airport.

"who is she?" Kelanie asked as we entered the airport

"who?"

"the girl"

"I don't know" I replied

"sure? Heard she's a princess"

"I really don't know"

We walked to the runway and our plane was ready.
The girls ran up the aisle then The stupids followed with Mr Justin while I walked behind with Kelanie.

"How's Lancelot?" I asked

"I spoke with Richard yesterday and he said he's still the same way, he hasn't woken up"

"He needs your prayers"

"I know and... "

"Kelanie!" someone bellowed from behind and I whirled around to see Richard running up to us tearfully

"what's the matter?"

"Lancelot he's dying and he needs you"

She tried running down but I grabbed her arm "you can't leave now"

"I can't leave Lancelot now, he needs me"

"the plane is about to take off get in" Mr Justin shouted from the door "you can't abandon NYN it's your dream"

She looked at Richard who was already on his knees "please save my brother" he

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Can't love you back

#Episode_30

ANGELOU

I couldn't believe Kelanie chose Lancelot over her dreams and left for Jamaica. I sat glued to my seat while the others discussed of a way to resolve the issue before the competition tomorrow.

"am sorry" Chance said in a whisper. He was sitting beside me in the plane

"it's nobody's fault"

"She'll come back I just feel it"

"even if she comes back she already chose Lancelot"

"she's just being a good friend"

"he's her ex Chance she shouldn't be doing it for him even his girlfriend isn't concerned"

"I know but..."

"what if it's a trap?" I suddenly asked

"what do you mean?"

"what if Mabel came up with the idea to stop Kelanie from singing?"

"what makes you think so?"

"Mabel approached me some days ago with talks of teaming with her if I want to win the competition"

"you should've said this we could've stopped Kelanie it might really be a trap"

"what do we do now?" I asked "we can't go to Jamaica"

"We'll try calling her when we get to New York before making any move"

"Right" I agreed "I just hope she's alright"

☒JAMAICA ☒

☒KELANIE ☒

"What's happening?" I asked worriedly as nurses ran in and out of the theater

"The doctor recommended an emergency liver transplant on Lancelot but his chance of survival isn't much cause he's paralyzed" Richard replied

Tears rolled down my cheeks "I can't believe Lancelot is going through these he doesn't deserve it"

Richard pulled me into a hug "it's not your fault he made the mistake of leaving you at the first place. You've done a lot for him already said if he doesn't survive this, I know he will be grateful"

"I pray he survives"

"we all pray the same" Richard said and helped me sit down

"am sorry for bringing you here when you should be somewhere else"

"it's alright I'll sacrifice anything for Lancelot"

"Thanks"

THIRTY MINUTES LATER ☒

The theater door flung open and two doctors walked out followed behind by three nurses. Lancelot's parents ran to the doctors and so did we.

"Surgery was successful" one of the doctors announced beaming

I smiled in relief and hugged Richard. Lancelot's parents followed the doctors out and I sat back with Richard.

"am so happy the surgery was a success"

"I wonder when he's going to wake up" I said

"I hope he wakes up before you leave"

"I won't leave till he sees me and am sure he's fine"

"what about NYN? Lancelot would never be happy if you don't sing"

"I'll sing but the competition is in the next 38 hours I still have time"

"we all owe you"

"you don't owe me anything it's..."

My phone started ringing and I glanced at the caller's ID and it was Angelou. I practiced a little apology and answered the call.

☒ Hello

☒ Kelanie are you alright?

He sounded so worried and I wondered why

☒ am fine

☒ we've arrived at New York where are you?

☒ Jamaica but I'll be there before the competition

☒ Kelanie Mabel is here you shouldn't be there get the fuck out of there That was the angry Phoebe

☒ I'll be there soon

☒ Now, you'll be here this minute. Are you crazy or something?

☒ chill Phoebe I won't disappoint

☒ I hope you don't lose inspiration to sing when that boyfriend of yours finally dies

☒ Don't say that Phoebe, no one is going to die

☒ Really? Wait till Tristan hears of it

I rolled my eyes and Angelou came back on the line

☒ everyone is mad at you

I know and I deserve it. I didn't even reason with you guys before leaving am very sorry

You're not forgiven till you get back here and give us that trophy

ayaa captain

He chuckled

How's he?

His liver transplant was successful

What about you two? Are you good now?

We haven't really talked but I plan on forgiving him

You aren't getting back with him right?

I don't know

If he ever wants you back what's going to be your reply?

Why are you asking?

Cause am scared you're going to get back with him

You shouldn't be worried about that

I just care about you and I don't want you getting hurt

I swallowed hard and glanced at Richard then excused myself

I won't be getting hurt. Am old enough to take care of myself

Let's say you grew a month ago after your heart break

Maybe

Sure you know what you're doing?

I do, you don't have to worry

Alright take care of yourself then

He hung up and I suddenly wished he didn't. I clenched my phone to my chest and

it started ringing again. I took a glance at it and wished it was Angelou but to my disappointment it was Chance.

I agree I was wrong and am sorry

I said immediately I answered the phone

I'm not going to scold you I plan on spanking you when you return

I am really sorry

That wasn't why I called

Is anything wrong?

Everything is wrong

What's wrong?

My friend is in love with you and you chose your ex who doesn't care about you

What are you talking about?

You really don't know that Angelou loves you or you're trying to pretend

... I don't know what you're talking about

I hope you never know

He ended the call and he sounded really furious. I was confused at what Chance said. This was the first time he was speaking to me angrily but what does he mean by Angelou loving me?

