

Kat said to Nikki, "How do you feel about singing a duet?"

Nikki smiled. "I don't mind. I've only sung on stage with a group of friends a couple of times, which was kind of funny. The guys were off key and tipsy verging on drunk, while the girls at times fell into a laughing fit. Including me."

Kat laughed before Nikki continued. "Not to worry though. I won't be giggling this time. I haven't even touched a drink yet." Nikki looked around the bar before turning back with a smile on her face.

When Kat looked at Nikki, the latter coughed slightly and hid her smile. "What was that about?"

"What was what about?" Nikki asked, looking innocent.

"That smile you were trying to hide." Kat looked around, trying to figure out what Nikki was smiling about.

"It was nothing. Just a random smile," Nikki replied.

"Sure." Kat narrowed her eyes, not believing what Nikki was saying. She wasn't too sure about singing at the moment. "Maybe we should put our duet on hold for the moment." She glanced at Virgil, talking to Scott and Christopher.

"Gosh," she said, looking hard at Virgil. "Just what does a girl have to do to get a fellow to dance with her?"

Virgil saw the look Kat gave him and rolled his eyes. "Kat, would you like to dance?"

Kat grinned at him and said, "Why, Virgil how kind of you to offer, yes please." She looked at Nikki. "That rather cute guy is staring so hard at you! If I were you, I would go over and put him out of his misery."

"How did you..." Nikki began. She saw Kat smile before she departed with Virgil. Nikki shook her head before turning back to the guys and joining in on the conversation. It wasn't long until she felt a tap on her shoulder. Nikki turned around to face the guy she was smiling at before. He held out his hand to Nikki.

"Hi, I'm Jake. Did anyone ever tell you that you have really beautiful eyes?"

Nikki accepted his hand and tried not to laugh at his line. "You noticed that from all the way over there?"

Jake laughed. "Ok, ok. I'll start again. Can I buy you a drink?"

Nikki held her glass up to him. Jake nodded and then continued, "Well, how about a dance then?"

"I would love to." Nikki asked for Brandon to look after her drink and then walked to the dance floor with Jake.

As they were dancing, Jake looked down at Nikki. "You know, you never told me your name."

"It's Nikki."

Virgil led Kat onto the dance floor. She kept looking back at Nikki.

"Why are you still looking at Nikki?" Virgil asked.

"I don't expect a man to understand, but that really good looking guy is interested in her."

Virgil raised a bushy eyebrow. "And why wouldn't I understand? I'm a good-looking guy and I've been interested in women before. I just hope he doesn't try any funny business, that's all."

"Oh, Virgil," Kat said. "Nikki is very discreet, she will not give anything away to a stranger."

Virgil looked down at her. "I trust Nikki. I don't trust him, whoever he is." He took in a deep breath. "Change of subject: where'd you learn to dance so well? Lady Penelope?"

Kat laughed. "No, I studied dance when I was young. I guess you never lose the touch."

Virgil agreed. They danced for quite a while. When the music changed to a slower dance, Kat thought that Virgil would take her back to the table, but he kept hold of her and they danced the next very slow dance. Kat looked around for Nikki and noticed that she, too, was still dancing with the guy who had been staring at her.

Christopher sipped at his Scotch. Time to take the bull by it's proverbials.

Standing up, he walked over to where Tin-Tin was and held out his hand. "Would you do me the honour?"

Tin-Tin smiled as she took his hand, and he led her out onto the dance floor. Christopher looked a little nervous as he began dancing with her.

"What's wrong?" Tin-Tin asked.

"You look gorgeous," Christopher said. "And I get a little shy when I dance with beautiful women."

"You are an excellent singer." Tin-Tin changed the subject, moving a little closer to him.

"Thank you." Christopher smiled. He began to feel his temperature rising a little. "Do you like singing?"

As Nikki danced with Jake, he began to ask her all sorts of questions. "So, whereabouts in England

are you from?"

"London." Nikki smiled.

"Hmmm, London. I've never been to England. But I would love to go. So are you here on holiday with your friends?"

"Um, yeah. It's our last night here." Only part of that was a lie. It was really their last night there. But Jake wasn't to know that it was their only night. Jake nodded.

"That's a shame. I would've liked to get to know you better."

The music ended and Kat and Virgil returned to the table. Scott had bought another round of drinks. If I carry on like this, Kat thought, I shall be drunk. Christopher had been dancing with Tin-Tin and they too returned to the table.

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