

Part Thirteen

Third Person POV

The other two girls arrive at Karina's house. And they all begin to discuss what they want to do.

"Wait guys I just go the BEST idea! How about we go to an art supply store, get some painting supplies, and paint! If we get bored or tired of painting, we can go swimming or something." Karina shouted.

"Omg yes! We've never painted before, that sounds like so much fun." Jade exclaimed.

Aisha and Serena both agree, Aisha more excited than Serena, it seemed. Karina and Jade were now on their phones looking for the nearest art supply store.

Aisha asks Serena quietly, "Are you ok? You seem a little sad, Rena."

"Yeah, I-I just," Serena stutters, debating if she should tell Aisha what's going through her mind. "I just feel like me and Roman are moving too fast. But, then I don't because I feel so much happier when I'm with him. But, then I also feel like we're moving too fast because we haven't even been dating for that long and I feel like.. wait no, I know I'm in love with him. But I just feel so... easy because we didn't have the best relationship in high school and all he had to do was admit his feelings for me, to get my attention." Serena rambles.

Aisha is happy for her friend when she mentions how happy she is with Roman and that she's in love with him. But, she feels sad when she hears that Serena feels "easy".

"Serena, you can't control your feelings. You've fallen in love with Roman, and I'm sure he fell in love with you in high school, that's why he wouldn't let a guy go near you. You're not 'easy' because you liked Roman so quickly a er he apologized to you and admitted his feelings for you. I think deep down, you still had that crush on him that you developed since freshman year. You just didn't want to acknowledge it because he was rude to you. If you feel that you and Roman should slow down, tell him that. I know that it will be hard, but I know he won't be upset at you for feeling the way you do. It's your relationship, Serena, don't feel the need to change it because you're scared of what other people think." Aisha finishes.

Serena feels grateful for Aisha, she didn't know what she would do without her advice.

"Thank you, Isha!" Serena smiled and tightly hugged her friend.

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Serena's POV

It is now 10:30 o'clock. We decide to stop painting because we've been painting for hours and we want a break. So, we choose to go for a late night swim.

The girls all change into their swimsuits and I wear the yellow, floral one I bought from Walmart recently.

We all try to walk to the backyard quietly, just in case Karina's parents are asleep.

Then, we see Roman, Ivan, Nikolai and Dmitri all lounging in or around the pool.

"Oh no, let's just go back to painting guys." Jade says sheepishly.

"Jade, come on. Don't be shy now." Karina grabs her hand.

I get nervous when I see Roman because I don't know if I want to slow down our relationship. I feel clingy towards him a lot, but I don't want him to get bored of me or tired of seeing me everyday.

When we open the patio doors, all four sets of eyes are on us.

However, I feel Roman staring at me specifically. He wasn't just staring, no he was undressing me with his eyes.

We didn't think the guys would be at the pool, let alone at the house. So, we just lounged around in our skimpy bikinis.

I look at the girls go see Karina and Aisha already in the pool and Ivan walking towards Jade, who's sitting on a tanning bed.

I feel a large body press against my back and I don't even have to turn around to know it's Roman.

I turn around and hug him tightly, I missed him. Even with everything that's been going on today.

He chuckles at my need to hug him, "Hi, babygirl."

I hug him for longer than I usually would, avoiding looking into his eye because he would immediately know something was on my mind.

However, he already notices, "Baby, what's wrong?"

I sigh in his arms. I grab his two fingers and I lead us away from everyone else a bit, so we could talk in private.

I sat down first on one of the tanning beds, but Roman wasn't having it. He sat down and sat me on his le thigh.

I sigh im frustration. I wanted to keep a distance so I could tell him easier, but he was making this a lot harder.

Then my eyes tear up when I look up at him. I don't know why I'm so emotional. Actually that's a lie, I do know why.

I love him so much and I'm scared to tell him because what if he doesn't love me back. We haven't been together for that long.

I just decide to spit it out, "I think w-we're m-moving too fast, da... Roman."

I immediately put my head down and I try to avoid as much eye contact as possible. I don't want to see the hurt and anger on his face.

He doesn't say anything for a while. Then, he li s my chin and makes eye contact with me.

He wipes a tear away and says, "Why do you think that, baby?"

I was surprised, I thought he was going to be upset. But, his eyes look at me with so much tenderness and kindness and his actions towards me are so gentle.

"I-It's just that we haven't been dating for that long yet, and I feel like if we continue to spend so much time together, y-you'll get tired of me."

I feel bad, I hate that I'm so insecure sometimes.

"Serena." He grabs the side of my neck and moves his face closer to mine. "You mean the world to me. I wish you would see just how much you mean to me. All I could think about at work today was you, milyy (darling) I don't think I'll ever get tired of you. If anything, I hope you won't get tired of me. But, if you think we should slow down, then I'll listen to you. YA lyublyu vas'.

[i love you]

I hug him tightly and don't say anything. I'm speechless, I don't know what to say. But, every second that I'm in his arms, I regret telling him we should slow down.

I wonder what he said in Russian.

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Hey y'all! I hope y'all enjoyed this chapter. I'm trying to make my chapters longer. Let me know if you guys prefer shorter chapters or longer chapters.

Overall, let me know what you all think about this chapter and go drink some water and go eat something!

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