I tried calming my racing heart and make out a little sense in what Chance told me but I still wasn't understanding.

"Are you alright?"

I whirled around to see Richard staring at me "am fine"

"sure? You look tensed"

"am fine"

"is it about NYN?"

"am really fine let's go in"

we sat on a chair in the waiting room in Lancelot's ward. His parents weren't there so it was just I and Richard. Richard was talking randomly but I wasn't listening as I thought of what Chance said. I would've been happy about Angelou loving me if I hadn't been through a lot of heart breaks but now, I can't appreciate anyone's feelings for me cause am not ready to love again.

Angelou is nice and a guy I secretly admire but I can't love again and even if I do, what about Tristan?

"... You're not listening"

I jerked with a start and stared at Richard who was staring at me angrily

"am sorry"

"I've been talking to myself all these while. What were you even thinking of?"

"The competition"

"seriously? Did the competition really get all your attention?"

"am sorry what were you saying?"

He sighed and rolled his eyes then opened his mouth to talk when a his mum walked him smiling excitedly.

"Lancelot is awake"

"that's quick" I said

"We know but it's a miracle"

We entered his room and he was really awake though he looked weak and pitiful.

"We shouldn't be here cause he just had surgery" Richard said

"I know the doctor said we can't see him till the next twenty four hours but I wanted Kelanie to see him before she leaves"

I glanced at Lance's mum and she gave me a warm smile.

"thanks a lot"

I smiled back and turned to Lancelot. He wasn't fully awake but he was fighting to live. I tried suppressing my tears but they betrayed me and I sobbed softly.

"He'll be fine" Lancelot's mum pacified and I nodded tearily

"let's leave before someone sees us" Richard said

I couldn't touch Lancelot cause of his condition, I feared he might die from my touch cause he was too weak.

"When he wakes up fully, I want to be the first to know"

"you'll certainly be the first to know, Lancelot would be so grateful"

I nodded then we walked out of the room. The family's jet was prepared to take me to New York that day at 7. I had lunch with them before leaving at exactly 7pm.

NEW YORK

Time to face my doom.

I did a silent prayer before alighting from the car that drove me to the suite that was rented for us. Derek was the first to see me from where he was sitting with the others but he acted like he didn't see me.

Signs that am doomed.

I took my lips into my mouth as I walked slowly to them, saying my last prayer as I went.

It was dark so they didn't notice my presence, I could only see them because of the lights.

"Hey!" I said in a small voice when I got to them. Everyone but Angelou glared daggers at me. He wasn't angry but he was really sad and it suddenly reminded me of what Chance said.

"Welcome back" Blue said sarcastically

"look guys am really sorry but... "

They started walking out not wanting to hear whatever it is I wanted to say. I felt alone, abandoned, and tears welled up in my eyes.

"You don't have to cry" Angelou said and I realized he didn't leave "their anger won't last"

I smiled through my tears then he gave me a handkerchief.

Not so romantic.

In movies the guys does the wiping.

"Thanks" I wiped my tears

"it's a good thing you came back"

I suddenly remembered what Chance told me and I got nervous and shy. He wasn't saying anything and I couldn't come up with any conversation. The atmosphere got really tight and I just wanted some distraction at that moment.

"any news about the girl or should I say missing princess?" I found myself asking finding a better way to lighten the atmosphere

"I don't know her and I don't want to talk about her"

Then what should I say?

I took in a deep breath and our eyes met. That was the first time I saw the color of his iris. They were green, so beautiful and bright.

"Angelou!" a familiar voice called and we turned to see Fiona standing behind us. As expected she walked out when she saw he was with me.

"Are they that angry at me?"

"everyone is even Ms Chantel"

"wait! You guys like told her?"

"Mr Justin did and you can't blame him"

"am in a big mess"

"yea and you should start with Mr Justin. The man is going gaga thinking we've lost already"

"Lancelot isn't there to sing with The Flames but they're still competing. There's no big deal if I decide to back out"

"Lancelot didn't back out quite understandable but you just backing out.... "

"I get it and am not backing out"

Just when I thought we've finally had a distraction, he stopped talking and started staring.

"am not comfortable with the silence" I blurted out

"I wanted you to say that" he chuckled and took a long stride to me making us stand too close to be comfortable

"Angelou.... "

"I don't bite"

"Am not..." I trailed off "I understand what your silence is trying to say but... "

"am not trying to say anything" he cut in

"Chance told me"

He frowned "what did Chance tell you?"

"N-thing"

He smiled "let's go talk to Mr Justin"

"I can't face him now"

"what did Chance tell you?"

"he told me you were ready to sing"

He laughed slightly "he told you I love you right?"

I got shocked at the way he stated it lightly. He used to be shy how did he manage to say that?

"I know your reply already that's why I didn't want to talk about it"

I swallowed an invisible lump in my throat and tried talking but I couldn't come up with anything to say.

"I don't want to be a pest just apologize to the girls and join them" he said and walked out

"You couldn't even tell him you love him too" a familiar voice said from behind and I whirled around to see Selene coming out from the flowers

"have you been hiding in there?"

"of course. I've been waiting for you both to show me love"

"you're crazy" I chuckled "what are you doing here?"

"Chance snuck me in"

"where would you be sleeping? In the flowers?"

She laughed "in his room"

"You can't sleep in his room"

"but why?"

"jeez... You just started dating yesterday"

"am just going to spend the night nothing is going to happen"

"I've been looking for you" Chance said walking up to us then dragged Selene "I brought her here"

I laughed at the way he dragged her out and I was left alone again.

Angelou loves me.

