

PRT 364- "Pushing the Limit"

I woke up and looked to my side. I closed my eyes in disgust at myself. There were some things I just couldn't do. This was apparently one of them.

Ronny was out of town at a race and Hunter had taken advantage of this situation. He'd come over last night and ended up spending the night. I loved being with him and waking up next to him, but I had this sick feeling in the pit of my stomach. I knew what it was and I didn't like it at all.

I couldn't lay here and let my mind wander this way. It would drive me nuts. I stood up and got dressed then I went in the bathroom and grabbed a toilet brush and started scrubbing. Yes, cleaning the toilet was actually preferable to thinking.

I was just finishing cleaning it when I felt a pair of arms wrap around me from behind.

"What are you doing?" Hunter asked as he kissed my neck.

I pulled away, "Cleaning."

"What's wrong?"

I put the brush away, "Nothing." I said as I headed to the kitchen to load the dishwasher.

"Bull. I know you better than that Mich. What's wrong?" Hunter asked as he followed me.

I sighed, "I can't do this."

"What?"

"This. Us. I can't."

"Why?"

"Ronny."

"So? It's not like you haven't had affairs with other men before."

"Don't you think I know that? This is different."

"Oh really? How is this different?"

"It just is."

"What the hell Mich? Do you not care about me?"

"What?! Did you seriously just ask that?"

"Well what am I suppose to think? You'll screw around with Jon and God only knows who else, but with me you 'can't do this'...you do the math."

"Oh my god, you idiot. Have you stopped to think that I can't do this with you BECAUSE I love you so much?"

"What? That makes no sense."

"Hunter, I can't share you! I can't do it! You're not leaving Ronny and I can't share you. It kills me that you're with her. In my mind we belong together. You're mine and you always will be, except you're not and I can't handle that."

Hunter just looked at me, "You really feel that way?"

"Yes!"

"You know I love you too. Always have."

"I know, but you're not leaving Ronny."

"I can't. She's a great girlfriend. I can't hurt her."

"Then you shouldn't be cheating on her. I'm sorry Hunter. I can't do this with you. It's over. I think you should go."

Hunter sighed, "Fine."

He got his things and headed for the door.

"You know I'll always love you." He said.

I nodded, "I know, but until you can be mine this just isn't going to work."

He nodded, "Goodbye."

"Goodbye."

He left and I sat on the sofa and cried. I did love Hunter but I just had a feeling it wasn't in the cards for us.

My tears had to stop pretty quickly though. A few minutes later I got a call from Amara. Mistress 9 was seen in town and was apparently draining civilians of their energy. It was super heroine time.

“Saturn Spirit Power!”

I met up with the other Outers. Mars and Jupiter were there as well.

“OK, I’m really not in the mood for this Hotaru, so cut it out.” I said.

“I really don’t care.” Hotaru said as she blasted me, knocking me back.

“Saturn! Are you ok?” Neptune asked.

“I’m fine.” I said as I stood up, “Fine, if that’s the way you want it, let’s finish this. Saturn Lightning Rings, Electrify!”

My attack was blocked by a black blast.

“Oh just perfect.” Uranus said as Nemesis appeared.

“Looked like you needed some help Mistress 9.” Nemesis said.

“About time you showed up.” Hotaru growled.

“Relax. I got this. So, Sailors, you know how this ends. Do you really want to play this?” Nemesis asked.

“Yeah, it ends with you getting out of here. Jupiter Thunder, Crash!” Jupiter called.

Nemesis dodged, “Nice try.”

“You’re outnumbered Nemesis, give it up!” Mars called.

“Outnumbered, but not out matched.”

“I’d rethink that. Venus, Love and Beauty Shock!” Venus said as she arrived.

I rolled my eyes, “Just perfect. As if this day wasn’t bad enough.”

“Well maybe if you could handle yourself on the battlefield I wouldn’t have to show up and save you.” Venus said.

“Save me? Excuse me?”

“Well I’m not the one that got blasted.”

“Oh you’re about to be.”

“Bring it on.”

“You really wanna do this again?”

“I’m really tired of you thinking you’re all powerful.”

I rolled my eyes again, “No, just more powerful than you.”

“Oh that’s it.”

“Guys, stop, this isn’t the time!” Mars cried.

“Seriously, Saturn, stop.” Neptune said.

“No, she brought this on herself.” I said.

“Whatever, you started this, but I will finish it. Venus Crescent Beam, Smash!” Venus called.

“Saturn Ice Crystals, Charge!”

Our attacks hit each other and cancelled each other out.”

“Fine, forget the power. I can take you out hand to hand.” I said as I jump kicked Venus. She tried to block. We started to fight. She wasn’t bad, but I’d had much more hand to hand training than she had. Powered attacks she could match me move for move, but hand to hand I had the advantage. The other Sailors knew it was pointless to stop us at this point so they stood back and helplessly watched. Mina was a formidable opponent to be sure, she even got a really good strike in on my knee, but when all was said and done, I beat her up badly. I felt I’d proven my point.

