

Mia and I arrived at my apartment and went inside. We went to my room and I pulled out the box I had the Amethyst in. “Hurry up.” Mia said.

“Chill out. I just found out my best friend betrayed me, is using a man I love against me, and I’m about to die. Excuse me if I’m not rabbit fast.”

“Whatever, just hand it over.”

I sighed as I pulled the Amethyst from it’s case. “And when you get this you promise you’ll let Jonny live? You’ll let him go back to Dot and live his life?”

“Yeah, I promise.”

“Fine...here.” I said. I handed Mia the Amethyst. The second her negative energy came in contact with it I felt it. I screamed out in pain.

Mia sighed, “I’m not entirely cold, you should at least die in your own bed.” She walked me to the bed and helped me lay down. The pain I was feeling was intense. I groaned as I felt my life force draining. The Amethyst was disconnecting from me and when it completely severed it’s tie that would be it for me.

“Do we have to stay here and watch this?” Mia asked Kaya.

“Yes. We have to make sure she really is dead and can’t cause us anymore trouble.” Kaya said as she hopped up on the bed to watch over me.

“But I have the Amethyst now...we’ve won.”

“Mia, you’re too cocky. We haven’t won until both Michelle and Serena are dead.”

“Michelle is dying.”

“Dying isn’t dead.”

I felt tears coming down my cheeks. I didn’t want to die. I wanted to be in Jon’s arms again. I wanted to hold him and tell him how very much I loved him...but I felt my life force growing weaker and weaker.

“It’s almost over Mia. It won’t be long now.” Kaya said.

Suddenly Mia was hit from behind by a baseball bat. She stumbled forward, dropping the Amethyst.

“It’s not over yet.” Mina said as she ran in, baseball bat in hand.

“Mia, get up! Get the Amethyst!” Kaya cried.

“Not a chance.” Mina said as she pulled Mia’s hair. The two women struggled to get to the Amethyst and Mina reached it first.

“No!” Kaya cried.

“It’s over Mia!” Mina cried.

“Not yet. I can do something you can’t! Nemesis Spirit Power!”

“Yeah? Too little, too late.” Mina said as she ran over to me and placed the Amethyst in my hand. The second I touched it the pain stopped and I felt at peace. I closed my eyes and focused on this feeling. As I did the Amethyst started to reconnect to me. In doing so it emitted a powerful purple light.

“Mia, run!” Kaya screamed.

“This isn’t over!” Mia cried as she and Kaya ran off.

As the power leveled off and the light went away I started to feel normal again...weak, but normal. I sat up and looked at Mina.

“What are you doing?” I asked.

“Saving you. Your gratitude is noted.” She scoffed.

“I gave Mia the Amethyst in exchange for Jon’s life!”

“Mia has Jon?”

I nodded.

“You idiot...I can’t believe you’d just hand it over like that.”

“What would you have me do? Let Jon die?”

Mina sighed, “I’ll help you get Jon back.”

“How, you don’t have powers.”

“But you have the Amethyst. Come on, we’ll find him.”

“Ok, thanks.”

Jon

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“Harley? Are you ok?” I asked.

She nodded, “I’m fine. Thank you. You broke Nemesis’s hold on me...but we have to get to my mom before Nemesis does or it’s over for both of us.”

“OK, can we start by unchaining me?”

“Oh! Of course. I’m sorry.” She said as she freed me. We both got dressed.

“Let’s go.” I said.

She nodded and we headed out as another woman came in.

“Harley, now what are you doing? I know you’re not helping our prisoner escape.” She said.

“Rini, don’t. Nemesis has you brainwashed. I was too but you can fight it. We have to get out of here before Nemesis gets the Amethyst.” Harley said.

“I always knew you were the weaker one. Traitor.” Rini said as she tried to blast Harley.

Harley jumped out of the way, “No Rini!”

“You’re not leaving here alive!”

“Fine, if that’s the way you want it, then that’s the way we’ll play it.” Harley said as she shot off some lightning at Rini.

Rini dodged and the two started to fight.

“Harley!” I cried.

“Jon, get out of here.” Harley replied as she continued to fight.

I looked around. I knew I couldn’t just leave Harley. I found a good size rock in the corner of the cave and picked it up.

I threw it, hard as I could, at Rini’s head. I hit her and knocked her out.

“Whoa...nice throw. Thanks!” Harley said.

“Don’t mention it, now let’s get out of here.” I said.

“With ya.” She said.

I grabbed her hand and we ran out of the cave.

“OK, stay close, we’ll teleport back to the city.” Harley said.

Michelle

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“How do you intend on tracking him?” I asked Mina as we sat at my computer.

“Not 100% sure yet, but we’ll find him, I promise.” She said.

I nodded, “Thanks...why did you save me anyway? I thought you hated me.”

“I’m mad at you, I don’t want you dead.”

“You could have gotten yourself killed, you can’t transform.”

“Eh, it’s no big deal.”

“It’s a really big deal Mina. You risked your life for me.”

“I told you, I don’t want to see you dead.”

“Mina...”

“OK, fine, you’re still like a sister to me. I still love you.”

“I still love you too Min...listen...I...I’m sorry about everything.”

Mina sighed, “I’m sorry too Mich, really. You are who you are and I was wrong to try to control you.”

“And I was wrong to think you would ever use me.”