Quite unbelievable and sad at the way he's letting go.

"it's cold out here" Angelou said from behind

"thought you left"

"I can't leave you out here"

I stared at him and the look in his eyes spelt hurt.

"Let's go in dinner is served"

"am sorry" I said

"about what?"

"I don't want to keep you on the fence, I don't want to keep your hopes high or... "

"what are you trying to say?"

"I can't love... "

"Guys am sorry" I blurted out

"you're forgiven" they all chorused

I smiled "thanks"

"come join the game" Zion said

"am not interested"

"That's the price you pay for leaving us so come sit" Phoebe snarled

I succumbed and sat on the only available space which was opposite Angelou.

"My turn" Lex said

"We have to cast lot first" I argued

"we already did and the game already started" Blue replied

"I hate this game" I sighed

"T or D?" Lex asked me

I thought for a while then replied "T"

"Warning" Phoebe prompted "the game could be naughty and nasty just bare with us, it's for the fun of it"

I frowned and gazed at Lex for whatever naughty question he was going to ask.

"is it that time of the month?" he asked

"no" I stated firmly

"why would you ask that?" Fiona smacked his head

"we're sharing the same suite so I want to know how careful I should be"

"my turn" I said and turned to Selene "T or D?"

"D"

"kiss the person at your left"

She smiled cause Chance was sitting by her left. He pulled her into a hug and

kissed her.

"my turn" Selene said and turned to Angelou

"what now? I never said I was playing" Angelou snapped

She chuckled "T or D?"

He rolled his eyes "T"

"You got thirty minutes with Kelanie alone in a dark cold room. What would you do?"

Angelou shifted his gaze to me and our eyes met. My heart was racing like the question was really happening. What would we do if it was so?

"Find a way out" he replied without shifting his gaze

His reply was like a bomb in my heart.
Find a way out.

"T or D?" he asked Blue

"D"

"quit the game..."

"what?"

"for ten minutes and order pizza. Am hungry" Angelou added and we burst into laughter

"for a minute I thought you wanted me to quit the game" Blue guffawed "I'll be back" and she walked out

"who's turn is it now?" I demanded

"anyone" Chance replied

"me" Ray said and turned to Angelou

"not me again" Angelou sighed

"T or D?"

"D"

"Leave the game for one hour and go into the elevator with Kelanie"

"what?" I snapped "we can't stand in the elevator for one whole hour"

"five cups of vodka" Ray smirked and that was when I noticed that there were three bottles of vodka and a wine glass on the table

"you guys are crazy"

"we know so make your choice now"

"where's the elevator?"

"over there"

"can I have your phone?" Selene asked when I got up and I reluctantly gave it to her

"thanks" she said with a secret grin

I glanced at Angelou and he got up to his feet then headed towards the elevator. I followed behind and we got to the elevator. He didn't say a word to me and I didn't want to be the first to talk though I wanted to know what he meant by leaving. The elevator door closed and the light went out immediately. Angelou tried the buttons but they weren't working.

"I knew this was a trap" he muttered

I should've known
No wonder Selene took my phone

Angelou slumped to the floor and sat with his head ducked in his palms. I moved to the other end and sat down.

MINUTES LATER....

I glanced at Angelou and though I wasn't seeing him clearly cause the elevator was dark, I could tell he was asleep cause of his soft snores. I was really cold and bored and Angelou was sleeping peacefully. I wanted to talk to him but I didn't want to look weak. The feeling was still weird.

There was a loud sound like a huge drum falling and I jerked up but Angelou didn't move. The silence was becoming scary and I just wished I hadn't agreed to that stupid game.

The sound came again and I ran to Angelou's side but he still didn't move. I sat down beside him carefully so my body wouldn't touch and he wakes up. The sound came again this time very close and I screamed and fell on Angelou. He woke up and I quickly got up.

"Am sorry"

He sighed and sat back then continued sleeping.
I so hate being ignored.

I sat far from him and tried sleeping but I couldn't and there was nothing to while away time. I came up with an idea of stamping my feet to get Angelou's attention. I started stamping my feet but he didn't even act like I was there, reminding me of how he was when he first came into Glamour High.

I rest my head on the wall and shut my eyes then I felt someone cover me with a blanket but my eyes were already heavy so I couldn't see who it was as I drifted into sleep.

THE NEXT MORNING ☒

"NYN!" I heard screams from every corner and I fluttered my eyes open

It was morning already and the sun was out. I looked around and I was the only one in bed. Last thing I remember, I was stuck in the elevator with Angelou.

"New York Night!" Blue squealed running into the room

"Good morning" I greeted wiping my sleepy eyes

"It's NYN"

"I've been hearing that since I woke up. Can you girls stop scre..."

"NYN!" The others ran into the room dancing

I rolled my eyes and fell back to the bed and covered my face with the duvet.

"it's NYN!" they continued squealing pulling the duvet

LATER IN THE NIGHT ☒

NEW YORK MUSIC NIGHT AWARD

"You can do this" I told myself for the umpteenth time since the competition started. Guests were being introduced and the paparazzi were at every corner we had to hide to have time to rehearse.

"Don't miss any line" I reminded myself

"stop being nervous" Selene told me and wiped my sweat

"I can't help it, the whole world would be watching"

"don't think about anything but yourself" she advised "take a look at Angelou..."

I glanced at Angelou who was sitting with the guys

"he's so cool and relaxed"

I took in a deep breath but my eyes didn't leave Angelou. He looked cute in their black outfit and his hair band made him look like a girl.