“Enough! She’s not getting up!” Mars cried.

I stopped, “OK, I think we all know who the winner is here. Now then...” I noticed Nemesis and Hotaru had gotten away again, “Damn it! Next time...” I said as I took off.

I got home and rested for awhile before I started to get dressed. I was going out tonight. Once I was ready I headed to Sunset and went into a club. The music was blaring and it was awesome. I went in, got a drink from the bar, and went straight to the dance floor. I was having a blast. I loved just getting lost in the music and moving to the beat.

I danced for awhile then decided to take a break and get another drink. I got my drink and started looking for a place to sit when I heard my name.

“MICH!”

I turned and saw Jon. I walked over and sat with him, “Hey you. What are you doing here all alone?”

“I needed to get out of the house.”

“I’m glad to see you.”

“Really?”

I smiled as I moved over and sat on his lap, “Yeah, really.”

“I’m always glad to see you.” He replied.

“I bet you are.” I said as I kissed him. He returned the kiss and soon we’d started making out. This kept up until I heard another voice.

“Get a room!” Mia cried as she sat at the table with us.

I looked up and laughed, “Hey!”

“You two look like you’re having fun.” She said.

“Oh, we are. Have you two met?”

“Not formally.”

I nodded, “Jon, this is my friend Mia Blackwood. Mia, this is Jon Giovanni.”

“It’s nice to meet you.” Jon said.

“Oh, the pleasure is all mine. I’m a huge fan. Without your band I don’t think I would have gotten into music.” Mia said.

“Thanks, that’s quite a complement.”

“Jon’s inspirational. Inspires me all the time.” I said as I kissed him again.

“I bet he does.” Mia said laughing, “Come on, I wanna hit the dance floor.”

“OK. Jonny, come dance with me.” I said.

Jon smiled, “OK.”

We all went to the dance floor and danced to the music. Jon and I danced close. It was amazing.

By the end of the night I was drunk, but not to the point of blacking out this time, thankfully. I actually remembered going home with Jon this time and what we did when we got there...which was great. Everything was great.

Until the next morning.

I woke up in so much pain. My knee was absolutely killing me. I grunted in pain, which woke Jon up.

“What’s wrong?” he asked.

“My knee.” I said.

“What’s wrong with it?”

“I think I twisted it.”

“How did you do that?”

“Battle.”

“Nemesis again?”

I shook my head, “No. Venus.”

“Venus? Mina? She did this?”

“Yeah.”

“Man, I had no idea the rift between you two was THAT bad.”

“It is...but I got the least of it. I bet she feels like crap today. I totally took her out.”

Jon shook his head, “We should get you to a doctor.”

“No, I’m...” I tried to stand up but I fell back on the bed in pain, “OK, I’m not fine.”

Jon stood up and got dressed then helped me get dressed, “Come on. I’ll take you.” He said as he picked me up and carried me to the car.

We went to Darien’s office. I didn’t feel like making up a story about how my knee was hurt. Darien examined it for awhile.

“Well, it’s not too bad. It looks like you did just twist it. It’ll be sore for awhile, but you should be fine.” Darien said.

“Can you give me something to help with the pain?” I asked.

“Yeah, of course. I’m going to prescribe some Vicodin, but be careful. It can be habit forming. Also, you need to avoid alcohol when you take it...it’s also better if you don’t drive while you’re on it as it can cause drowsiness.”

“OK.” I said.

“I’m serious Mich. No alcohol.”

“I got it, I got it.” I said.

“If you and Mina could discuss this like civilized women you wouldn’t have this problem.”

“I didn’t come here for a lecture.”

“I’m just saying...this Sailor War is ridiculous.”

“If Mina would back off so would I. Speaking of which, will I be able to manage a battle?”

“I wouldn’t recommend it. I mean, when you transform it should take away the pain for a little while and give you a power boost to fight...but you could also hurt yourself more. I’d stay out of battle until your knee heals up some, unless it’s an emergency.”

I nodded, “OK.”

“Any other questions?”

“No, I think I’m good. Thanks.”

After we left Jon took me to fill my prescription then we went back to my apartment. I took a pill and Jon helped me get settled on the sofa.

“You ok?” he asked as he covered me with a blanket.

I nodded, “I’ll be fine.”

“Guess you’re staying in tonight.”

“Why?”

“Your knee.”

“I can still dance. I won’t fall a thing as long as I’m on Vicodin.”

“You can’t drink.”

“Eh, what’s the worst that will happen?”

“You sure?”

“Of course I’m sure. I’ll be fine. I just need to rest today and we’ll hit Sunset tonight.”

“OK, I need to get home for a bit. I’ll meet you tonight, but call me if you need anything.”

I nodded, “Thanks.”

I closed my eyes and dozed off. Nothing was keeping me from Sunset...nothing.