“I hate fighting with you...I know a lot of horrible things have been said and done but I really am sorry. Forgive me?”

I nodded, “If you forgive me.”

Mina nodded, “Deal.”

We hugged and cried.

“Michelle?!” I heard a male voice yell from the living room.

“MOM?!” a female voice echoed.

I looked at Mina and she looked as confused as I was. We ran to the living room and found Harley and Jon.

“Jonny?” I asked.

“Harley...” Mina said taking a fighting stance.

“It’s ok, the spell broke. She’s good.” Jon said.

“I am so sorry Mo...Michelle. I didn’t mean to hurt you.” Harley said.

“It’s ok. We all get brainwashed at some point.” I said hugging her. I turned to Jon, “And you, my god I was worried about you.” I fell into his arms.

“I was so scared you’d give in to Nemesis to save me. I thought I’d lose you.” Jon said as he held me tight.

“You almost did. I did give her the Amethyst. I would be dead right now if Mina hadn’t saved me.” I said.

Jon looked up, “Thank you Mina.”

“It’s the least I could do...and I’m sorry I leaked those pictures. Really I am. Can you forgive me?” Mina asked.

“You saved Michelle’s life. I think we can call it even.”

“Besides, it’s not all Mina’s fault. Nemesis was the one who took those pictures.” I said.

“Yeah, I wish I knew who she was.” Jon said.

“Wish granted. I do know.”

“Who?”

“Mia.”

Jon’s jaw dropped, “Mia? Mia Blackwood?”

“Yeah.”

“Oh my god, that makes so much sense. She was hanging out with us at the club that night.”

I nodded, “Yeah. She took the pictures with her phone camera and gave them to Mina to leak.”

“She’s so dead.”

“Jonny, calm down...we have power and you don’t.”

“Speak for yourself.” Mina said.

“Yeah, ok...wait...I don’t have power either! Mia still has my phone and transformation bracelet!” I cried.

“It doesn’t matter right now. Mia will still be a threat tomorrow...and I know none of us got any sleep last night. Mich, Jon...get some rest and just be together. Mich, be at my place tomorrow at 8 AM. I’m holding a Solider meeting and I want everyone there, Inners and Outers.” Mina said.

I nodded.

“OK, and where do I go?” Harley asked.

“You can help...come with me...your mom needs some alone time with Jon.” Mina said.

I smiled, “Thanks.”

“It’s the least I can do. We’ll see you tomorrow.”

After Mina and Harley were gone Jon and I retreated to my bedroom. He pulled me tightly into his arms and I rested my head on his chest.

“Sounds like you were quite the warrior...breaking spells and saving my future daughter...how did you do it?” I asked.

“Just used the old Giovanni charm. Works on all Morris women.” Jon replied with a smirk.

“Charm? More like seductio...whoa...please tell me you didn’t seduce my daughter.”

“Truth?”

“Oh god, Jonny, did you sleep with Harley?”

“I did what I had to do in order to get out of there.”

“You slept with her?”

“Yeah.”

“Eww...that is disgusting!”

“It was pretty good actually.”

I hit him, “Jon!”

“What?!”

“You cheated on me with my daughter!”

“OK, when you say it like that it sounds messed up...and how can I cheat on you, we’re not together, remember?”

I turned red.

“Got you didn’t I?”

“You always have me.” I whispered as I kissed him.

“Mmm, so does this mean you forgive me?”

“Yeah, of course I do.”

“See, Giovanni charm.”

“Yeah, well I hope that Giovanni charm can help you with Dot. Rich and Dot both still think you’re missing.”

“Oh crap...what are we going to tell them?”

“Um, that...that you were car jacked at gunpoint and the carjacker hit you over the head hard and you passed out, when you came to you staggered to the nearest phone and called home.”

“Hmm, that’s really good.”

“I’ve been covering my tracks for years.”

“Yeah, about this whole super heroine thing...it almost got me killed.”

“You gonna stop seeing me?”

“Of course not, I love you, I just wish you’d give it up.”

“Not happening. Jon, it didn’t almost get you killed. It almost got me killed. I would never let anything happen to you. I’d sacrifice myself first.” I said.

“If you did that you may as well kill me. I don’t think I could go on in a world without you.”

“Oh...baby...”

“You don’t know what it did to me to think I may never see you again...to never get to hold you or kiss you or tell you how much you mean to me.”

“I’m so sorry...but it’s ok. I’m here.” I said.

“I think we have some lost time to make up.”

“I think so.” I said as we went over to my bed. We sat down and I noticed his ankle. “What happened?”

“Rubbed raw by the chain when I was captured. Harley bandaged it.”

“Oh poor baby.” I said as I helped him sit on the bed. I pushed him back and straddled him.

“Think you can make it better?” He asked with a smile.

“I think I can get your mind off it.” I said as I slid my shirt over my head.

“You’re off to a good start but that bra is obstructing my view.” He said.

I laughed, “Oh really? Is it?”

“It is.”

“Well, you dirty old man, I’m not sure if I want to do you after you’ve been with my daughter.” I said teasingly.

“Oh come on, I did that to save myself.”

“Hmm, well...ok. But I swear to God if you tell me she’s better in bed I’m never touching you again.”

“Baby, she could never compare to you.”

“Nicely played sir. OK...come here.” I said as I leaned down and kissed him. We had a whole night of lost time to make up for before we went to sleep.