"Hey!" Selene waved her palm across my face "you're staring"

I got embarrassed and I looked away "I just admire his courage"

"is that really all you admire? I can't believe you stayed alone in a dark elevator for two hours and you both didn't even hug"

"Two hours? Thought we were dared one hour"

"we thought one hour wouldn't be enough so we extended it"

I sighed and rolled my eyes "I can't wait for all these to be over"

"Let's give ourselves a band name together" Blue suggested

"like Stupid Blooms" a familiar voice said from behind and we whirled around to see Mabel and her Barbie dolls

"we finally meet at NYN thought you'd all be dead by then"
Blue scoffed and went on with what she was saying totally ignoring Mabel. Mabel huffed loudly and stormed out.

"She's so full of herself" Selene snarled

"Guys you're up first" Mr Justin said running in

"what!"

"don't be scared it's something you've always been doing. Just sing"

My heart was already in my mouth as we ran to the back of the stage.

"You can do this" Angelou spoke to me for the first time after the kiss and he was staring deep into my eyes "just sing"

"Stop being nervous you aren't the first" Mr Justin said to my relief "I just wanted to see how ready you are but you're the sixth band"

I smiled and took a seat then the first band was called. They sang and the second band sang, then third... and it was finally our turn.

"you can do this" Mr Justin kissed our foreheads one after the other then we ran up stage

I froze immediately we were up stage.

"you can do this" Angelou whispered to me and pulled me close like he felt my fear. The crowd was all 'awwwn' and the judges smiled in admiration at the way Angelou held me.

I got a new courage as he slid the microphone into my hand then he kissed my cheek and took few steps back.

I stared right into his eyes as I sang the first line

☒There's a star trying to shine inside of me
☒But I need someone to trust
☒someone to hold and make it shine
☒f only you could be my hero I'll make it shine

He took smiled and joined

☒I'll pick you up when you're down
☒ift you up above the ground
☒Give you victory oh victory
☒make the world your stage and make it shine
☒oh make it shine
☒Everything reminds me of you
☒I'll pick you up when you're down/ pick me up when am down
☒I'll lift you above the ground/ lift me above the ground
☒I'll give you victory oh victory/ give me victory oh victory
make the world your stage and make it shine
☒make the world my stage

I'll make the world your stage
If only you would be mine
Please be mine/ I'll be yours and you'll be fine
Please be mine/ I'll be yours and you'll be mine

He held my hand and pulled me in then said the last line with his lips close to mine but they weren't touching.

Please be mine

The cheers and screams almost pulled the roof and the girls were fighting to come close to Angelou, I had to push him back and block them off.
We walked out of the stage while The Stupids remained for their personal.

"we did it" we squealed hugging each other behind the stage

"Great song out there" Shayne said with a broad smile then stretched out her hand for a handshake which Blue accepted without haste
"I've always known you to be a great singer Kelanie and I won't be surprised if you won"

"you're a good singer yourself it's just a game of luck" I said truthfully

"can I have a word with you?" she paused then glanced at the girls then back to me
"like privately"

"Sure" Blue replied and pushed me forward

"thanks" Shayne beamed then we headed for the exit
I glanced at the girls and they weren't too happy reasons because Shayne was still a rival.

"That guy is he your boyfriend?" she asked when we were outside

"Which guy?"

"the guy you sang with"

"no"

"he's cute and really nice and he cares about you"

"you barely know him"

"it was all in the way he treated you on stage like a precious stone. You got to appreciate that"

I nodded but said nothing

"There's a place I'd love to show you" she said then led the way to a path where there was no light

"Do you know here?"

"Yes. There's a shining globe that glows down there, I thought it was a fairytale till I saw it"

"am not interested let's go back" I said and proceeded to leave but she stopped me

"it's not far from here"

"am scared of the dark"

"it's bright down there cause of the globe"

I nodded and continued following her till we got to a river.

"aren't we there yet? We're far already"

"wanna swim?" she smirked

"I can't swim let's go back already"

"I know you can't swim that's why I brought you here" she said and started pushing me into the water

"stop it Shayne am going to fall"

"that's what I want" she said and pushed me into the river "you really thought I was being friendly for nothing?" she laughed

"help me Shayne... am... to drown"

"I hope you drown before anyone notices you're missing. You might have sang but you can't win if you aren't present"

I could feel my life drowning as the water covered me. Shayne ran out and I was too weak to shout. I just awaited my fate as I hoped someone would come by.

☒ANGELOU ☒

We finished singing and climbed down the stage while the next band climbed up. The Blooms welcomed us but Kelanie wasn't present and I was having this strange feeling.

"where's Kelanie?" Chance asked

"She's having a chitchat with Shayne" Blue replied enthusiastically

I wasn't comfortable with her reply and I didn't know this Shayne of a girl. Just then, a girl ran in panting.

"Shayne!" The Blooms shouted and my heart skipped a beat

"Kelanie has been kidnapped" she said

"what?"

I didn't want to listen as I proceeded to run out but someone called me by my birth name and I froze.

"Xeric!"

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❏He's a prince ❏

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❏CHANCE ❏

I couldn't fathom what was going through Angelou's mind as he took few steps backward while the men advanced towards him.

I knew he would be found even though he tried hard to hide himself from the public. He glanced at me and took to his heel and the men chased after him.

"what's happening? Who are they?" The guys asked in confusion

"and why did they call him Xeric?" Blue added

"This isn't time for questions let's find Kelanie" I replied

"what about Angelou?"

"he'll be fine, they won't hurt him" I replied then Tristan walked in

"Tristan" Zion called "have you seen Kelanie around?"

"She's supposed to be with you girls"

"she was till Shayne took her out and now she's missing" Phoebe snarled

"where's Kelanie?" Tristan asked Shayne

"we were together and... and some men came and... and took her" Shayne stuttered and Tristan ran out

"Bitch!" Phoebe cussed and punched Shayne before we could stop her "why didn't they take you too? Your dad is a minister you should be the one kidnapped"

"that's enough" I said and held her back cause she tried hitting Shayne again

"Let her talk" Fiona seethed "Kel wasn't kidnapped. What the heck did you do to her?"

Shayne broke down in tears "I can't do anything to hurt her"

"Kel is in real danger we can't stand here arguing let's find her" Lex said

"How do we find her when this rookie won't tell us where she is" Phoebe snarled and threatened to hit Shayne again

"That's enough let's inform the securities then call the cops" I suggested

"we'll split into four groups" I began "Fiona, Zion, and Blue inform the securities and try reaching Kelanie. Selene and Phoebe stay behind and wait in case Kelanie comes around. Ray, Sky, and Alaric, you'll search together, Shayne will lead you and I'll search with Derek, and Lex"

They nodded and we all set out in different directions.

"I'll call her" Lex said then brought out his phone and tried calling her

"she's not answering" he said after few rings

"I don't trust Shayne" Derek said "if there's anyone to get kidnapped she should be the one and who would want Kel kidnapped?"

"and why would the kidnapper take only one of the girls?" I asked rhetorically

"let's ask those around if they saw her" Lex suggested

"it's dark they wouldn't had seen what she looks like"

"then let's ask of any suspicious movements or vehicle"

"Chance! Lex! Derek!" a familiar voice called and we whirled around to see Tristan walking out of a corner with Kelanie in his arms I quickly placed a call to the others informing them that we found her.

"where did you find her?"

"she was drowning in a river" Tristan replied and we exchanged meaningful glances.

"Shayne tried killing her" Lex blurted out

"or the kidnappers did" Derek said

"unless they were sent by Shayne" I stated

"you should've..." Derek trailed off as the men who chased Angelou walked out with him

"it's a surprise they caught him, they never did" I said watching them Angelou looked pale and he was dripping wet

"Are they cops?" Tristan asked

"No, he's fine let's go" I replied

We left the competition and drove to the suite.

"You should've tried resuscitating her"
Selene said as Tristan placed Kelanie on the bed

"she hadn't drank too much water when I found her"

"what are we going to do to Shayne? She can't go scot free" Phoebe said

"her dad is a minister there's nothing we can do" I said

"if only Kelanie was in good terms with her parents" Blue muttered

"Let's deal with Shayne ourselves. We can't let her sing" Fiona suggested

"Shayne tried killing Kelanie cause she's scared of us and if we try hurting her she'll think we're scared of her" I said pointedly

"what do you suggest?"

"let's wait for the result" I replied

"what if she wins?"

"Reds and Splitz aren't anything compared to us and I know it"

"Chance this is the most annoying decision ever" Phoebe seethed "I'll deal with her myself" and she stormed out

"You really want Shayne to go unpunished?" Tristan asked

"That's not what am saying"

"then what are you saying?" Fiona hurled

"Let's wait till the competition ends" I replied

Fiona huffed loudly and crossed her arms on her chest.

"Aren't you going to tell us about Angelou?" Sky asked and lucky enough, Kelanie started coughing and we rushed to her.

"Kel!"

She opened her eyes slowly and gazed around for some seconds then jerked up.

"what happened?"

"Are you alright?" Tristan asked her then took her hand in his

"Where are we? Is the competition over yet?" she asked on ignoring his question

"The competition is still on but you went missing so we had to find you" Selene explained

"Shayne" Kelanie muttered under her breath "Shayne pushed me into the water cause she knew I can't swim"

"it's a good thing Tristan found you" Blue said then Kelanie looked at Tristan

"Where's Angelou?" she suddenly asked and everyone turned to me

"he left for home"

"Home?"

"Angelou is a prince and his birth name is Xeric. He's the only child of Grand Duke Alexander Austin III of Luxembourg but he doesn't want to be a Duke, he doesn't want to rule so he flee from home and changed his name to Angelou. He has been on the run for the past two years and was never caught but I think luck ran out of him today" I explained

"All these while we've been staying with a Prince?"

"so romantic" Zion said dreamily "I'd love to be his queen"

"so sad we might never see him again" I said

"why?"

"He's dad is strict am sure Angelou will never find an escape this time"

"why doesn't he want to be a Duke?"

"He hates responsibilities and affairs of the country"

"Wow!" Fiona simply mouthed and all along, Kelanie was quiet. She looked sad and I don't blame her cause am also sad. I won't be seeing my friend again.

"We can visit him right?" Zion asked

"The duke won't let us see him unless it's on the day of his coronation as the heir apparent"

"He's not yet crowned?"

"He flee the night to his coronation"

Selene chuckled "running away from the opportunity others treasure"

"It's not just that" I prompted "love is also involved"

"How?"

"He was in love so he chose his love cause being a Duke, he had a betrothed though he doesn't know her"

"sounds like a fairytale"

"That's the way it is. When a prince is three years old, a girl is married to be his queen but they don't see each other till the coronation"

"Is... "

"No more questions" I cut in "let's go see the progress of the competition"

They all got up reluctantly cause they wanted to hear more of Angelou. Kelanie was lost in thought and didn't get up nor conscious of what was happening around her.

"Are you alright?" I asked her tapping her gently on her shoulder. The others had left the room so we were alone.

"no" she shook her head

"What's wrong? If you aren't strong you can stay behind"

"Is it really not possible to see Angelou now?" she asked

I smiled cause I knew that was her problem

"I don't think so"

She sniffles "There's something I want to tell him before... before..." she trailed off and sniffles again

"Are you crying?"

She shook her head "no"

I cupped her head between my fingers and made her look at me.

"What's the matter?"

"I want to see him and it's important"

"That would be on the day of his coronation"

"Was that what he meant by he would be leaving?"

"What's so important that you didn't tell him all these while?"

"it's nothing" she said then added "let's go"

"you can't pretend to be okay if you want to see him, I'll give you the address but you have to wait till his coronation"

"When is that?"

"I don't know but soon. His dad would want to crown him as soon as possible"

She nodded then got up "let's go meet the others"

☒KELANIE ☒

It was hard to believe all Chance said. How could Angelou love me when he is betrothed and a prince.

What hurt the most was the fact that he was gone.

"Kel!" Blue called shaking me gently and I zoned out of my thoughts

"we arrived"

I gazed out through the window and we're at the competition.

"I think all the bands finished singing" Lex said as we got down

"where have you been?" Mr Justin asked running to meet us "voting started ten minutes ago"

My heart leaped

"where's Angelou?"

"You mean Angelou is a prince?" Mr Justin was baffled when Chance told him everything

"we were as surprised as you are" Fiona said

☒and the first five bands are...

"let's go hear the result"

We ran behind the stage where the other bands were anticipating for the result.

☒Reds and Splitz in the fifth place

"what?" Shayne shouted and we burst into laughter

"Rock of Ages sang" murmurs came from every corner and my heart skipped a beat Rock of Ages is the world's best music band with highest fans. They got no competition.

☒ ..Wind Flowers and Masked for third place

Great! I didn't hear the fourth and second

☒ Blooms and Stupids for second place

"no"

☒ Rock of...

Shouts filled the hall and he stopped talking

"we did our best" I told myself

Lorin, leader of The Rock of Ages climbed up stage and shouts almost got me deaf. He whispered something to the host then left.

☒ there's something with the result

☒ Rock of Ages for second place

I screamed

☒ Blooms and Stupids as New York Night's winning bands

The Blooms squealed and ran up the stage for our award. I stayed behind cause there was nothing to be happy about. I just realized that you don't know you love someone till that person leaves.

My phone started ringing and it was an unknown number.

☒ congratulations

That was Lancelot and I was shocked

☒ Lance?

☒ You deserve it Kel

☒ How are you doing?

☒ I am so happy for you and am fine everything is fine

Am happy you made it
It's all thanks to you

When will you guys be returning

Dad says we'll be traveling to California to start a new life so we might never see again

awwwn! Am gonna miss you

I'll miss you more you mean everything to me

Have you been discharged

I'll be discharged in two days time

and you'll leave too?

Did anyone leave?

no

I was getting emotional

We'll leave after my cousin's engagement

What engagement?

She's being engaged officially to her betrothed Xeric, he's a Prince

Angelou

Okay talk to you later

I hung up just before I broke down in tears and ran out. I couldn't believe I lost Angelou and his princess is Lancelot's sister and Lancelot is also going to start a new life.

What about me?

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AND, LANCE IS GOING TO END UP WITH KEL.

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Happily ever after

FINALE

TWO WEEKS LATER

KELANIE

"What if we don't get to see him?" I asked Chance as we sat on put seat in the plane. It was Angelou's coronation and we booked a flight to Luxembourg. Even though it was late, I still wanted Angelou to know how I felt about him. These past two weeks has been hell for me. All the guys was thinking was dealing with Shayne and they succeeded in dumping her on a mountain. The poor girl is scared or height.

"since he isn't allowed to use his phone and we weren't invited, we have to sneak in"

"How do we get to him then? The palace must be very big"

"There's going to be a way, just believe"

I inhaled and fell back to my chair. This is going to be difficult, I just hope Angelou listens to me.

"It's quiet surprising that Angelou's princess friend is his betrothed" Chance said

"and Lancelot's cousin" I added

"you're going to make Angelou run away again"

"I don't plan on taking him away, I want him to accept his responsibility"

"Then you shouldn't be going"

I breathed in deeply "I don't know Chance, I truly love him even though I wasn't willing to admit it"

"Are you now willing to admit it?"

"it's of no use, I didn't realize it until he left"

TWO HOURS LATER

We arrived the Grand palace Ducal in Luxembourg and the place was dope.
Swears.

The palace was strictly guarded with uniformed men and there was no entry without an invitation.

"how do we get in?"

"I don't know"

"Let's jump the fence, it's low"

"if you're caught jumping the palace fence, you get killed, even Angelou won't save is from that" Chance said

"Then how do we get in?"

He thought for a while then pointed to a truck "you see that truck over there?"

I nodded

"it's taking the things for decorations into the palace, we'll sneak into the truck and wherever it takes us inside the palace, we'll find our way"

I nodded then we ran to the parked truck

"we'll hide in the bags"

He pushed me into the trunk then also climbed in and we hid between the bags.

We stayed in there for minutes but the truck wasn't moving.

"sure this truck didn't break down?"

"I don't know"

"we'll have to offload the truck" someone yelled from outside

"What? We're doomed"

"Calm down" Chance said then they started removing the bags

"it's starting" the driver yelled and the engine started

"Thank God! They would think we're thieves or imposters"

The truck cruised into the gate and came to a halt after few minutes.

"How do we get down?"

"I don't know"

I smacked his head and he yelped in pain "what do you mean by you don't know?"

You brought the idea"

"I brought the idea of entering the truck but you shouldn't have followed me when I didn't mention a way out"

"right" I rolled my eyes and proceeded to get out

"what are you doing?"

"watch me" I replied and jumped out

"there's no one here now get out"

He jumped out with a grin "our lucky day"

I looked around and my eyes drifted to Angelou who was walking towards us with a girl. I barely recognized him cause he was dressed in a royal regalia and a crown. He was indeed a prince, a richly fine prince. And the girl beside him was the missing princess, his betrothed. She was so beautiful in her long flowing gown and her hair was long to her waist with a tiara. I envied her cause she got everything that I had to live without.

Angelou didn't take his eyes off me as they walked with their hands entwined, my heart was breaking and ripping apart.

Two guards seized us from behind but Angelou signalled them to release us and they obeyed. He told them to excuse us including his little princess and they all did, leaving just the three of us.

"what are you doing here and how did you get in?" he asked once we were alone "you've lost your manners prince Xeric, shouldn't you welcome us first?" Chance asked jocularly and Angelou smiled faintly

"am just worried about you guys, you know the punishment if you're seen"

"we just came to celebrate with you and your princess" Chance's voice fell to a whisper at the last part

All those while, Angelou didn't act like I was there. I was totally left out.

"Thanks but you can't move about"

"I know maybe you should hide us" Chance said and a lot of things was going through my mind at that time.

Just two weeks and Angelou no longer cares about me, he've learnt to live without me and I have to live with that. My risk going to Luxembourg was a waste and if I get caught, I'll die in vain.

Chance nudged me with his elbow zoning me back to reality and I realized Angelou was leading us to wherever it was he was leading us.

We followed behind till we got to a stair then we climbed up leading us to a balcony. He pushed the door open to reveal a big bedroom that was as big as my entire house (exaggeration).

"Is this your room?" Chance asked in bewilderment

Life as royalty is lit.

An entire stair for just one room.

"you can't get out of here" Angelou said and proceeded to the door

"You plan on locking us in here?"

"until the coronation is over you can't leave cause the palace would be busy and you'll get caught"

I swallowed hard

I was going to stay here while another girl is being given to him like, his wife.

"where's your bathroom?" Chance asked

"Everything is here, including the kitchen, everything is here just find the right door"

"Is this a game of maze?"

"sort yourself out" Angelou said and made for the door again

"Wait till I get back there's something I want to show you but am really pressed right now" Chance prompted and dashed for one of the doors

"wrong door" Angelou said "take the door at you right"

"Thanks" he entered the bathroom and shut the door

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I was left alone with Angelou, exactly what Chance wanted. He wasn't really pressed and he didn't have anything to show Angelou.

I moved my fingers nervously not knowing what to say nor do. My eyes were shut

but I could tell that Angelou was staring at me.

"why are you here?" he suddenly asked and I fluttered my eyes open to see him peering into my eyes just as I thought

"Why are you here?" he repeated when I wasn't saying anything

"I don't know" I replied

"Congratulations on your victory in NYN" he said

"it wasn't a personal competition"

"I know"

A brief silence fell as we stared at each other, looking for the best way to start.

"You're nervous" he said

"Am nervous" I agreed and sniffled

"why are you crying?"

"am not crying" I said but my tears was threatening to pour

"You shouldn't be here"

"I know but I couldn't help it, I wanted to..." I stopped myself "never mind, it's too late already"

He got up and strolled to where I was sitting then he squatted before me.

"It's better late than sorry"

I stared into his eyes and a drop slid down my cheek but he wiped it with his thumb.

"You shouldn't be crying" he said and a tear slid down his cheek too

"you too" he wiped his tears "you shouldn't be crying, it's your happy day"

"there's nothing happy about today"

I gave a wry smile and another tear escaped my eyes

"you can't cry in my palace"

I chuckled "it's hard to believe you're a prince"

"would you had loved me if you knew?" he asked and this time tears came rolling down my cheeks

"One more tear and am going to kiss you" he threatened and wiped my tears again

I smiled and cried more then he kissed me. Just what I wanted.

"Am going to cry more" I said when he unlocked from the kiss

He smiled "I might never see you again"

"Angelou..."

"Yes"

"I love you"

"you're bluffing"

"am serious, I took this risk to tell you that I love you even... "

he yanked me to him and covered my mouth with his in a hungry kiss. I responded immediately, surprising myself. His mouth was so warm, the caress of his lips softer than I could have imagined. He tasted tentatively with his tongue, and I opened her mouth with a low moan as he wrapped his arms around my waist.

"Be my queen" he said into the kiss

"what about your father and the tradition?"

"I don't mind eloping with you, I don't care about the kingdom. It's you Kelanie, just be my queen even if you have to reign only in my heart"

"I don't know..."

"just say yes"

I smiled and kissed him again.

"what do you say?"

"I'll be your queen if you'll be my king"

He chuckled "it's that a yes?"

"Yes" I nodded

I stood before Angelou's father, the Grand Duke of Luxembourg with my fingers entwined with Angelou's. Angelou summed up courage and told his father he didn't want to marry the princess and threatened to elope if they insists he marries the princess.

"Xeric" his dad called passing glances from me to Angelou

"father"

"Two years I searched for you, and now I've found you, you want to run away again?" he yelled

"am not running father, am going to accept my duty as a prince if you crown Kelanie as my princess"

"instead of Princess Stephanie?"

"yes father?"

"what do I tell the Earl?"

"That the marriage has been called off"

"That's impossible" he yelled and I trembled in fear

"Father... "

"Quiet" The Duke raised his hand "Kelanie, if you'll make my son to accept his duty and being forced, then who am I to refuse"

We stared at him in utter confusion "I bless your union as long as Xeric doesn't leave the palace"

"I pledge my loyalty" Angelou said with his hand on his chest as a sign of pledge

"I'll talk to the Earl, he wasn't interested in the marriage either"

"Thank you so much father"

"The coronation starts in three hours get her ready" the Duke said with a smile for the first time

Angelou bowed and I did same then we ran out to his room.

"What's our death sentence?" Chance asked immediately we entered the room

"Death by electrocution" I replied with a grin

"I love you" Angelou said and kissed me right in front of Chance

"I love you too"

"am here" Chance yelled and we laughed

"let's call your parents" Angelou suggested

"I don't care about them"

"who's going to give you out to me?"

"I'll give myself to you"

"it's not done that way"

"I don't want them"

"We can't fight. Am going to be a Duke and my wife ought to be obedient now call your parents"

FIVE HOURS LATER

☒ now crown you Grand Prince Xeric IV of Luxembourg and Princess Kelanie Mildred as his betrothed and bride

I smiled as a tiara was placed on my head. I was dressed like a princess and my dream Prince Charming was beside me. Mum and dad were present, I had to forgive them cause 'My Husband' asked me to. Lancelot was happy for us and so was Stephanie to our surprise.

Angelou had suggested a wedding but I refused. We have to finish high school first.

"What are you thinking about?" Angelou asked me as we sat down

"us"

"what about us?"

"We ended up together, it's a surprise"

"I know but it's the best surprise ever"

"hope you won't go running from duty"

"not again my Princess no again"

I smiled and gave his hand a warm squeeze

"can I kiss you?"

"not in front of this crowd"

"but I want to, you're my wife"

"we aren't married and everyone's watching including our parents"

He rolled his eyes "I don't care" and kissed me

Everyone screamed and dad was like 'WTF'

☒THE END ☒

Epilogue loading

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A VERY SHORT EPILOGUE

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TRISTAN

One month later and everything was going well for everyone but me. Angelou and Kelanie were getting married though the date hadn't been fixed. Selene and Chance were on a romantic vacation, Blue was dating Derek, Lex asked Phoebe out, Fiona travelled with Lancelot to California. Who knew she had a crush on him. Zion was trying things out with Alaric and I still had no one.

I finally let my feelings for Kelanie go, I realized she wasn't meant for me and she was going to be someone's wife soon. I just had to let go.

"Tristan!" Stephanie called cheerfully and sat beside me

I forgot to add Stephanie enrolled in Glamour High and she's really nice and humble unlike most proud princesses.

"Hi princess!"

She faked a frown "it's Stephanie"

I chuckled She hates been called 'Princess' but I really enjoy pissing her off. She's cute when she's angry.

"what would you be doing tonight?" she asked

"I have no plans for tonight"

"let's see a movie together"

Is she asking me on a date?

"I don't..."

"please" she pouted with a puppy face

"okay fine, what movie?"

"a mermaid tale"

"sounds interesting"

"you'll love it, trust me" she giggled and it reminded me of Kelanie, just as a friend.

Stephanie's closeness did a lot in helping me forget about her.

"How would we meet? I don't want a convoy because am going out with a princess"

She slapped me "Don't say that again"

"yes your highness"

She frowned seriously this time

"am sorry"

"not forgiven"

"but why?"

"you have to pay"

"what would a princ..." I interrupted myself "am sorry"

"for real? You're not sorry"

"This time it's genuine..." I touched my chest "I cross my heart"

"and hope to die" she completed

"no way!"

"then you're not sorry"

"am sorry. How do I make it up to you?"

"a date next tomorrow night"

"you love dates?"

"when it's with you and since you won't ask me out on a date, I'd rather ask"

I was dumbfounded "you're too open"

"I know but I fear it will all end like Angelou and you'll choose another Kelanie"

"you're not the only one who got rejected" I said "Kelanie chose Angelou over me and he was the fourth guy"

"We could change everything together"

"what are you saying?"

"you could be my solace and I'll be your solace"

"How's that possible?"

"you might not believe me but I have a crush on you"

I chuckled "are you for real?"

"what about you?"

"I don't have a crush on you"

Her countenance changed and I cupped her head in my palms making her look into my eyes "I love you"

A smile broke from her lips "are you serious?"

"I never realized till the day your security caught you here and took you back to Belgium. I've been loving Kelanie without thinking about any other person"

"Wanna know when I started having a crush on you?"

I frowned "are you just crushing on me?"

She laughed "am already in love with you"

I smiled "that's my solace"

"I never forgot that day at Paris night when you kissed me accidentally cause you were mad at Kelanie"

"I didn't tell anyone about that kiss. It was my first and only till today"

"That's cute! I've kissed tons of guys after then and before then"

I faked a frown "am jealous"

"you don't have to be, a kiss means nothing and I never kissed a guy twice"

"For real? What if I kissed you now, it still means nothing?"

"That night meant something and it's going to mean the world when it's coming"

WANTED AN EPILOGUE AND KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO TRISTAN.
HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY NOW?
AS FOR THE WEDDING, COME TO MY HOUSE NEXT WEEK SATURDAY, A PLANE
HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO TAKE US TO LUXEMBOURG.
DON'T BE LATE.

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LOVE Y'ALL ☒